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Guide to the

**Interview with William Machado**

1997

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## Summary

**Creator:** Raab, Barbara

**Title:** Interview with William Machado

**Date:** 1997

**Abstract:** The collection consists of a transcript of an interview given to Babara Raab in 1997 in which Machado reflects on his life and work

**Access:** Advance notice required.

**Physical Location:** MssCol 6209

**Preferred citation:** Raab, Barbara. Interview with William Machado, 1997, Manuscripts and Archives Division, The New York Public Library

## Creator History

William Morris Machado was born in Binghamton, New York in 1912. He attended Hobart College in 1932 where he graduated AB cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa with a Major in Greek and Minors in Biology and Ancient Art before attending Harvard University Graduate School of Fine Arts in 1938. He served in the Army Air Force during World War II as an expert in entomology and epidemiology. After the War, he pursued a career in art and design, forming Design Unit New York (later Baldwin-Machado) in 1947 with Benjamin Baldwin. His notable works include renovations and interior design for the Dakota, Hotel Pierre, The Sherry-Netherland and the Carlyle. He died in New York City in 2007.

## Key Terms

### Occupations

Designers -- New York (N.Y.) -- 20th Century

### Subjects

Gay men -- New York (State) -- New York -- Interviews  
Homosexuality -- United States -- Biography  
Interior decorators -- New York (N.Y.) -- 20th Century

**Genre/Physical Characteristic**

Oral histories (document genres)

**Geographic Names**

United States -- Social life and customs -- 20th century

**Names**

Machado, William Morris, 1912-2007