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Oral history interview with Gerald Williams

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Collection Overview

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| Repository: | Archives of American Art |
| Title: | Oral history interview with Gerald Williams |
| Date: | 1978 February 22-1979 April 19 |
| Identifier: | AAA.willia78 |
| Creator: | Williams, Gerald, 1926-2014 (Interviewee) Brown, Robert F. (Interviewer) |
| Extent: | 3 Items (sound tape reels; 5 in.) 72 Pages (Transcript) |
| Language: | English . |
| Digital Content: | Digital Content: Oral history interview with Gerald Williams, 1978 February 22-1979 April 19, Transcript Audio: Oral history interview with Gerald Williams, 1978 February 22-1979 April 19, Digital Sound Recording (Excerpt) |

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

These interviews are part of the Archives of American Art 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.

Available Formats

Transcript is available on the Archives of American Art's website.

Restrictions

This transcript is open for research. Access to the entire recording is restricted. Contact Reference Services for more information.

Biographical / Historical

Gerald Williams (1926-2014) was a sculptor, potter, and editor from Goffstown, N.H.

Scope and Contents

An interview of Gerald Williams conducted 1978 February 22-1979 April 19, by Robert F. Brown, for the Archives of American Art.

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Williams speaks of his boyhood in India; his travails as a pacifist during World War II; his decision to become a potter; his early work; his apprenticeship to John Butler in 1951; the influence upon him of Edwin and Mary Scheier; and the development of the cone firing process and stoneware forms during the 1950s and 1960s.

General

Originally recorded on 3 sound tape reels. Reformatted in 2010 as 5 digital wav files. Duration is 4 hr., 23 min.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Ceramicists -- New Hampshire -- Interviews
- Ceramics
- Decorative arts
- Sculptors -- New Hampshire -- Interviews

Types of Materials:

- Interviews
- Sound recordings

Names:

- Scheier, Edwin A., 1910-
- Scheier, Mary, 1908-