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Oral history interview with Leonard Thiessen

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Collection Overview

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Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Conducted as part of the Archives of American Art's New Deal and the Arts project, which includes over 400 interviews of artists, administrators, historians, and others involved with the federal government's art programs and the activities of the Farm Security Administration in the 1930s and early 1940s.

Biographical / Historical

Leonard Thiessen (1902-1989) was an art administrator from Des Moines, Iowa.

Scope and Contents

An interview of Leonard Thiessen conducted 1965 June 10, by Harlan Phillips, for the Archives of American Art.

General

Originally recorded on 1 sound tape reel. Reformatted in 2010 as 4 digital wav files. Duration is 2 hr., 18 min.

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An unrelated interview of Sylvester Jerry conducted by H. Phillips is also on this tape.

Names and Subject Terms

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