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Oral history interview with Nathan Halper

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	Oral history interview with Nathan Halper
Identifier:	AAA.halper80
Date:	1980 July 8-Aug. 14
Creator:	Halper, Nathan (Interviewee) Brown, Robert F. (Interviewer)
Extent:	Sound recording: 1 sound cassette and 1 sound tape reel 125 Pages (Transcription)
Language:	English .
Digital Content:	Digital Content: Oral history interview with Nathan Halper, 1980 July 8-Aug. 14, Transcript Audio: Oral history interview with Nathan Halper, 1980 July 8-Aug. 14, Digital Sound Recording (Excerpt)

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

These interviews are 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 available on line.

Restrictions

Transcript available on the Archives of American Art website.

Biographical / Historical

Nathan Halper (1907-1983) was an art dealer, writer, and James Joyce scholar from Provincetown, Mass.

Scope and Contents

An Interview of Nathan Halper conducted 1980 July 8-1980 Aug. 14, by Robert Brown, for the Archives of American Art.

Scope and Contents

Halper speaks of his family background and early interest in art; the beginning of his painting career; getting involved with the Beachcombers; the art scene in Provincetown in the 1930s and 1940s; his circle of artist friends; and Hans Hofmann's influence. Halper also speaks of his experiences with his own gallery, H.C. and H.C.E. Gallery. He recalls Edwin Dickinson, Charles Webster Hawthorne, Sam Kootz, and Robert Motherwell.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Art, American

Types of Materials:

Interviews

Sound recordings

Names:

Beachcombers (Organization)

Dickinson, Edwin Walter, 1891-1978

H.C. Gallery (Provincetown, Mass.)

H.C.E. Gallery (Provincetown, Mass.)

Hawthorne, Charles Webster, 1872-1930

Hofmann, Hans, 1880-1966

Kootz, Samuel Melvin, 1898-1982

Motherwell, Robert

Occupations:

Art dealers -- Massachusetts -- Provincetown