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## Oral history interview with Thomas Carr Howe

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## Collection Overview

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<b>Digital Content:</b>	<a href="#">Audio: Oral history interview with Thomas Carr Howe, 1976 June 2-3, Digital Sound Recording (Excerpt)</a>

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## 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: 35mm microfilm reel 3198 available at Archives of American Art offices and through interlibrary loan.

### Restrictions

Transcript: Use requires an appointment.

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## Biographical / Historical

Thomas Carr Howe (1904-1994) was a museum director of San Francisco, California.

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## Scope and Contents

An interview of Thomas Carr Howe conducted 1976 June 2-3, by Paul J. Karlstrom, for the Archives of American Art.

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Howe speaks of the history of the California Palace of the Legion of Honor in San Francisco, the growth of the museum and its collections, the museum's relationship with the M.H. De Young Memorial Museum,

as well as his service in World War II in the Monuments, Fine Arts, and Archives section of the U.S. Army, where he worked closely with George Stout recovering stolen artwork in the salt mines at Alt Aussee.

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## General

Originally recorded on 2 sound tape reels. Reformatted in 2010 as 4 digital wav files. Duration is 3 hr., 37 min.

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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:

Museum directors -- California -- San Francisco -- Interviews

### Types of Materials:

Interviews  
Sound recordings

### Names:

California Palace of the Legion of Honor  
M.H. de Young Memorial Museum

### Functions:

Art museums -- California -- San Francisco