

**Guide to the Oral History of
LEAF, MUNRO (1905-1976)**

Biographical/Historical Notes

Munro Leaf was an author and illustrator. He was born in 1905 in Hamilton, Maryland (now part of Baltimore) and raised in Washington, D.C. He attended the University of Maryland and Harvard University, where he earned a Master's degree in English Literature. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He moved to Montgomery County in 1973. Leaf was the author of several children's books, most notably, *The Story of Ferdinand*.

Interview – Interviewed October 23, 1975 by Marguerite M. Murray for MCHS.

Subject

Children's books
Publishing

Subject Names

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Interview Index

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| 3. | <u>210 - 403</u> | <u>" , continuing war years.</u> |
| 4. | <u>404 - 470</u> | <u>with State Dept, Cultural Educational Exchange</u> |
| 5. | <u>1 471 - 634</u> | <u>Ferdinand, Writing & Publishing</u> |
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