Forrest C. Pogue Interview, 1986

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Collection Overview

| Repository: | Smithsonian Institution Archives, Washington, D.C., osiaref@si.edu |
| Creator: | Pogue, Forrest C. interviewee |
| Title: | Forrest C. Pogue Interview |
| Dates: | 1986 |
| Quantity: | 1 audiotape (reference copy). |

Administrative Information

Preferred Citation
Smithsonian Institution Archives, Record Unit 9589, Pogue, Forrest C. interviewee, Forrest C. Pogue Interview

Use Restriction
Restricted.

Historical Note

Forrest C. Pogue (1912-1996), military historian, received the A.B. from Murray State College in 1931, M.A. from the University of Kentucky in 1932, and Ph.D. from Clark University in 1939. He taught for several years before joining the historical section of the United States Army during World War II. He pioneered the use of oral history interviews to compile battlefield histories. He was appointed Director of the George C. Marshall Research Center in 1956 and later directed the Marshall Library and Marshall Research Foundation until 1974. During this time, he began a four volume biography of General George C. Marshall. In 1974, Pogue was named Director of the newly established Eisenhower Institute for Military Research at the Smithsonian and continued in that position until his retirement in 1986.

Introduction

The Smithsonian Institution Archives began its Oral History Program in 1973. The purpose of the program is to supplement the written documentation of the Archives’ record and manuscript collections with an Oral History Collection, focusing on the history of the Institution, research by its scholars, and contributions of its staff. Program staff conduct interviews with current and retired Smithsonian staff and others who have made significant contributions to the Institution. There are also interviews conducted by researchers or students on topics related to the history of the Smithsonian or the holdings of the Smithsonian Institution Archives.

Pogue was interviewed for the Oral History Collection because of his distinguished career in military history and pioneering role in the field of oral history.
Descriptive Entry

This interview of Pogue by University of Maryland student James Tapley in 1986 covers his education, military service, research and administrative careers. The collection consists of 1.0 hours of audiotape recording and 28 pages of transcript, and occupies 0.5 linear meters of shelf space. Box 1 contains the transcript and a cassette copy of the original recording which is in security storage.

Restricted: The tape of the interview with Forrest C. Pogue is restricted. Contact the Institutional History Division, Smithsonian Institution Archives for information about restrictions.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:
   History
   Military history

Types of Materials:
   Audiotapes
   Interviews
   Oral history

Names:
   Eisenhower Institute for Military History.
   George C. Marshall Library.
   George C. Marshall Research Center.
   George C. Marshall Research Foundation.
   International Commission for Military History.
   Marshall Library, George C.
   Marshall Research Center, George C.
   Marshall Research Foundation, George C.
   Marshall, George C.
   National Museum of American History (U.S.)
   Pogue, Forrest C.
   Smithsonian Institution. National Armed Forces Museum Advisory Board
   Tapley, James.
Container Listing

Box 1

Transcript of Interview

Interview 1: 1986

Audio Recordings of Interview

Interview 1: 1986