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Collection Overview

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Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

This interview is part of the Archives' 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

Gordon Bailey Washburn (1904-1983) was an art museum director from New York, N.Y. He was the director of Albright-Knox Gallery, Buffalo, N.Y., 1931-1942; director of Museum of Art, Rhode Island School of Design, 1942-1949; director of the Department of Fine Arts, Carnegie Institute, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, 1950-1962; and director, Asia House Gallery, New York, N.Y., 1961-1974.

Scope and Contents

An interview of Gordon Bailey Washburn conducted 1977 March 1, by Virginia Field, for the Archives of American Art. Washburn speaks of his career in museums, with emphasis on his work as director of the Asia House Gallery.

General

Originally recorded on 3 sound tape reels. Reformatted in 2010 as 6 digital wav files. Duration is 3 hr., 5 min.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

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Types of Materials:

Interviews
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Asia House Gallery

Functions:

Art museums