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Oral history interview with Jack Savitsky

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	Oral history interview with Jack Savitsky
Date:	1990 July 9
Identifier:	AAA.savits90
Creator:	Savitsky, Jack, 1910-1991 (Interviewee) Lindsey, Jack (Interviewer)
Extent:	86 Pages (Transcript)
Language:	English .
Digital Content:	Audio: Oral history interview with Jack Savitsky, 1990 July 9, Digital Sound Recording (Excerpt)

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.

Available Formats

Transcript: 35mm microfilm reel 4779 available at Archives of American Art offices and through interlibrary loan.

Biographical / Historical

Jack Savitsky (1910-1991) was a folk artist and painter from Lansford, Pa.

Scope and Contents

An interview of Jack Savitsky conducted 1990 July 9, by Jack Lindsey, for the Archives of American Art.

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Savitsky speaks about his family background; his early life as a miner and its effect on his life; his work, including subjects, materials, style, and gallery exhibitions; Sterling Strauser's promotion of his work, and other collectors. He recalls Justin McCarthy.

General

Originally recorded on 2 sound cassettes. Reformatted in 2010 as 3 digital wav files. Duration is 2 hr.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Art, American
- Painters -- Pennsylvania -- Lansford -- Interviews
- Self-taught artists -- Pennsylvania -- Interviews

Types of Materials:

- Interviews
- Sound recordings

Names:

- McCarthy, Justin, 1891-1977
- Strauser, Sterling, 1907-

Occupations:

- Folk artists -- Pennsylvania -- Interviews