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Oral history interview with Wesley C. Wehr

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	Oral history interview with Wesley C. Wehr
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Date:	1983 May 26-September 22
Creator:	Wehr, Wesley, 1929-2004 (Interviewee) Kingsbury, Martha, 1941- (Interviewer)
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Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

This interview is part of the Archives' Northwest Oral History Project, begun in 1982 to document the Northwest artistic community through interviews with painters, sculptors, craftsmen, educators, curators, and others, in Oregon, Washington and Montana.

Location of Originals

Transcript also available at the University of Washington, Manuscripts Collection, and at the Oregon Historical Society.

Biographical / Historical

Wesley C. Wehr (1929-2004) is a painter and writer from Seattle, Washington.

Scope and Contents

An interview of Wesley C. Wehr conducted 1983 May 26 - September 22, by Martha Kingsbury, for the Archives of American Art's Northwest Oral History Project in Seattle, Washington.

Scope and Contents

Wehr speaks of meeting the artists Morris Graves and Mark Tobey, their fame, their personalities and his relationship with them; his own background and education in music, poetry, paleobotany, and painting; the Seattle art scene and changes in it during the 1960s; and important Seattle collectors.

General

Originally recorded on 8 sound cassettes. Reformatted in 2010 as 13 digital wav files. Duration is 6 hr., 4 min.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Art -- Collectors and collecting -- Washington (State) -- Interviews
- Art -- Washington (State) -- Seattle
- Art, American -- Northwestern States
- Art, Modern -- Northwestern States
- Artists -- Northwestern States -- Interviews
- Painters -- Washington (State) -- Seattle -- Interviews

Types of Materials:

- Interviews
- Sound recordings

Names:

- Graves, Morris, 1910-
- Tobey, Mark