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## Oral history interview with Bernard Braddon and Sidney Paul Schectman

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives of American Art
<b>Title:</b>	Oral history interview with Bernard Braddon and Sidney Paul Schectman
<b>Date:</b>	1981 October 9
<b>Identifier:</b>	AAA.braddo81
<b>Creator:</b>	Braddon, Bernard (Interviewee) Berman, Avis (Interviewer) Schectman, Sidney Paul (Interviewee) Mark Rothko and His Times Oral History Project
<b>Extent:</b>	31 Pages (Transcript)
<b>Language:</b>	English .
<b>Digital Content:</b>	<a href="#">Digital Content: Oral history interview with Bernard Braddon and Sidney Paul Schectman, 1981 October 9, Transcript</a> <a href="#">Audio: Oral history interview with Bernard Braddon and Sidney Paul Schectman, 1981 October 9, Digital Sound Recording (Excerpt)</a>

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

This interview was conducted as part of the Archives of American Art's Mark Rothko and his Times oral history project, with funding provided by the Mark Rothko Foundation.

### Acquisition Information

Others interviewed on the project (by various interviewers) include: Sonia Allen, Sally Avery, Ben-Zion, Ernest Briggs, Rhys Caparn, Elaine de Kooning, Herbert Ferber, Esther Gottlieb, Juliette Hays, Sidney Janis, Buffie Johnson, Jacob Kainen, Louis Kaufman, Jack Kufeld, Katharine Kuh, Stanley Kunitz, Joseph Liss, Dorothy Miller, Robert Motherwell, Betty Parsons, Wallace Putnam, Rebecca Reis, Maurice Roth, Aaron Siskind, Joseph Solman, Hedda Sterne, Jack Tworok, Esteban Vicente and Ed Weinstein. Each has been cataloged separately.

### Available Formats

Transcript available online.

### Restrictions

Transcript available on the Archives of American Art website.

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## Biographical / Historical

Bernard Braddon, operated Mercury Galleries in New York, New York, in existence from 1937 to 1940. Held 6th show of The Ten, called the Whitney Dissenters.

## Scope and Contents

An interview of Bernard Braddon and Sidney Schectman conducted 1981 October 9, by Avis Berman, for the Archives of American Art's Mark Rothko and His Times oral history project.

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Braddon and Schectman recall the origins of the Mercury Gallery and their involvement with the artists group The Ten, in which Rothko participated.

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## General

Originally recorded on 2 sound cassettes. Reformatted in 2010 as 3 digital wav files. Duration is 1 hr., 35 min.

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## Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

### Subjects:

Abstract expressionism  
Philadelphia Ten (Group of artists)

### Types of Materials:

Interviews  
Sound recordings

### Names:

Mark Rothko and His Times Oral History Project  
Mercury Galleries (New York, N.Y.)  
Rothko, Mark, 1903-1970

### Occupations:

Art dealers -- New York (State) -- New York