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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives of American Art
<b>Title:</b>	Robert Bruce Inverarity papers
<b>Date:</b>	circa 1840s-1997
<b>Identifier:</b>	AAA.inverobe
<b>Creator:</b>	Inverarity, Robert Bruce, 1909-1999
<b>Extent:</b>	13.8 Linear feet
<b>Language:</b>	English .
<b>Summary:</b>	The papers of artist, photographer, museum director, anthropologist, and writer Robert Bruce Inverarity are dated circa 1840s-1997 and measure 12.7 linear feet. Biographical information, correspondence, writings and notes, subject files, art work, scrapbooks, sound recordings, printed material and photographs are found within the papers. They document Inverarity's work as Director of the Federal Art Project in Seattle and Director of the Art and Craft Project for the State of Washington, as well as his other professional work. Nineteenth century material consists of a Japanese print, printed material, and photographs.

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## Administrative Information

### Provenance

Robert Bruce Inverarity donated his papers to the Archives in several installments between 1965 and 1993. Additional papers were received from his estate in 1999. He also loaned a small number of additional drawings and sketches for microfilming which were returned to him. A few of these drawings were included with the papers he subsequently donated to the Archives of American Art.

### Separated Material

Originals of most of the drawings and sketches loaned by Mr. Inverarity were returned to him after filming and were not subsequently donated. This material is available on 35 mm microfilm reel D/NDA/I, frames 392-409.

### Alternative Forms Available

A portion of the collection is available on 35 mm microfilm reels 1121, 1130, D/NDA/I and NDA-16 at Archives of American Art offices and through interlibrary loan. Researchers should note that the arrangement of the material described in the container inventory does not reflect the arrangement of the collection on microfilm.

### Processing Information

The collection received minimal processing at some point after donation and portions of it were filmed on reels 1121, 1130, D/NDA/1 and NDA-16. The entire collection was fully processed, arranged and

described by Catherine S. Gaines in 2005. Researchers should note that the arrangement of the collection as described in this finding aid may not reflect the order of the collection on microfilm.

### Preferred Citation

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## Biographical Note

Robert Bruce Inverarity (1909-1999) showed artistic leanings as a boy, and from an early age was fascinated by puppetry and Northwest Coast native culture. During much of his youth, Inverarity's family lived in Canada, but returned to their native Seattle when he was a teenager. After graduating from high school, he made a 500 mile journey on foot along the coasts of the Vancouver Islands, collecting Indian artifacts and studying the area's tribal legends.

He studied briefly with Mark Tobey in Seattle, where the two shared a studio; when Tobey departed for Chicago, Inverarity succeeded him as an art teacher at the Cornish School. He spent the next few years in California working as an artist, exhibiting, and occasionally teaching. From there, he moved to Vancouver where he was Director of the School of Creative Art. In 1932, Inverarity made a three month trip to the Queen Charlotte Islands, British Columbia, for the purpose of studying the Haida Indians.

Upon his return to the United States in 1933, Inverarity joined the University of Washington Drama School as a puppetry instructor; in 1938 he published a highly regarded *Manual of Puppetry*. During 1936-37, he took a leave of absence from the university to assume the position of State Director of the Federal Art Project, where he remained until 1939. He then became State Director of the Art and Crafts Project (1939-1941). The U.S. Navy appointed Inverarity Chief of Design for Camouflage (1941-1943) and he later served as an Official Navy War Artist (1943-1945).

During his early years as a teacher and administrator, Inverarity continued making art and participated in a wide variety of exhibitions. He published a portfolio, *12 Photographs by R. B. Inverarity* (1940). In the following year, *Movable Masks and Figures of the North Pacific Coast Indians*, a portfolio of his watercolors reproduced as silkscreen prints, appeared. Although Inverarity stopped exhibiting in 1941, he continued to produce art; notable work of this period includes photographic portraits of a number of artist friends (Max Ernst, Dorothea Tanning, Marcel Duchamp, and Man Ray).

After World War II, Inverarity completed his formal education. He earned a Bachelor's degree in art and anthropology from the University of Washington (1946), and then studied with Hilaire Hiler at Freemont University in Los Angeles, where he was awarded a Master's degree in fine arts (1947) and a Ph.D. (1948).

Inverarity began his museum career in 1949 when he was appointed the first director of the Museum of International Folk Art in Santa Fe, New Mexico, a position that combined his interest in, and knowledge of, anthropology and art. While in Santa Fe, he published *Art of the North West Coast Indians* (1950). During his five year tenure as director, the museum participated in a pilot study for coding visual files, a project of the anthropological group, Human

Resources Area Files, Inc. When Inverarity was dismissed from the Museum of International Folk Art in 1954, most of the staff resigned in protest, and the American Association of Museums investigated the situation.

Inverarity then became the first director of the Adirondack Museum, Blue Mountain Lake, New York, where he remained for eleven years. In addition to planning the museum's building, and developing collections and programs, Inverarity continued his involvement with the visual files project of the Human Resources Area Files, Inc., studying information storage and retrieval, developing a "microreader," and publishing *Visual Files Coding Index* (1960). In addition, he published many articles on a variety of topics and was active in organizations for anthropologists and museum professionals.

After his 1965 departure from the Adirondack Museum, Inverarity went to California and worked as an illustrator and book designer at the University of California Press. He returned to the east coast in 1969 to assume the directorship of the Philadelphia Maritime Museum. During this period, he remained active in professional associations and traveled to study museums abroad. He retired in 1976 and moved to La Jolla, California.

Robert Bruce Inverarity died in 1999.

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## Scope and Content Note

The papers of artist, photographer, museum director, anthropologist, and writer Robert Bruce Inverarity are dated circa 1840s-1997 and measure 13.8 linear feet. Biographical information, correspondence, writings and notes, subject files, art work, scrapbooks, sound recordings, printed material and photographs are found within the papers. They document Inverarity's work as Director of the Federal Art Project in Seattle and Director of the Art and Craft Project for the State of Washington, as well as his other professional work. Nineteenth century material consists of a Japanese print, printed material, and photographs.

Among the biographical information are awards and certificates, biographical and genealogical notes, and educational records. Correspondence concerns Inverarity's activities as Director of the WPA Federal Arts Project in Washington State, 1936-1941. Additional personal and professional correspondence, 1929-1993, documents his activities as a museum director, consultant, collector, and writer. Among the friends and colleagues with whom he corresponded are: Max Ernst and Dorothea Tanning, Rockwell and Sally Kent, Stanton MacDonald-Wright, Wolfgang Palen, Juliet and Man Ray, Mark Tobey, Edward Weston, and various individuals associated with the WPA.

Manuscripts of a few of Inverarity's many articles on topics such as anthropology, museology, and information storage and retrieval are among his writings and notes. Also included are the manuscript of an unpublished book, *Tobey Remembered*, along with drafts, notes, correspondence, research materials, and photocopies of Tobey's letters to him and others. Other writings consist of book reviews, children's books, a catalog of the Inverarity Collection, and a copy of his 1946 master's thesis, "The Social-Economic Position of the American Artist." Several journals, 1928-1966, survive, including one that records his 1932 trip to study the Haida Indians of the Queen Charlotte Islands.

Subject files include general subjects such as "Folk Art" and "Preservation." Files on the museums where Inverarity was the director contain some official records as well as general information. Art work by Inverarity includes eight volumes of sketch books, 1928-1942, commercial work for Boeing, notes and drawings for book designs. Among the work by other artists are drawings, paintings and prints by friends. Of particular interest are display panels for a small exhibit on airbrush stencil prints produced by the Washington State WPA Federal Art Project. Other noteworthy items are pencil sketches and a watercolor by Mark Tobey, and prints by Hiroshige and Jan Matulka.

Five scrapbooks, 1928-1979, contain newspaper clippings, miscellaneous printed items, and a small number of photographs and letters. Three volumes document his career as an artist and museum director. One consists of biographical information and items designed by Inverarity, and another concerns publication and marketing of his monograph *Art of the Northwest Coast Indians*.

Sound recordings consist of interviews and conversations. An extensive interview with Inverarity about his life and career was conducted by Craig Gilborn in 1990. Bruce and Jane Inverarity in conversation with former colleague

Ernie Johnson and his wife Helen about his departure from the Museum of International Folk Art were recorded in 1980. Also included is a 1981 conversation with Grace T. Stevenson containing references to Mark Tobey and Morris Graves.

Printed material includes many items about or produced by the WPA Federal Art Project. Among the items written by Inverarity are many articles on a wide variety of topics, his book *Art of the Northwest Coast Indians*, and two published portfolios. Printed material by other authors includes articles, books and reports about or mentioning Inverarity, and books designed or illustrated by him. Among the miscellaneous printed items are catalogs and brochures of the schools where Inverarity taught and studied, and a few ephemeral items designed by him.

Photographs are of art work, people, places, the Washington State WPA Federal Art Project, and miscellaneous subjects. All photographs known to be by Inverarity are clearly marked. Art work includes views of Inverarity's collection of his own work and that of other artists hanging in his home. Photographs of people include artists, friends, colleagues, and various groups. Of special interest are Inverarity's portraits of artists, among them Marcel Duchamp, Max Ernst, Morris Graves, Hilaire Hiler, Rico Le Brun, Stanton Macdonald-Wright, Man Ray, Dorothea Tanning, and Mark Tobey. Photographs of places include the museums where Inverarity was director, places in which he lived, and travel pictures. Of note are a large group of photographs (copy prints) taken in 1932 while studying the Haida Indians in British Columbia. Nineteenth century photographs of family homes, Europe, and South America may have been taken by his father. Photographs of the Washington State WPA Federal Arts Project are of individual works of art, exhibition installations, mosaic procedures and local art centers. Many, probably intended for display, are mounted in groups on large cardboard panels. Miscellaneous subjects include art photographs by Inverarity and the microreader he invented.

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## Arrangement

The collection is arranged as nine series. Correspondence is in chronological order, Biographical Information and Subject Files are arranged alphabetically by folder title. Other series have been organized into subseries and arrangement is as described in the Series Descriptions/Container List below. Unless noted otherwise, material within folders is arranged chronologically.

- Series 1: Biographical Information, 1934-1997, undated (Box 1, OV 18; 0.25 linear ft.)
- Series 2: Correspondence, 1928-1993, undated (Box 1; 0.75 linear ft.)
- Series 3: Writings and Notes, 1928-1993, undated, (Boxes 2-3; 1.5 linear ft.)
- Series 4: Subject Files, 1938-1990, undated (Boxes 3-6, OV 19-20; 2.5 linear ft.)
- Series 5: Art Work, circa 1840s-1969, undated (Boxes 6, 12, 16, OV 21; 1.3 linear ft.)
- Series 6: Scrapbooks, 1928-1991, undated (Boxes 7-8; 1.1 linear ft.)
- Series 7: Sound Recordings, 1980-1990 (Box 8; 3 folders)
- Series 8: Printed Material, 1902-1995, undated (Boxes 8-13, OV 22; 3.4 linear ft.)
- Series 9: Photographs, circa 1870s-1990, undated (Boxes 11, 14-17, OV 23; 3.0 linear ft.)

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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 -- Washington (State)  
Federal aid to the arts -- Washington (State)  
New Deal, 1933-1939 -- Washington (State)  
Puppet theater  
Works of art

Types of Materials:

- Drawings
- Interviews
- Photographs
- Scrapbooks
- Sketchbooks
- Sound recordings

Names:

- Deutsch, Hilda, 1911-
- Duchamp, Marcel, 1887-1968 -- Photographs
- Federal Art Project (Calif.)
- Federal Art Project (Ill.)
- Federal Art Project (Iowa)
- Federal Art Project (N.Y.)
- Federal Art Project (Or.)
- Federal Art Project (Utah)
- Federal Art Project (Wash.)
- Graves, Morris, 1910-2001 -- Photographs
- Morris, Carl, 1911-1993
- Museum of International Folk Art (N.M.)
- Ray, Man, 1890-1976 -- Photographs
- Tobey, Mark

Occupations:

- Arts administrators
- Painters

Places:

- United States -- Economic conditions, 1918-1945 -- Washington (State)

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## Container Listing

### Series 1: Biographical Information, 1934-1997, undated

(Box 1, OV 18; 0.25 linear ft.)

Box 1, Folder 1	Awards and Certificates, 1934-1972
Box 1, Folder 2	Biographical Notes, Jane Inverarity (wife), undated
Box 1, Folder 3	Biographical Notes, Robert Bruce Inverarity, 1957-1997, undated
Box 1, Folder 4	Driver's License, 1929
Box 1, Folder 5	Educational Records, 1946-1948
Box 1, Folder 6	Genealogical Notes, 1987, undated
Box 1, Folder 7	Identification Badges, U.S. Navy and U.S. Coast Guard, 1942-1945
Box 1, Folder 8	Membership Cards, 1934-1972, undated
Box 1, Folder 9	Selective Service Registration, 1945, undated
Oversize 18	Awards and Certificates, 1947 and 1959

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## Series 2: Correspondence, 1928-1993, undated

(Box 1; 0.75 linear ft.)

Scope and Contents: Personal correspondence regarding Inverarity's activities as Washington State director of the WPA Federal Art Project, 1936-1941, along with other correspondence from the same period not directly relating to the WPA and miscellaneous undated correspondence, has been microfilmed on Reel NDA-16. Additional personal and professional correspondence, 1929-1993 and undated has not been microfilmed. Among this correspondence are a very small number of letters addressed to his wife, Jane. Correspondents include their daughter, friends, and colleagues, among them: Max Ernst, Dorothea Tanning, Rockwell and Sally Kent, Stanton Macdonald-Wright, Wolfgang Palen, Juliet and Man Ray, Mark Tobey, Edward Weston, and various individuals associated with the W.P.A. Business correspondence concerns appraisals and consulting work, publications, conferences, the Museum of International Folk Art, the Adirondack Museum, and the Philadelphia Maritime Museum.

Please note that many subject files (Series 4) also contain correspondence.

Box 1, Folder 10-14	Correspondence, 1936-1942, undated
Box 1, Folder 15-21	Correspondence, 1929-1993, undated
Box 1, Folder 22	Carr, Emily, 1928-1944, undated
Box 1, Folder 23	Dunn, Kwei, 1928-1930
Box 1, Folder 24	<a href="#">Ernst, Max and Dorothea Tanning, 1945-1986, undated</a>
Box 1, Folder 25-28	Kent, Rockwell and Sally (later, Sally Kent Gorton), 1945-1988
Box 1, Folder 29	MacDonald-Wright, Stanton, 1941-1952, undated
Box 1, Folder 30	<a href="#">Palen, Wolfgang, 1943-1950</a>
Box 1, Folder 31	Ray, Man and Juliet, 1950-1956, undated
Box 1, Folder 32	Sapiro, Scotty, 1986-1992, undated
Box 1, Folder 33	Tobey, Mark, 1928-1939, undated
Box 1, Folder 34	Weston, Edward, 1929
Box 1, Folder 35	W.P.A. (Holger Cahill, Dan Deffenbacher, Hilda Deutsch, Carl Morris, et al), 1938-1944, undated

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## Series 3: Writings and Notes, 1928-1993, undated

(Boxes 2-3; 1.5 linear ft)

Arrangement: This series is arranged as 2 subseries:

- 3.1: By Inverarity, 1928-1989, undated
- 3.2: By Other Authors, 1947-1993

### Subseries 3.1: By Inverarity, 1928-1989, undated

Box 2	Articles, A-Z (by title)
Box 2, Folder 1	"Florence Dibble Bartlett," 1984
Box 2, Folder 2	"Haida," undated
Box 2, Folder 3	"The Museum of International Folk Art, Santa Fe, New Mexico," 1952
Box 2, Folder 4	"A New Structuralization for Organization of Visual Records," 1950
Box 2, Folder 5	"Phuket" (by J. and R. B. Inverarity), 1982
Box 2, Folder 6	"Preservation of Water-Submerged, Partially Decayed Boats by Chemical Impregnation" (by Ray M. Seborg and Robert B. Inverarity), circa 1961
Box 2, Folder 7	"Reading Microreproduction by Optical Magnification," undated
Box 2, Folder 8	"A Simplified Technique for Recording Museum Survey Data" (published in <i>The Museologist</i> ), undated
Box 2, Folder 9	"Temples of Pagan," 1986
Box 2, Folder 10	"Thoughts on the Organization of Museums" (published in <i>Curator</i> ), undated
Box 2, Folder 11	Untitled Article about Basket Maker "Spike" Draper (with photographs), 1957
Box 2, Folder 12	Untitled Articles about Mark Tobey (with notes), undated
Box 2, Folder 13	Untitled Articles about Trip to Queen Charlotte Islands to Study the Haida in 1932, undated
Box 2, Folder 14	Untitled Articles (published and unpublished; various topics), 1958-1989, undated
Box 2, Folder 15	Untitled Fragment, undated
Box 2	Book, Tobey Remembered

Box 2, Folder 16	Manuscript, undated
Box 2, Folder 17	Illustrations, undated
Box 2, Folder 18-19	Draft 1, undated
Box 2, Folder 20	Draft 2, undated
Box 2, Folder 21	Correspondence with Researchers and Publishers, 1971-1983
Box 2, Folder 22	Letters from Mark Tobey (photocopies), 1928-1938, undated
Box 2, Folder 23	Letters from Mark Tobey and Letters mentioning Tobey (typescript copies), 1928-1938, undated
Box 2, Folder 24	Letters from Mark Tobey to Grace T. Stevenson (photocopies), 1950-1951
Box 2, Folder 25	Notes, 1968, 1980, undated
Box 2, Folder 26	"Possible Illustrations" and Design Ideas (includes original photographs), undated
Box 2, Folder 27	Research Material (printed), 1940-1982, undated
Box 2, Folder 28	Book Reviews (with related correspondence), 1958-1962, undated
Box 2	Catalog, Notes Regarding the Inverarity Collection in the Museum of Mankind...
Box 2, Folder 29	Manuscript, circa 1978
Box 2, Folder 30-31	Drafts, circa 1978
Box 2, Folder 32	Notes, circa 1978
Box 2, Folder 33-34	Children's Books (with illustrations), 1939, undated
Box 3	Journals
Box 3, Folder 1	Journal, 1928-1930
Box 3, Folder 2	Journal and Notes of Trip to Queen Charlotte Islands, Canada, to Study the Haida Indians, 1932
Box 3, Folder 3	Journal Recording End of Tenure at Adirondack Museum, April 1965-January 1966
Box 3	Notes

Box 3, Folder 4	Color and Composition, 1931, undated
Box 3, Folder 5	Inventions (with diagrams), 1955-1994, undated
Box 3, Folder 6	Miscellaneous, 1954-1962, undated
Box 3	Reports
Box 3, Folder 7	European Museum Survey, 1964
Box 3, Folder 8	"The Fred Archer School of Photography," 1947
Box 3, Folder 9	"Report to the Axel-Wenner Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research of a Brief Trip to the Scandinavian Countries and Other Part of Europe, June to July 1951," 1952
Box 3, Folder 10	"Summary Report, 'Visual Files Pilot Project,' to Board of Directors of the Human Relations Area Files, Inc.," 1953
Box 3, Folder 11	Talks and Lectures, 1952-1975, undated
Box 3, Folder 12	Thesis for M.F.A., University of Scientific Method, Los Angeles, "The Social-Economic Position of the American Artist... A Brief Survey," 1946

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### Subseries 3.2: By Other Authors, 1947-1993

Box 3, Folder 13	Cohea, Carol. "Florence Dibble Bartlett" (Women in New Mexico project), 1984
Box 3, Folder 14	Hodge, F. W. Foreword to Art of the Northwest Coast Indians by Robert Bruce Inverarity, circa 1950
Box 3, Folder 15	Ray, May. Lecture (transcript), 1947
Box 3, Folder 16	Sanches, José Benito. "The Life and Death of the First World" and "The Gods Come to Life on Earth" (text for exhibition labels), 1976
Box 3, Folder 17	Whitlock, Katherine. Research Paper on Dr. Bruce Inverarity, 1993

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## Series 4: Subject Files, 1938-1990, undated

(Boxes 3-6, OV 19-20; 2.5 linear ft.)

Scope and Contents: Subject files, compiled for reference and research purposes, include a variety of printed material, photographs, correspondence and notes.

Box 3, Folder 18	Adirondack Museum, 1955-1976, undated
Box 3, Folder 19	Arizona Pioneers' Historical Society, 1954-1955
Box 3, Folder 20	Cogswell Collection Appraisal, 1965
Box 3, Folder 21-22	Columbia University/Sackler Foundation Symposium, "Early Chinese Art and Its Possible Influence in the Pacific Basin,", 1966-1972, undated
Box 3, Folder 23	Folk Art, 1949-1953, undated
Box 3, Folder 24	Fred Archer School of Photography, 1947-1949, undated
Box 4	Information Storage and Retrieval
Box 4, Folder 1	"Adirondack Museum Punchcard System I Developed for Photos,", circa 1954-1965
Box 4, Folder 2-8	General Information (printed material), 1950s-1960s
Box 4, Folder 9-12	Microviewer (invented by Inverarity), 1952-1964, undated
Box 4, Folder 13-14	Visual Files Project (Human Relations Area Files, Inc.), 1950-1963
Box 4	Inverarity Collection
Box 4, Folder 15	"Collection Data, Dealers, etc.", 1950-1977, undated
Box 4, Folder 16	Consignments and Sales, 1987-1988
Box 4, Folder 17	"Notes Regarding the Inverarity Collection in the Museum of Mankind, The Ethnography Department at the British Museum, London, England," by Robert Bruce Inverarity, circa 1978
Box 5, Folder 1	Photographs and Catalog Information (bound volume), undated
Box 5, Folder 2	Printed Material, 1976
Box 5, Folder 3	Kent, Rockwell, 1964-1974, undated
Box 5, Folder 4	Lake George Boats and Ships (historical reference file), 1960-1961

Box 5	Museum of International Folk Art
Box 5, Folder 5	Clippings, General, 1953-1955
Box 5, Folder 6	Clippings re: Death of Florence Dibble Bartlett, 1954-1955
Box 5, Folder 7	Clippings re: Inverarity's Dismissal, 1954-1955
Box 5, Folder 8-10	Correspondence, 1949-1959
Box 5, Folder 11	History, 1952-1953
Box 5, Folder 12	Minutes, 1952-1953
Box 5, Folder 13	Notes, 1949-1955, undated
Box 5, Folder 14	Printed Material, 1953, undated
Box 5, Folder 15	Reports, 1952-1954
Box 5, Folder 16	Visual Files Pilot Project (Human Relations Area Files, Inc.), 1951-1953 (see also: Information Storage and Retrieval, Visual Files Project)
Box 5, Folder 17	Museum of Navajo Ceremonial Art, 1950-1953
Box 5, Folder 18	Peruvian Collection Purchased by Inverarity and Ralph Altman (photographs are by Inverarity), 1948
Box 5	Philadelphia Maritime Museum
Box 5, Folder 19	Correspondence, 1969-1976, undated
Box 5, Folder 20	Gazela Primeiro, 1970-1994, undated
Box 5, Folder 21	Notes on Gallery Installation (with sketches), 1970s
Box 5, Folder 22	Publicity and General Information, 1969-1976, undated
Box 5, Folder 23	Reports, 1969-1976
Box 5	Photography
Box 5, Folder 24	General Information (printed material), 1985-1990, undated
Box 5, Folder 25-26	Lists and Notes, 1980s, undated
Box 5, Folder 27	Releases, 1938-1983

Box 5, Folder 28	Rights and Reproductions, 1983
Box 5, Folder 29	Rights and Reproductions (Birmingham Museum of Art), 1987-1988, undated
Box 5, Folder 30	Sale and Exhibition Inquiries, 1984-1989, undated
Box 6, Folder 1	Preservation, 1955-1978, undated
Box 6, Folder 2-7	Primitive Peoples, Costume and Ornament, undated
Box 6, Folder 8	Travel, 1964-1975
Box 6, Folder 9	Wenner-Gren Symposium, "The Use of Computers in Anthropology," 1962
Oversize 19	Adirondack Museum Building Plans, 1957 and 1963
Oversize 20	Inverarity Collection, Printed Material (poster and broadside), 1976

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## Series 5: Art Work, circa 1840s-1969, undated

(Boxes 6, 12, 16, OV 21; 1.3 linear ft.)

**Scope and Contents:** Most of Inverarity's sketchbooks are in published books that were converted to sketchbooks by replacing most of the text block with tipped in sheets of drawing paper. In addition to pencil and ink drawings, and a small number of watercolors they include notes scattered throughout. Vol. 1 contains sketches of places in Washington and California, and includes designs for woodcarving. Vol. 2 contains sketches of places in Washington, Oregon, Montana, and the Midwest. Vols. 3, 4 and 5 contain sketches of places in Washington. Vols. 6 and 7 contain sketches of Alaska. Vol. 8 contains sketches of unidentified subjects. Notes of particular interest are on camouflage (Vol. 6) and artists' materials and techniques (Vol. 8).

Art work by other artists includes a gouache by Tobey, produced in his youth and said to be his first painting. Drawings include caricatures of Inverarity by Anfinson and unknown. Display panels for a small exhibit on Airbrush Stencil Prints produced by the WPA Federal Art Project include didactic text with photographs of the technique, sample stencils, prints at various stages of completion, and finished prints.

In addition, there are drawings among Inverarity's writings and notes (Series 3), among notes in subject files (Series 4) and filed with some of the WPA printed material (Series 8).

**Arrangement:** This series is arranged as 2 subseries:

- 5.1: By Inverarity, 1928-1969, undated
- 5.2: By Other Artists, circa 1840s-1964

### Subseries 5.1: By Inverarity, 1928-1969, undated

Box 6, Folder 10	Design for Boeing Brochures, circa 1946
Box 6, Folder 11-13	Drawings and Notes for Book Designs, 1967-1969
Box 6, Folder 14	Drawings and Sketches, 1929-circa 1941, undated
Box 6	Sketchbooks
Box 6, Folder 15	Volumes 1 and 2, 1928-1941, undated
Box 6, Folder 16	Volumes 3, 5, and 6, 1941-1942, undated
Box 6, Folder 17	Volumes 7 and 8, undated
Box 12	Volume 4, 1941, undated

### Subseries 5.2: By Other Artists, circa 1840s-1964

Box 6, Folder 18      Drawings (pencil, ink, and charcoal), Anfinson - Warshaw and Unknown, undated  
**Notes:**

- Anfinson, Friatson
- Bird, Reilly
- Lozkins (?)



- Polloen, A. L.
- Royer, Dorothy
- Warshaw, Howard
- Unknown

Box 6	Paintings
Box 6, Folder 19	Inverarity, Madeline (oil portrait of Miss Wallace-Dunlap by Inverarity's great-great grandmother; framed), undated
Box 6, Folder 20	Tobey, Mark (watercolor and gouache), undated
Box 6	Prints
Box 6, Folder 21	Barnes, Ray and Unknown, 1937, undated
Box 12	Hiroshige, undated
Box 6, Folder 22	Matulka, Jan (framed), undated
Box 6, Folder 23	Sketches (pencil) by Mark Tobey, circa 1935
Box 16	Airbrush Stencil Prints, WPA Federal Art Project Display, circa 1936-circa 1941
Oversize 21	Drawings of Inverarity House (interior and exterior), 1964

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## Series 6: Scrapbooks, 1928-1991, undated

(Boxes 7-8; 1.1 linear ft.)

Scope and Contents: Inverarity compiled five scrapbooks. Volumes 1 through 3 consist mainly of newspaper clippings and miscellaneous printed items concerning his career as an artist and teacher, WPA administrator, and museum director. In addition, volume 1 includes a small number of photographs. Volume 4 preserves items designed by Inverarity - book covers, letterheads, greeting cards, brochures, etc. - and biographical information. Volume 5, devoted to Inverarity's monograph *Art of the Northwest Coast Indians* (University of California Press, 1950), includes a small amount of correspondence and a few photographs as well as reviews and advertisements.

Box 7, Folder 1            Vol. 1, 1928-1954

Box 7, Folder 2            Vol. 2, 1936-1955

Box 7, Folder 3            Vol. 3, 1956-1991

Box 7, Folder 4            Vol. 4: Designs by Inverarity and Biographical Information, 1943-1979, undated

Box 8, Folder 1            Vol. 5: Art of the Northwest Coast Indians, 1950-1951

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## Series 7: Sound Recordings, 1980-1990

*(Box 8; 3 folders)*

Box 8, Folder 2            Robert Bruce Inverarity, interviewed by Craig Gilborn, September 18-19, 1990  
(5 audiocassettes)

Box 8, Folder 3            Ernie and Helen Johnson conversing with Robert Bruce and Jane Inverarity (about  
Inverarity's departure from the Museum of International Folk Art), September 30,  
1980  
(1 audiocassette with transcript)

Box 8, Folder 4            Grace T. Stevenson conversing with Robert Bruce and Jane Inverarity (includes  
references to Mark Tobey and Morris Graves), March 1981  
(1 audiocassette)

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## Series 8: Printed Material, 1902-1995, undated

(Boxes 8-13, OV 22; 3.4 linear ft.)

Scope and Contents: WPA items relate to the Federal Art Project and consist of published administrative reports and clippings about the project, and printed items produced by the Federal Art Project.

Printed material by Inverarity includes articles on a wide variety of topics, his book *Art of the Northwest Coast Indians* (1950), and two published portfolios, *12 Photographs by R. B. Inverarity, F.R.S.A.* (1940) and *Moveable Masks and Figures of the North Pacific Coast Indians* (1941). Among the printed material by other authors are articles, books, reports, and other items about or mentioning Inverarity, and books designed or illustrated by Inverarity.

Miscellaneous items include a catalog of the Cornish School - where Inverarity met Mark Tobey and later taught - and catalogs and brochures of Freemont College/University and the University of Scientific Method where he studied. Also of interest are a few ephemeral items designed by Inverarity for the Adirondack Museum and others.

Additional printed material can be found as attachments to correspondence (Series 2), with subject files (Series 4), and in scrapbooks (Series 6).

Arrangement: This series is organized into 4 subseries:

- 8.1: WPA, circa 1936-circa 1941, undated
- 8.2: By Inverarity, 1930-1976, undated
- 8.3: By Other Authors, 1902-1995, undated
- 8.4: Miscellaneous Items, 1931-1988, undated

### Subseries 8.1: WPA, circa 1936-circa 1941, undated

Box 8	Federal Art Project
Box 8, Folder 5	Booklets, 1940-1941, undated
Box 12	Cartoon about WPA Federal Art Project, undated
Box 8, Folder 6-7	General Reports and Directives, circa 1936-1941, undated
Box 8, Folder 8	Clippings, 1938-1941
Box 8, Folder 9	Designs (drawings and printed items), 1936, undated
Box 8, Folder 10	Exhibition Notices, 1936-1940, undated
Box 8, Folder 11	Federal Sponsored Community Art Centers, undated
Box 8	Federal Art Project, Material by State
Box 8, Folder 12	California, 1937-1939, undated
Box 8, Folder 13	Illinois, 1938-1939, undated

Box 8, Folder 14	Iowa, 1938, undated
Box 8, Folder 15	New York, 1937-1941
Box 8, Folder 16	Oregon, 1937-1941, undated
Box 8, Folder 17	Utah, 1938-1940, undated
Box 8, Folder 18-19	Washington, 1938-1940, undated
Box 8, Folder 20	Federal Works Agency Technical Series, Art Circulars Nos. 4 and 5, 1940

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### Subseries 8.2: By Inverarity, 1930-1976, undated

Box 8, Folder 21-22	Articles, Books, Brochures, Pamphlets, etc., 1930-1950
Box 9, Folder 1-7	Articles, Books, Brochures, Pamphlets, etc., 1950-1976, undated
Box 13	Moveable Masks and Figures of the North Pacific Coast Indians, 1941
Box 13	12 Photographs by R. B. Inverarity, F.R.S.A., 1940
Oversize 22	Maps, 1943-1945
Oversize 22	"Navy War Map No. 1: The Mediterranean"
Oversize 22	"Navy War Map No. 2: South China Sea Area"
Oversize 22	"Navy War Map No. 3: North Sea Area"

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### Subseries 8.3: By Other Authors, 1902-1995, undated

Box 9, Folder 8-17	About or Mentioning Inverarity, 1930-1986
Box 10, Folder 1-2	About or Mentioning Inverarity, 1987-1995, undated
Box 10, Folder 3-7	Books Designed or Illustrated by Inverarity, 1958-1969 Notes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Azarpay, Guitty. <i>Urartian Art and Archaeology: A Chronological Study</i></li> <li>• Blum, Shirley Neilsen. <i>Early Netherlandish Triptychs: A Study in Patronage</i></li> <li>• Clark, Ella E. <i>Indian Legends of the Pacific Northwest</i> (illustrated by Inverarity)</li> <li>• Geiringer, Karl. <i>Hayden: A Creative Life in Music</i></li> <li>• Robinson, Geroid Tanquary. <i>Rural Russia Under the Old Regime</i></li> </ul>

- Sauer, Carl O. *Northern Mists* (jacket drawing by Inverarity)
- The School of American Research and the Museum of New Mexico. *Morleyana: A Collection of Writings in Memorium, Sylvanus Griswold Morley, 1883- 1948*

Box 10, Folder 8	Book Inscribed to Duncan G. Inverarity (father of Robert Bruce), 1911
Box 10, Folder 9-11	Books Inscribed to Robert Bruce Inverarity (by Max Ernst, Hilaire Hiler, Sally Kent, and Man Ray), 1934-1964
Box 10, Folder 12	Brochures for Boeing Designed and Illustrated by Inverarity, circa 1946-1947
Box 10	Clippings
Box 10, Folder 13	About Artists (A-Z by artist), 1949-1989, undated
Box 10, Folder 14	About or Mentioning Inverarity, 1929-1957, undated
Box 10, Folder 15	Miscellaneous Subjects, 1932-1992, undated
Box 11	Designed by Inverarity
Box 11, Folder 1	Adirondack Museum Ephemera, 1950s-1960s
Box 11, Folder 2	Miscellaneous Items, 1945, undated
Box 10, Folder 16-17	Harriman Alaska Expedition, Vols. I and II (Duncan G. Inverarity [father] was a professional photographer who accompanied the expedition), 1902
Box 13	Color Harmony Manual (Container Corporation of America), 1948

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#### Subseries 8.4: Miscellaneous Printed Items, 1931-1988, undated

Box 11, Folder 3	Exhibition Announcements and Invitations (A-Z by artist), 1942-1988, undated
Box 11, Folder 4	Programs, undated
Box 11, Folder 5	Reproductions (Napoleonic battle scene; jester), undated
Box 11, Folder 6	School Catalogs and Brochures (Cornish School, Freemont College/University, and University of Scientific Method), 1931-circa 1948

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## Series 9: Photographs, circa 1870s-1990, undated

(Boxes 11, 14-17, OV 23; 3.0 linear ft.)

**Scope and Contents:** Photographs of art work are arranged by artist. Many photographs of Inverarity's work are views of framed items hanging in his home. Other views show large numbers of framed items gathered into one room (on chair seats and propped up against furniture) in order to record the maximum number of items in one picture; in many cases, these are portraits of artists photographed by Inverarity. Photographs of people consist of artists (including original and copy prints of portraits by Inverarity), friends, colleagues, and various groups.

Photographs of places include museums where Inverarity was Director (Museum of International Folk Art and the Adirondack Museum ), places where he lived (Ridgefield, Conn. and La Jolla, Calif.), and travel pictures (Amsterdam, Burma, Egypt, Greece, Italy, Nepal, Scandinavia, and Thailand). Of particular interest are a large number of photographs taken on his 1932 trip to British Columbia to study the Haida Indians. In addition, there are several nineteenth century photographs of family homes and various locations in South America, probably taken by his father.

Most of the WPA photographs document work of the Federal Art Project in Washington State. Multiple photographs mounted on many large cardboard panels (probably for display) show individual works of art, exhibition installations, and views of various art centers, etc. Other photographs are of individual works of art and include some Index of American Design drawings, mosaic procedures, and the mosaic for the Municipal Auditorium in Long Beach, California. Among the miscellaneous subjects are a view of the microreader invented by Inverarity, and his art photographs - boats, figure studies, industrial scenes, and landscapes.

Photographs known to have been taken by Inverarity are clearly identified. Prints, slides, and color transparencies are interfiled. In addition, a small number of photographs are attached to Series 1: Correspondence, in many subject files (Series 4), and in Series 6: Scrapbooks. Of particular note is Man Ray's photograph of his studio, sent as a greeting card (Christmas?) in 1952 and filed with correspondence.

**Arrangement:** This series is arranged as 5 subseries:

- 9.1: Art Work, circa 1950-circa 1970s, undated
- 9.2: People, 1920s-1979, undated
- 9.3: Places, circa 1870s-1990, undated
- 9.4: WPA, circa 1936-circa 1941
- 9.5: Miscellaneous Subjects, 1957-1981, undated

### Subseries 9.1: Art Work, circa 1950-circa 1970s

Box 11, Folder 7 Ernst, Max (photographs by Inverarity), undated

Box 11, Folder 8 Graves, Morris (photographs by Inverarity), undated

Box 11, Folder 9 Illustrations for Art of the Northwest Coast Indians by Robert Bruce Inverarity, circa 1950

Box 11, Folder 10 Inverarity, Madeline (portrait of Miss Wallace-Dunlop by Inverarity's great-great grandmother; photographs by Inverarity), undated

Box 11, Folder 11-12 Inverarity, Robert Bruce (photographs by Inverarity), undated

Box 11, Folder 13	Inverarity, Robert Bruce, Paintings for U.S. Navy (color transparencies), undated
Box 11, Folder 14	Inverarity, Robert Bruce, Portraits of Artists (framed photographs) displayed in his home; photographs by Inverarity), undated
Box 11, Folder 15-16	Inverarity [Robert Bruce and Jane] Collection of Northwest Coast Indian Art, Museum of Mankind, London, circa 1970s
Box 11, Folder 17	Tobey, Mark (photographs by Inverarity), undated
Box 11, Folder 18	Unidentified Artists (photographs by Inverarity), 1989, undated
Box 11, Folder 19	Unidentified Artists, undated

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### Subseries 9.2: People, 1920s-1979, undated

Box 11, Folder 20	Artists (contact sheets with multiple portraits; photographs by Inverarity), undated
Box 11, Folder 21	Ball, Eliot Porter (photographs by Inverarity), circa 1963-1964
Box 11, Folder 22	Byner, Winter and Ashley Montague (photographs by Inverarity), undated
Box 11, Folder 23	Derbyshire, Dr. (photographs by Inverarity), undated
Box 11, Folder 24	Deutsch, Hilda [Mrs. Carl Morris] (photographs by Inverarity), undated
Box 11, Folder 25	Duchamp, Marcel (photographs by Inverarity), undated
Box 11, Folder 26	Ernst, Max (photographs by Inverarity), undated
Box 11, Folder 27	Ernst, Max and Dorothea Tanning (photographs by Inverarity), undated
Box 11, Folder 28	Feitelson, Lorser (photographs by Inverarity), undated
Box 11, Folder 29	Fitzsimmons, James (photographs by Inverarity), undated
Box 11, Folder 30	Frugé, August (photographs by Inverarity), undated
Box 11, Folder 31	Graves, Morris (photographs by Inverarity), undated
Box 11, Folder 32	Groups of Artists (photographs by Inverarity), 1949
Box 11, Folder 33	Groups, undated
Box 11, Folder 34	Guldbeck, Lori and Per, 1958



Box 11, Folder 35	Haley, John (photographs by Inverarity), 1950
Box 11, Folder 36	Hiler, Hilaire (photographs by Inverarity), undated
Box 11, Folder 37	Inverarity, Jane (photographs by Inverarity), 1956-1976, undated
Box 11, Folder 38	Inverarity, Jane with Others (photographs by Inverarity), 1976, 1983
Box 11, Folder 39	Inverarity, Jane and Robert Bruce, 1970s
Box 11, Folder 40	Inverarity, Robert Bruce, 1952-circa 1979, undated
Box 11, Folder 41	Inverarity, Robert Bruce with Others, 1920s-1958, undated
Box 11, Folder 42	Kent, Rockwell (photographs by Inverarity), 1963, undated
Box 11, Folder 43	LeBrun, Rico (photographs by Inverarity), undated
Box 11, Folder 44	Lefebvre, René (photographs by Inverarity), undated
Box 11, Folder 45	Lovacrubias, Miguel, 1954
Box 11, Folder 46	Lundeberg, Helen (photographs by Inverarity), undated
Box 11, Folder 47	Macdonald-Wright, Stanton (photographs by Inverarity), undated
Box 11, Folder 48	Morris, Carl (photographs by Inverarity), undated
Box 11, Folder 49	Perit, Suzy (photographs by Inverarity), undated
Box 11, Folder 50	Ray, Julie Man (photographs by Inverarity), 1948
Box 11, Folder 51	Ray, Man (photographs by Inverarity), undated
Box 11, Folder 52	Reagh, Bill (photographs by Inverarity), undated
Box 11, Folder 53	Royer, Dorothy (photographs by Inverarity), undated
Box 11, Folder 54	Stazack, Carol (photographs by Inverarity), 1976
Box 11, Folder 55	Tanning, Dorothea (photographs by Inverarity), undated
Box 11, Folder 56	Tobey, Mark (photographs by Inverarity), undated
Box 11, Folder 57	Tobey, Mark, undated
Box 11, Folder 58	Val Clear and Kenneth Downer (photographs by Inverarity), undated

Box 11, Folder 59	Warshaw, Howard (photographs by Inverarity), undated
Box 11, Folder 60	Wassar, Art and Ellie (photographs by Inverarity), 1976
Box 11, Folder 61	Whitman, Walt (possibly by Matthew Brady; contemporary copy), undated
Box 11, Folder 62	Wunderlich, Rudi (photographs by Inverarity), 1957
Box 11, Folder 63	Unidentified ("A.E." [daughter?] and unknown woman; photographs by Inverarity), 1976, undated
Box 14	Deutsch, Hilda [Mrs. Carl Morris] (photographs by Inverarity), undated
Box 14	Duchamp, Marcel (photographs by Inverarity), undated
Box 14	Ernst, Max (photographs by Inverarity), undated
Box 14	Ernst, Max and Dorothea Tanning (photographs by Inverarity), undated
Box 14	Feitelson, Lorser (photographs by Inverarity), undated
Box 14	Fitzsimmons, James (photographs by Inverarity), undated
Box 14	Graves, Morris (photographs by Inverarity), undated
Box 14	Graves, Morris and Malcolm Roberts (photographs by Inverarity), undated
Box 14	Haley, John (photographs by Inverarity), undated
Box 14	Hiler, Hilaire (photographs by Inverarity), undated
Box 14	Inverarity, Jane (photographs by Inverarity), undated
Box 14	Inverarity, Robert Bruce (self portrait), undated
Box 14	Inverarity, Robert Bruce (photograph by Douglas C. Sly), 1947
Box 14	Knowles, Joe (photographs by Inverarity), undated
Box 14	Le Brun, Rico (photographs by Inverarity), undated
Box 14	Lundeberg, Helen (photographs by Inverarity), undated
Box 14	Mac Donald-Wright, Stanton (photographs by Inverarity), undated
Box 14	Morris, Carl (photographs by Inverarity), undated

Box 14	Perit, Suzy (photographs by Inverarity), undated
Box 14	Petric, Mrs. Ludin (photographs by Inverarity), undated
Box 14	Ray, Julie Man (photographs by Inverarity), undated
Box 14	Ray, Man (photographs by Inverarity), undated
Box 14	Royer, Dorothy (photographs by Inverarity), undated
Box 14	Swan, Charles (photographs by Inverarity), undated
Box 14	Tanning, Dorothea (photographs by Inverarity), undated
Box 14	Tobey, Mark (photographs by Inverarity), undated
Box 14	Val Clear, Charles and Kenneth Downing (photographs by Inverarity), undated
Box 14	Warshaw, Howard (photographs by Inverarity), undated
Box 14	Wessels, Glenn (photographs by Inverarity), undated

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### Subseries 9.3: Places, circa 1870s-1990, undated

Box 11, Folder 64-65	Adirondack Museum, 1957, 1971, undated
Box 11, Folder 66	Adirondack Museum (photograph album, vol. 1), undated
Box 11, Folder 67	Amsterdam (photographs by Inverarity), 1962
Box 11, Folder 68-69	British Columbia (trip to study Haida Indians; photographs by Inverarity), undated
Box 11, Folder 70	Dikill, Peganum, Istanbul (photographs by Inverarity), undated
Box 11, Folder 71	Family Homes, circa 1870s-1880s
Box 11, Folder 72	Greece and Egypt (photographs by Inverarity), undated
Box 11, Folder 73	Italy, circa 1870s-1880s
Box 11, Folder 74	La Jolla, Calif. (photographs by Inverarity), 1976
Box 11, Folder 75	Mt. St. Helens, Calif. (photographs by Inverarity), 1990
Box 11, Folder 76	Museum of International Folk Art, 1953, undated

Box 11, Folder 77	Ridgefield, Conn. (photographs by Inverarity), circa 1957-1958, 1976
Box 11, Folder 78	Rome; New York City Hotel and Airport (photographs by Inverarity), undated
Box 11, Folder 79	St. Paul's Church, circa 1880s
Box 11, Folder 80	Samish Island, Wash. (photographs by Inverarity), 1954
Box 11, Folder 81	South America, 1870s
Box 11, Folder 82	Unidentified (photographs by Inverarity), undated
Box 15	Adirondack Museum (photograph album, vol. 2), undated
Box 15	Burma; Nepal; Scandinavia; Thailand; Unidentified (photographs by Inverarity), undated
Box 15	Family Houses, circa 1880s

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#### Subseries 9.4: WPA, circa 1936-circa 1941

Box 11, Folder 83-84	Mosaic Procedures, circa 1936-circa 1941
Box 11, Folder 85	Washington State WPA Federal Art Project, circa 1936-circa 1941
Box 11, Folder 86	<a href="#">Washington State WPA Federal Art Project black and white negatives, circa 1936-circa 1941</a>
Oversize 23	Municipal Auditorium Mosaic, Long Beach, Calif., 1938
Box 16	Washington State WPA Federal Art Project, circa 1936-circa 1941
Box 17	Washington State WPA Federal Art Project, circa 1936-circa 1941

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#### Subseries 9.5: Miscellaneous Subjects, 1957-1981, undated

Box 11, Folder 87	Box Collection (photographs by Inverarity), undated
Box 11, Folder 88	Broadside, "Monumental Grandeur of the Mississippi Valley..." (photograph by Inverarity), undated
Box 11, Folder 89	"Gold Thread Pillow Case taken by my grandfather when 92 Highlanders raided Queen's Palace, New Delhi" (35-mm color slides by Inverarity), 1981
Box 11, Folder 90	Microreader Invented by Inverarity, 1957

Box 15	Boats (photographs by Inverarity), undated
Box 15	Figure Studies (photographs by Inverarity), undated
Box 15	Industrial Subjects (photographs by Inverarity), undated
Box 15	Landscapes (photographs by Inverarity), undated
Box 15	Pacific Northwest Culture (photographs by Inverarity), undated

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