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Oral history interview with Herta Loeser

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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 available on line

Restrictions

Transcript available on the Archives of American Art website.

Biographical / Historical

Herta Loeser was the President of the Society of Art and Crafts of Boston, 1980-1988.

Scope and Contents

An interview of Herta Loeser conducted 1989 June 6-15, by Robert F. Brown, for the Archives of American Art, in Cambridge, Mass. Loeser speaks of her childhood in England as a German refugee; marrying a refugee schoolmate and rearing a family in Cambridge, Mass.; making jewelry and enamels; running a volunteer agency in Boston; running the Society of Arts and Crafts, Boston, 1980-1988, and putting it on a solid footing; development of the

Society during her administration, including sales, marketing, and education; the Society's current plans for a crafts museum; exhibitions held during her tenure as president of the Society.

General

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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:

- Arts -- Massachusetts -- Boston -- Management
- Arts and crafts movement
- Decorative arts

Types of Materials:

- Interviews
- Sound recordings

Names:

- Society of Arts and Crafts (Boston, Mass.)