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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	Sam Brown [videorecording] / [produced by] the National Archives ; interviewer, Shawn Aubitz
Date:	1985
Identifier:	AAA.browsamu
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Language:	English .

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Donated 1990 by Samuel J. Brown, through the National Archives, as part of AAA's Philadelphia Art Documentation Project.

Biographical / Historical

Samuel Joseph Brown (1907-1994) was an African American painter in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He is thought to be the first African American artist hired by the Public Works of Art Project (PWAP) and later worked for the Works Projects Administration (WPA) in Philadelphia as both a painter and a printmaker.

Scope and Contents

An interview with painter Samuel Brown conducted by Shawn Aubitz of the National Archives, for an exhibition on the Work Projects Administration in Philadelphia. Brown discusses his work on the WPA; materials and techniques; some of his paintings, including "The Scrubwoman," and "The Lynching"; sharing a studio with Dox Thrash; and a visit from Eleanor Roosevelt.

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Names and Subject Terms

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Thrash, Dox, 1892-1965
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Occupations:

Painters -- Pennsylvania -- Philadelphia