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Abstract

Transcript of an oral history interview with American primitive artist Streeter Blair, conducted by Elizabeth I. Dixon and Donald J. Schippers (under the auspices of the Oral History Program of the University of California Los Angeles) and titled "Primitive Painter of the West." Accompanied by a small collection of printed materials relating to Blair.

Creator

Blair, Streeter, 1888-1966

Creator

Dixon, Elizabeth I.

Creator

Schippers, Donald J.

Extent

0.5 Cubic Feet 1 box

Repository

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Biographical Note

Streeter Blair was born in Cadmus, Kansas in 1888. After graduating from Kansas University, he moved to Sabatha, Kansas, where he married Camille Hook in 1913. The couple would have two children. Blair served as principal of Sabatha's high school while teaching English and Latin and coaching the football team. Later, he opened a clothing business, then operated a successful advertising agency. After moving to Los Angeles, the Blairs opened a successful antiques business. Blair's art career began around 1948. With no formal training, Blair nostalgically recalled in his works day-to-day life in rural and small town America. Streeter Blair died in Los Angeles on November 3, 1966.

Scope and Content

This collection consists of the transcript from a 23-hour oral history interview of American primitive artist Streeter Blair, conducted by Elizabeth I. Dixon and Donald J. Schippers (under the auspices of the Oral History Program of the University of California Los Angeles). The transcript, titled "Primitive Painter of the West," focuses on Blair's youth and education in Kansas as well as his careers in education, advertising, and art. Containing more than 800 pages and several illustrations, the transcript is divided into two volumes and is fully indexed. A small collection of Blair-related printed materials accompanies the transcript and includes a brochure for a 1967 Blair retrospective exhibition.

Keywords

Oral histories (literary works)
painters (artists)

Rights Statement for Archival Description

Existence and Location of Originals

The original of the oral history interview of Streeter Blair is at the Center for Oral History Research at UCLA and is available online.

Description of Subordinate Components

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Unit Date 1975

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Blair retrospective exhibition (Sari Heller Gallery) brochure

Unit Date 1967

"Late Starter." Time 93.12: 80-83

Unit Date March 21, 1969

Streeter Blair Hallmark greeting card

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