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Oral history interview with Richard Hood

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives of American Art
<b>Title:</b>	Oral history interview with Richard Hood
<b>Identifier:</b>	AAA.hood64
<b>Date:</b>	1964 Dec. 15
<b>Extent:</b>	1 Sound tape reel (Sound recording (1 hour); 7 in.) 23 Pages (Transcript)
<b>Creator:</b>	Hood, Richard, 1910- Doud, Richard Keith New Deal and the Arts Oral History Project
<b>Language:</b>	English .

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

This interview 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/oralhist/hood64.htm>

### Restrictions

Transcript available on the Archives of American Art website.

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## Biographical / Historical

Administrator, designer, printmaker; Philadelphia, Pa.

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## Scope and Contents

An interview of Richard Hood conducted by Richard Doud on 1964 Dec. 15 for the Archives of American Art, as part of the Oral History Project.

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Hood speaks of joining the Federal Art Project; the development of a graphic arts section of the program; the events leading up to his becoming state director for the FAP in Pennsylvania; for the Archives of American Art's New Deal and the Arts Oral History Project. how projects were assigned and work carried out; the Index of American Design in Pennsylvania, and particularly its study of Pennsylvania Dutch design; budget and administrative problems; political problems and public perception of the Project; his post-FAP career; his opinions about government support for the arts.

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## General

Sound quality is poor.

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## Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Art and state
- Designers -- Pennsylvania -- Philadelphia -- Interviews
- Federal aid to the arts
- Printmakers -- Pennsylvania -- Philadelphia -- Interviews

Types of Materials:

- Interviews
- Sound recordings

Names:

- Federal Art Project (Pa.)
- Index of American Design
- New Deal and the Arts Oral History Project

Occupations:

- Arts administrators -- Pennsylvania -- Philadelphia -- Interviews