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Oral history interview with Molly Luce

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	Oral history interview with Molly Luce
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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.

Biographical / Historical

Molly Luce (1896-1986) was a painter in Little Compton, R.I.

Scope and Contents

An interview of Molly Luce conducted 1981 Mar.10-1981 June 18, by Robert F. Brown, for the Archives of American Art.

Scope and Contents

Luce speaks of her childhood; her early interest in drawing and botany; her two years of study at Wheaton College; her training at Art Students League; her acquaintances from the League including Anne Rector, Katherine Schmidt, Kenneth Hayes Miller; her travels in Europe with her first husband, Alan Burroughs; her residences in Minneapolis, Boston, and finally Little Compton; and observations on a range of her own paintings. She recalls Lloyd Goodrich,

Dennis Miller, Kenneth Hayes Miller, Peggy Bacon, Isabel Bishop, Dorothy Varian, Alexander Brook, Edward Forbes, and many others.

General

Originally recorded on 2 tape reels. Reformatted in 2010 as 3 digital wav files. Duration is 2 hrs., 27 min.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Women artists
- Women painters

Types of Materials:

- Interviews
- Sound recordings

Names:

- Art Students League (New York, N.Y.) -- Students
- Bacon, Peggy, 1895-1987
- Bishop, Isabel, 1902-1988
- Brook, Alexander, 1898-1980
- Burroughs, Alan
- Forbes, Edward Waldo, 1873-1969
- Goodrich, Lloyd, 1897-1987
- Hopper, Jo N. (Josephine Nivison), 1883-1968
- Miller, Kenneth Hayes, 1876-1952
- Schmidt, Katherine, 1898-1978
- Wheaton College (Ill.) -- Students

Occupations:

- Painters -- Interviews