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Oral history interview with Howard
Thomas and Harold Wescott

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Collection Overview

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Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

This interview 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.

Available Formats

Transcript: 35mm microfilm reel 3949 available at Archives of American Art offices and through interlibrary loan.

Restrictions

Transcript: Patrons must use microfilm copy.

Biographical / Historical

Howard Thomas (1899-1971) and Harold Wescott (1911-) were art administrators with the Public Works of Art Project and the Milwaukee Handicraft Project.

Scope and Contents

An interview of Howard Thomas and Harold Wescott conducted 1965 June 3, by Richard Doud, for the Archives of American Art. They speak of their professional backgrounds and early affiliations with the Public Works of Art Project; their involvement with the WPA Handicraft project in Milwaukee, Wisconsin; the project's effect on the community; the political effect; Milwaukee as an art center; the effect of the WPA on artists' careers; and government support for the arts. Wescott recalls Frank Lloyd Wright.

General

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

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Federal aid to the arts

Types of Materials:

Interviews

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Names:

Federal Art Project (Wis.)

Milwaukee Handicraft Project

New Deal and the Arts Oral History Project

Public Works of Art Project

United States. Works Progress Administration

Wright, Frank Lloyd, 1867-1959

Occupations:

Arts administrators