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Oral history interview with Edgar Tolson

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	Oral history interview with Edgar Tolson
Date:	1981 July 30
Identifier:	AAA.tolson81
Creator:	Tolson, Edgar, 1904-1984 (Interviewee) Pennington, Estill Curtis (Interviewer)
Extent:	1 Sound cassette (Sound recording) 14 Pages (Transcript)
Language:	English .
Digital Content:	Audio: Oral history interview with Edgar Tolson, 1981 July 30, Digital Sound Recording (Excerpt)

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

This interview is part of the Archives of American Art 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.

Biographical / Historical

Edgar Tolson (1904-1984) was a wood-carver from Campton, Kentucky.

Scope and Contents

An interview of Edgar Tolson conducted 1981 July 30, by Estill Curtis Pennington, with the assistance of Larry Hackley, for the Archives of American Art.

Scope and Contents

Tolson discusses his family; living in Campton, Kentucky.; wood-carving techniques and subject matter; and selling his work.

General

Originally recorded on 1 sound cassette. Reformatted in 2010 as 1 digital wav file. Duration is 43 min.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Artisans -- Kentucky -- Interviews
- Decorative arts
- Folk art
- Sculpture, Modern -- 20th century -- Kentucky
- Wood-carving -- Kentucky

Types of Materials:

- Interviews
- Sound recordings

Occupations:

- Wood-carvers -- Kentucky -- Interviews