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Oral history interview with Terry Dintenfass

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives of American Art
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<b>Date:</b>	1974 December 2-1975 January 13
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<b>Creator:</b>	Dintenfass, Terry, 1920- Cummings, Paul
<b>Language:</b>	English .

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

These interviews are 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.

### Restrictions

Transcript available on the Archives of American Art website.

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## Biographical / Historical

Terry Dintenfass (1920-2004) was an art dealer from New York, New York. She operated Terry Dintenfass, Inc.

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## Scope and Contents

Interview of Terry Dintenfass conducted 1974 December 2-1975 January 13, by Paul Cummings, for the Archives of American Art, in her home in New York, New York.

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## Scope and Contents

Dintenfass speaks of her family; education; travel; studying with Franklin Chenault Watkins and Clayton Whitehall at the Philadelphia College of Art; working as a nurse; her galleries in Atlantic City, New Jersey; social protest painting; buying American paintings for Armand Erpf; her apprenticeship with Herman Baron; critics; discovering Sidney Goodman; women art dealers; and visiting Georgia O'Keeffe. She

recalls Charles Alan, Hyman Bloom, Philip Evergood, Robert Gwathmey, Edith Halpert, Jacob Lawrence, and others.

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## General

Originally recorded on 2 sound tape reels. Reformatted in 2010 as 3 digital wav file. Duration is 2 hr., 38 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:

Art dealers -- New York (State) -- New York -- Interviews  
Women art dealers -- New York (State) -- New York -- Interviews

### Types of Materials:

Interviews  
Sound recordings

### Names:

Alan, Charles, 1908?-1975  
Baron, Herman, 1892-1961  
Bloom, Hyman, 1913-  
Erpf, Armand  
Evergood, Philip, 1901-1973  
Goodman, Sidney  
Gwathmey, Robert, 1903-1988  
Halpert, Edith Gregor, 1900-1970  
Lawrence, Jacob, 1917-2000  
O'Keeffe, Georgia , 1887-1986  
Terry Dintenfass, Inc.  
Watkins, Franklin Chenault, 1894-1972

### Functions:

Art galleries, Commercial -- New York (State) -- New York