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Oral history interview with Paul Thiry

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	Oral history interview with Paul Thiry
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Creator:	Thiry, Paul, 1904-1993 (Interviewee) Clausen, Meredith L. (Interviewer)
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Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

This interview is part of the Archives' Northwest Oral History Project, begun in 1982 to document the Northwest artistic community through interviews with painters, sculptors, craftsmen, educators, curators, and others, in Oregon, Washington and Montana.

Location of Originals

Transcript also available at the University of Washington, Manuscripts Collection, and at the Oregon Historical Society.

Available Formats

Transcript available on line.

Restrictions

Transcript available on the Archives of American Art website.

Biographical / Historical

Paul Thiry (1904-1993) was an architect from Seattle, Washington.

Scope and Contents

An interview of Paul Thiry conducted 1983 September 15-16, by Meredith L. Clausen, for the Archives of American Art's Northwest Oral History Project at the artist's home.

Scope and Contents

Thiry speaks of his early years in Nome, San Francisco, Paris, and Seattle; the decision to become an architect; his early designs; the influence of Japanese architecture; his work in public housing architecture; current trends in architecture; regional influences; church design; shopping center design; the Beaux Arts style; and the importance of history and diversity in modern design.

General

Originally recorded on 6 sound cassettes. Reformatted in 2010 as 12 digital wav files. Duration is 6 hr., 16 min.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Architects -- Washington (State) -- Seattle -- Interviews
- Architecture -- Washington (State) -- Seattle
- Art, American -- Northwestern States
- Art, Modern -- Northwestern States

Types of Materials:

- Interviews
- Sound recordings