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Oral history interview with Armand Hammer

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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 available on microfilm reel 3197 at Archives of American Art offices and through interlibrary loan. Audio may be available upon request pending review and approval by the Archives.

Biographical / Historical

Armand Hammer (1898-1990) was an art collector from Los Angeles, Calif.

Scope and Contents

An interview of Armand Hammer conducted 1980 Aug. 26, by Ruth Bowman, for the Archives of American Art.

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Hammer speaks of his childhood, Russian ancestry, 1921 trip to Russia, and conversations with Lenin. He discusses his early business triumphs, the importing business, the origins of his fortune, the Hearst sale,

and the beginnings of his art collection. Hammer comments on his interests and approaches in collecting art, philanthropic activities and some of his experiences in collecting.

Names and Subject Terms

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