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Oral history interview with Ruth Pershing Uhler

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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

Use requires an appointment.

Biographical / Historical

Ruth Pershing Uhler (1898-1969) was a painter, mural painter, and art administrator from Houston, Texas.

Scope and Contents

An interview of Ruth Pershing Uhler conducted 1965 May 11, by Sylvia Loomis, for the Archives of American Art.

Scope and Contents

Uhler speaks of her background and education; becoming involved with the Public Works of Art Project working on a mural project for the public library in Houston; going to work for the Museum of Fine Arts; the history of the Museum; the growth of its collection; the Index of American Design; the importance of the Museum of Fine Arts to the community.

General

Interview of Victor Alessandro is also on this tape.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- African American women artists
- Arts administrators -- Texas -- Houston -- Interviews
- Federal aid to the arts
- Mural painting and decoration -- Texas
- Muralists -- Texas -- Houston -- Interviews
- Painters -- Texas -- Houston -- Interviews
- Women artists
- Women painters

Types of Materials:

- Interviews

Names:

- Index of American Design
- Museum of Fine Arts, Houston
- New Deal and the Arts Oral History Project
- Public Works of Art Project (Tex.)