



Lowry (Wilson McNeil) papers

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Summary Information

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Biographical / Historical

Born on February 17, 1913 in Columbus, Kansas, Wilson McNeil Lowry is known as the Czar of the Humanities and Arts program. With over 10 years of commitment to the Humanities and Arts, Lowry has transformed American views on the entire industry in his lifetime.

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Scope and Contents

The Ford Foundation's Wilson McNeil Lowry papers are a pathway into the Humanities and The Arts effects on America in the 20th century. The Collection includes: -Reports of Lowry's investments into different art programs -Important speeches and talks for committees and schools -Tributes and Thank you

Letters for Lowry's Lifetime commitment to the Humanities and Arts -Personal Letters and Emails with colleagues -Published News Articles (Originals and Copies) -Emails from secretary to pushstart a Lowry Biography Book -Lowry's Memorial Service

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Arrangement

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