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Oral history interview with Frank Lobdell

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Collection Overview

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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.

Biographical / Historical

Frank Lobdell (1921-) is a painter, printmaker, and teacher of Stanford, Calif.

Scope and Contents

An interview of Frank Lobdell conducted 1980 Apr. 9-1980 May 7, by Terry St. John, for the Archives of American Art.

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Lobdell speaks of his youth and family background; his early interest in art; his education; studying with Cameron Booth; his service in the U.S. Army; artist friends and influences; political influences on his work; the community of artists in San Francisco in the 1950s, including Elmer Bischoff and Clyfford Still; his

"dark years"; teaching at Stanford; reviews by critics; and the avant-garde art of the 1960s. He recalls Ninfa Valvo, Douglas MacAgy, Hassel Smith, Richard Diebenkorn, Wilfred Zogbaum, Sam Francis, Jerry (Julian) Hatofsky, Claire Falkenstein, Clay Spohn, and John Hultberg.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Painters -- California -- Interviews

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Names:

Bischoff, Elmer, 1916-1991
Booth, Cameron, 1892-1980
Diebenkorn, Richard, 1922-1993
Falkenstein, Claire, 1908-1997
Francis, Sam, 1923-1994
Hatofsky, Jerry, 1922-
Hultberg, John, 1922-
MacAgy, Douglas, 1913-
Smith, Hassel, 1915-2007
Spohn, Clay Edgar, 1898-1977
Still, Clyfford, 1904-1980
Valvo, Ninfa, 1900-1993
Zogbaum, Wilfrid, 1915-1965