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Introduction

The papers of an artist, teacher, and curator of the State Historical Society of Missouri’s art collection include newspaper clippings, correspondence, and research on Thomas Hart Benton, as well as records of Larson’s restoration work on various Missouri murals. Also included are slides from Larson’s art and art history lectures as a professor at Columbia College.

Biographical Sketch

Sidney Larson was born on June 16, 1923. He was an art professor at Columbia College before retiring in 2001 after 50 years. Larson’s work included restoration of his mentor Thomas Hart Benton’s murals in the Missouri State Capitol building, and he later became a leading expert on the work of both Thomas Hart Benton and George Caleb Bingham. Larson received numerous awards and honors throughout his career. He died on May 12, 2009.

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