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Oral history interview with James W. Washington Jr

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
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Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

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.

Biographical / Historical

James W. Washington Jr. (1911-2000) was a painter and sculptor from Seattle, Washington.

Scope and Contents

An interview of James W. Washington, Jr. conducted 1965 October 13, by Dorothy Bestor, for the Archives of American Art.

Scope and Contents

Washington discusses his participation in the Mississippi Art Project, the effect it had on his career, and government sponsorship of the arts in general. He recalls segregation in the Mississippi art world.

General

Originally recorded on 1 sound tape reel. Reformatted in 2010 as 1 digital wav file. Duration is 31 min.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- African American artists
- Federal aid to the arts
- Painters -- Washington (State) -- Seattle -- Interviews
- Painting, American
- Sculptors -- Washington (State) -- Seattle -- Interviews
- Sculpture, American

Types of Materials:

- Interviews
- Sound recordings

Names:

- New Deal and the Arts Oral History Project