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Oral history interview with Charles W. White

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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.

Restrictions

Transcript available on the Archives of American Art website.

Biographical / Historical

Charles W. (Wilbert) White (1918-1979) was a painter and educator from Los Angeles, California.

Scope and Contents

An interview of Charles Wilbert White conducted 1965 March 9, by Betty Hoag, for the Archives of American Art. White speaks of his youth in Chicago and early interest in art; early encounters with racism; his early training in art; working on the Federal Art Project; his U.S. Army service; going to Mexico; his ventures in graphic arts; subject matter which inspires him; coming to California; the politics of government subsidy of the arts; and mural projects he worked on. He recalls Harry Sternberg.

General

Originally recorded on 3 sound tape reels. Reformatted in 2010 as 3 digital wav files. Duration is 2 hr., 17 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
- African American painters
- Art -- Philosophy
- Federal aid to the arts
- Mural painting and decoration -- United States

Types of Materials:

- Interviews
- Sound recordings

Names:

- Federal Art Project
- New Deal and the Arts Oral History Project

Occupations:

- Educators -- California -- Los Angeles
- Painters -- California -- Los Angeles