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Oral history interview with John Davis Hatch

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	Oral history interview with John Davis Hatch
Identifier:	AAA.hatch64
Date:	1964 June 8
Extent:	1 Sound tape reel (Sound recordings; 7 in.) 52 Pages (Transcript)
Creator:	Hatch, John Davis White, H. Wade New Deal and the Arts Oral History Project
Language:	English .

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Conducted as part of the Archives of American Art's New Deal and the Arts project, which includes over 400 interviews of artists, administrators, historians, and others involved with the federal government's art programs and the activities of the Farm Security Administration in the 1930s and early 1940s.

Available Formats

Transcript available on line at <http://www.aaa.si.edu/collections/oralhistories/transcripts/hatch64.htm>

Restrictions

Transcript available on the Archives of American Art website.

Biographical / Historical

Art historian, collector, art consultant, museum director; b. 1907; d. May 30, 1996.

Scope and Contents

An interview of John Davis Hatch conducted 1964 June 8, by H. Wade White for the Archives of American Art.

Scope and Contents

Hatch speaks of his work as the New England area director of the Federal Art Project; the early organization of the Public Works of Art Project in New England; some of the artists and administrators involved, including Olin Dows, Jack Levine, Hyman Bloom, Edward Bruce and Oscar Bluemner, and Karl Knaths.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Art -- Collectors and collecting -- Interviews
- Arts administrators -- Massachusetts -- Interviews
- Federal aid to the arts

Types of Materials:

- Interviews
- Sound recordings

Names:

- Bloom, Hyman, 1913-
- Bluemner, Oscar, 1867-1938
- Bruce, Edward, 1879-1943
- Dows, Olin, 1904-1981
- Federal Art Project
- Knaths, Karl, 1891-1971
- Levine, Jack, 1915-2010
- New Deal and the Arts Oral History Project
- Public Works of Art Project

Occupations:

- Art historians -- New England -- Interviews