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Oral history interview with Inslee Hopper

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	Oral history interview with Inslee Hopper
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Identifier:	AAA.hopper81
Creator:	Hopper, Inslee Brown, Robert F. (Interviewer)
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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 online.

Restrictions

Transcript available on the Archives of American Art website.

Biographical / Historical

Inslee Hopperis an art administrator and preservationist.

Scope and Contents

An interview of Inslee Hopper conducted 1981 July 28, by Robert Brown, for the Archives of American Art.

Scope and Contents

Hopper speaks of his education in art history at Princeton University; his work as editor of THE ARTS under Forbes Watson, 1933-1934; a survey of sculptors for Juliana Force of the Whitney Museum of American Art, 1934-1935; his involvement in the Painting and Sculpture section of the Treasury Department under Edward Bruce, 1935-1938; supervising the decoration for the Federal Building at the World's Fair, 1938-1939; his work with Ben Shahn on the documentation of a resettlement project in West Virginia; the Smithsonian Gallery of Art project, 1938-1940; and his work as Edward Bruce's aide.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Art and state
Preservationists -- Interviews

Types of Materials:

Interviews
Sound recordings

Names:

Bruce, Edward, 1879-1943
Force, Juliana, 1876-1948
Shahn, Ben, 1898-1969
Watson, Forbes, 1880-1960

Occupations:

Arts administrators -- Interviews