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Oral history interview with Thomas Adrian Fransioli

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Collection Overview

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Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

This interview is part of the Archives of American Art Oral History Program, started in 1958 to document the history of the visual arts in the United States, primarily through interviews with artists, historians, dealers, critics and others.

Available Formats

Transcript is available on the Archives of American Art's website.

Biographical / Historical

Thomas Adrian Fransioli (1906- 1997) was an architect and painter from Massachusetts. He was born in Seattle, Washington.

Scope and Contents

Interview of Thomas Adrian Fransioli, conducted April 21, 1981, by Robert F. Brown for the Archives of American Art, Smithsonian Institution, in Wenham, Massachusetts.

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Fransioli speaks of his upbringing in Seattle, Washington; training and friendships at architectural school at the University of Pennsylvania; working in North Carolina, Virginia, Philadelphia, and Cleveland as an architect, interior designer, and draftsman; his commission for a grand country house in Virginia,

1932-1934; his work for John Russell Pope on the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C.; work in photographic reconnaissance for the U.S. Army during World War II; visiting Hiroshima after the atomic bomb; his training at the Art Students League; his paintings of cityscapes and houses; the promotion of his career by Margaret Brown of Boston; and influences upon him. Fransioli also recalls Charles Klauder, Margaret Brown, Carl Feiss, Otto Eggers, John Walker, David Finley; and others.

System Details

Originally recorded on 1 tape reel (5 in.).

Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

Architects -- Massachusetts -- Interviews
Architecture -- Study and teaching
Interior decorators -- Massachusetts -- Interviews
Painters -- Massachusetts -- Interviews
World War, 1939-1945 -- Japan -- Hiroshima
World War, 1939-1945 -- Photography

Types of Materials:

Interviews
Sound recordings

Names:

Art Students League (New York, N.Y.) -- Students
Brown, Margaret E., d. 1957
Eggers, O. R. (Otto Reinhold), 1882-1964
Feiss, Carl
Finley, David E. (David Edward)
Klauder, Charles Z. (Charles Zeller), 1872-1938
National Gallery of Art (U.S.)
Pope, John Russell, 1874-1937
University of Pennsylvania -- Students
Walker, John, 1906-1995