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## Oral history interview with Ronald H. Pearson

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives of American Art
<b>Title:</b>	Oral history interview with Ronald H. Pearson
<b>Date:</b>	1979 May 31-1981 Nov. 23
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<b>Creator:</b>	Pearson, Ronald H. (Ronald Hayes), 1924-1996 (Interviewee) Brown, Robert F. (Interviewer)
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<b>Digital Content:</b>	<a href="#">Digital Content: Oral history interview with Ronald H. Pearson, 1979 May 31-1981 Nov. 23, Transcript</a> <a href="#">Audio: Oral history interview with Ronald H. Pearson, 1979 May 31-1981 Nov. 23, Digital Sound Recording (Excerpt)</a>

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## 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.

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## Biographical / Historical

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

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## 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.

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## 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.

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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:

- 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