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A Finding Aid to the Donald C. Smith Interviews Relating to Edwin Dickinson, 1981-1986, in the Archives of American Art

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	Donald C. Smith interviews relating to Edwin Dickinson
Identifier:	AAA.smitdona
Date:	1981-1986
Creator:	Smith, Donald C., 1935-
Extent:	0.6 Linear feet
Language:	English .
Summary:	The interviews conducted by artist and professor Donald C. Smith relating to artist Edwin Dickinson measure 0.6 linear feet and date from 1981 to 1986. The interviews were conducted as part of a research project on Dickinson. Smith interviewed a number of Dickinson's students to learn about his teaching philosophy. The interviewees are: Lennart Anderson, Francis Cunningham, Vera Chopak De Champlain, Edward (Ted) Denyer, Louis Finkelstein and Denver Lindsey.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Donated 1986 by Donald C. Smith.

Related Materials

Also found in the Archives of American Art is the Edwin Walters Dickinson papers, 1909-1971; the Philip Cecil Malicoat letters from Edwin Dickinson, 1927-1966; the Doug Frost writing on Edwin Dickinson, 1973 August 10; and oral history interviews conducted with Edwin Dickinson in 1970 and 1972.

Processing Information

The collection was processed, and a finding aid prepared by Ricky Gomez in 2021.

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Restrictions

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Biographical / Historical

Donald C. Smith was an artist and educator in Rhode Island. He attended the University of Missouri in Columbia and received two degrees in painting. Smith has been a Visiting Artist and Lecturer at Harvard University, Yale University Summer School for Music and Visual Art, Brown University, Artist Union, Brooklyn College, Providence College, Rhode Island School of Design, and Wheelock College.

Edwin Walter Dickinson (1891-1978) was a painter in Wellfleet, Massachusetts. Dickinson studied with William Merritt Chase at the Art Students League and was a member of Federation of Modern Painters and Sculptors.

Scope and Contents

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Arrangement

The collection is arranged into one series.

- Series 1: Interviews, 1981-1986 (0.6 linear feet; Boxes 1-2)

General

Poor sound quality throughout.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Art students -- Interviews

Types of Materials:

Interviews

Sound recordings

Names:

Anderson, Lennart, 1928-

Cunningham, Francis, 1931-
De Champlain, Vera Chopak, 1928 or 9-
Dickinson, Edwin Walter, 1891-1978
Finkelstein, Louis

Occupations:

Educators -- Rhode Island -- Providence
Painters -- Rhode Island -- Providence

Container Listing

Series 1: Interviews, 1981-1986

0.6 Linear feet (Boxes 1-2)

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Box 1, Folder 1	"Francis Cunningham", 1981 November 3 Sound cassettes
Box 1, Folder 2	"Lennart Anderson", 1982 June 5 3 Sound cassettes
Box 1, Folder 3, Item 1	"Vera Chopak", 1983 February 25 1 Sound cassette
Box 1, Folder 3, Item 2-3	"Denver Lindsay", 1984 January 14 2 Sound cassettes
Box 1, Folder 4, Item 1-2	"Edward Denyer", 1984 February 10 2 Sound cassettes
Box 1, Folder 4, Item 3-4	"Louis Finkelstein", 1986 January 11 2 Sound cassettes
Box 1, Folder 5	Duplicate Recordings, 1981-1986 8 Sound cassettes
Box 2, Folder 1	Duplicate Recordings, 1981-1986 8 Sound cassettes Notes: There are two sets of duplicates for the Edward Denyer interview.

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