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## Interviews with Franklin W. Robinson

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives of American Art
<b>Title:</b>	Interviews with Franklin W. Robinson
<b>Date:</b>	1992 Jan. 28 - Feb 26
<b>Identifier:</b>	AAA.robifrank
<b>Creator:</b>	Robinson, Franklin Westcott (Interviewee) Goodwin, George M. (Interviewer)
<b>Extent:</b>	4 Items (sound cassettes + 10 p. summary)
<b>Language:</b>	English .

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

Donated by Franklin W. Robinson and George M. Goodwin in 1992.

### Restrictions

Untranscribed interview; use requires an appointment and is limited to AAA's Washington, D.C. office.

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## Biographical / Historical

Franklin W. Robinson () was a museum director and historian. He was the director at Williams College Museum of Art between 1975-1979; director at the Museum of Art, Rhode Island School of Design between 1979-1992; director, Herbert F. Johnson Museum of Art, Cornell University between 1992-2011.

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## Scope and Contents

Interviews with Franklin W. Robinson conducted 1992 Jan. 28-Feb. 26 by George W. Goodwin. Also includes a ten page summary of the interviews by Goodwin. Robinson discusses his childhood in Providence, Rhode Island; years at Harvard where Paul Sachs was a role model; his career; various museum directors; and the Rhode Island School of Design.

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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:

Museum directors -- United States -- Interviews

Types of Materials:

Interviews  
Sound recordings

Names:

Rhode Island School of Design. Museum of Art  
Sachs, Paul J. (Paul Joseph), 1878-1965

Functions:

Art museums, University and college