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Oral history interview with Vivian Browne

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	Oral history interview with Vivian Browne
Date:	1968 July 1
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Creator:	Browne, Vivian E., 1929-1993 (Interviewee) Ghent, Henri, 1926- (Interviewer)
Extent:	20 Pages (Transcript)
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Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

This interview is part of the Archives of American Art Oral History Program, started in 1958 to document the history of the visual arts in the United States, primarily through interviews with artists, historians, dealers, critics and others.

Available Formats

Transcript available on line.

Restrictions

Transcript available on the Archives of American Art website.

Biographical / Historical

Vivian E. Brown (1929-1993) was a painter and art administrator in New York, New York.

Scope and Contents

An interview of Vivian Browne conducted 1968 July 1, by Henri Ghent, for the Archives of American Art.

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Browne speaks of her family background and education; the development of her interest in art; reactions to her work; being a Black artist; printmaking; her work as a supervisor to art instructors in public schools; government support for the arts; her future plans.

General

Originally recorded on 2 sound cassettes. Reformatted in 2010 as 3 digital wav files. Duration is 1 hr., 50 min.

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Transferred from original acetate tape reels.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- African American artists
- Art and state
- Women artists
- Women arts administrators
- Women painters

Types of Materials:

- Interviews
- Sound recordings

Occupations:

- Arts administrators -- New York (State) -- New York
- Collectors -- New York (State) -- New York
- Painters -- New York (State) -- New York