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## Oral history interview with Louis Siegriest

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## Collection Overview

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<b>Digital Content:</b>	<a href="#">Digital Content: Oral history interview with Louis Siegriest, 1975 April 5, Transcript</a> <a href="#">Audio: Oral history interview with Louis Siegriest, 1975 April 5, 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 is available on the Archives of American Art's website.

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## Biographical / Historical

Louis Siegriest (1899-1989) was a painter from Oakland, California. Full name is Louis Bassi Siegriest.

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## Scope and Contents

Interview of Louis B. Siegriest, conducted 1975 April 5, by Paul Karlstrom and Nathan Oliveira, for the Archives of American Art, at Mr. Siegriest's home, in Oakland, California. Siegriest and Oliveira speak of his early career; the Society of Six; and the Bay Area figurative school. He recalls Perham Nahl, Bernard "Red" von Eichman, Bob Howard, Frank Van Sloun, Ruth Armer, Constance Macky, Lee Randolph, John Winkler, Maurice del Mue, Maynard Dixon, Willard Cox, Louis Hughes, Seldon Gile, August Gay, Xavier Martinez, Gottardo Piazzoni, Ralph Stackpole, Theodore Wores, Bill Gaw, William Henry Clapp, Terry St. John, Galka Scheyer, Maurice Logan, C.S. Price, Mark Tobey, Morris Graves, Richard Diebenkorn, David Park, Elmer Bischoff, Frank Lobdell, Clifford Still, Diego Rivera, Otis Oldfield, Edna Stoddart, Johan Hagemeyer, and many others.

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## General

Originally recorded on 2 sound tape reels. Reformatted in 2010 as 3 digital wav files. Duration is 3 hr., 13 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:

Art, American  
Painters -- California -- Interviews

### Types of Materials:

Interviews  
Sound recordings

### Names:

Armer, Ruth, 1896-1977  
Bischoff, Elmer, 1916-1991  
Clapp, William Henry, 1879-1954  
Cox, Willard  
Diebenkorn, Richard, 1922-1993  
Dixon, Maynard, 1875-1946  
Gaw, William A., 1891-1973  
Gay, August François, 1890-1948  
Gile, Selden Connor, 1877-1947  
Graves, Morris, 1910-  
Hagemeyer, Johan, 1884-1962  
Howard, Robert Boardman, 1896-1983  
Hughes, Louis  
Lobdell, Frank, 1921-  
Logan, Maurice, 1886-1977  
Macky, Constance L., b. 1883  
Martinez, Xavier, 1869-1943  
Nahl, Perham Wilhelm, 1869-1935  
Oldfield, Otis, 1890-1969  
Park, David, 1911-1960  
Piazzoni, Gottardo, 1872-1945  
Price, C. S. (Clayton S.), 1874-1950  
Randolph, Lee F., b. 1880  
Rivera, Diego, 1886-1957  
Scheyer, Galka E.  
Society of Six  
St. John, Terry  
Stackpole, Ralph, 1885-1973  
Still, Clyfford, 1904-1980  
Stoddart, Edna, d. 1966  
Tobey, Mark  
Van Sloun, Frank J., 1879-1938  
Von Eichman, Bernard J., 1899-1970

Winkler, John William, 1894-1979  
Wores, Theodore, 1858-1939  
del Mue, Maurice