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Oral history interview with John Gaw Meem

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives of American Art
<b>Title:</b>	Oral history interview with John Gaw Meem
<b>Date:</b>	1964 Dec. 3
<b>Identifier:</b>	AAA.meem64
<b>Creator:</b>	Meem, John Gaw, 1894-1983 (Interviewee) Loomis, Sylvia Glidden (Interviewer) New Deal and the Arts Oral History Project
<b>Extent:</b>	13 Pages (Transcript)
<b>Language:</b>	English .
<b>Digital Content:</b>	<a href="#">Digital Content: Oral history interview with John Gaw Meem, 1964 Dec. 3, Transcript</a> <a href="#">Audio: Oral history interview with John Gaw Meem, 1964 Dec. 3, Digital Sound Recording (Excerpt)</a>

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

Conducted as part of the Archives of American Art's New Deal and the Arts project, which includes over 400 interviews of artists, administrators, historians, and others involved with the federal government's art programs and the activities of the Farm Security Administration in the 1930s and early 1940s.

### Available Formats

Transcript available on line at <http://www.aaa.si.edu/collections/oralhistories/transcripts/meem64.htm>

### Restrictions

Transcript available on the Archives of American Art website.

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## Biographical / Historical

John Gaw Meem (1894-1983) was an arts administrator in the Public Works of Art Project from Santa Fe, N.M.

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## Scope and Contents

An interview of John Gaw Meem conducted 1964 Dec. 3, by Sylvia Loomis for the Archives of American Art.

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Gaw speaks of his background; moving to New Mexico; deciding to become an architect; architectural commissions he worked on; becoming involved with the Public Works of Art Project; his architectural philosophy; and his appointment to historic committees.

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## General

Originally recorded on 1 sound tape reel. Reformatted in 2010 as 1 digital wav file. Duration is 1 hr., 3 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:

Architects -- New Mexico -- Santa Fe -- Interviews  
Federal aid to the arts

### Types of Materials:

Interviews  
Sound recordings

### Names:

New Deal and the Arts Oral History Project  
Public Works of Art Project

### Occupations:

Arts administrators -- New Mexico -- Santa Fe -- Interviews