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Collection Overview

Repository: Archives of American Art
Title: Oral history interview with Ronald H. Pearson
Identifier: AAA.pearson79
Date: 1979 May 31-1981 Nov. 23
Extent: 34 Pages (Transcript)
Creator: Pearson, Ronald H. (Ronald Hayes), 1924-1996
          Brown, Robert F.
Language: English

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

This interview is part of the Archives' 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.

Restrictions

Transcript available on the Archives of American Art website.

Biographical / Historical

Ronald H. Pearson (1924-1996) was a silversmith from Deer Isle, Me.

Scope and Contents

An interview with Ronald H. Pearson conducted 1979 May 31-1981 Nov. 23, by Robert F. Brown, for the
Archives of American Art.

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Pearson discusses his early training in design from his father, Ralph Pearson, an artist and writer; his
education in political science at the University of Wisconsin; World War II duty in the merchant marine;
training at the School for American Craftsmen; early exhibitions; and development of production pieces.
General

Originally recorded on 1 sound tape reel and 2 sound cassettes. Reformatted in 2010 as 4 digital wav files. Duration is 1 hr., 55 min.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:
- Artisans -- Maine -- Interviews
- Decorative arts
- Handicraft
- Silversmiths -- Maine -- Interviews
- Silverwork

Types of Materials:
- Interviews
- Sound recordings

Names:
- Pearson, Ralph M., 1883-1958
- School for American Crafts