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## Oral history interview with Jerry Farnsworth and Helen Sawyer

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives of American Art
<b>Title:</b>	Oral history interview with Jerry Farnsworth and Helen Sawyer
<b>Date:</b>	1972 Sept. 21
<b>Identifier:</b>	AAA.farnsw72
<b>Creator:</b>	Farnsworth, Jerry, 1895-1982 (Interviewee) Brown, Robert F. (Interviewer) Sawyer, Helen (Interviewee)
<b>Extent:</b>	1 Sound tape reel (Sound recording; 5 in.) 39 Pages (Transcript, Helen Farnsworth only)
<b>Language:</b>	English .
<b>Digital Content:</b>	<a href="#">Audio: Oral history interview with Jerry Farnsworth and Helen Sawyer, 1972 Sept. 21, Digital Sound Recording (Excerpt)</a>

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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.

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## Biographical / Historical

Jerry Farnsworth (1895-1982) and Helen Farnsworth (1889-1999) were painters, instructors, and writers from North Truro, Mass. Helen was born in Washington, D.C. and died at age 102.

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## Scope and Contents

An interview of Jerry Farnsworth, followed by an interview of his wife, Helen Sawyer (Farnsworth) conducted 1972 Sept. 21, by Robert Brown, for the Archives of American Art.

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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, American  
Painters -- Massachusetts -- North Truro -- Interviews

Types of Materials:

Interviews  
Sound recordings

Occupations:

Art teachers -- Massachusetts -- North Truro -- Interviews  
Authors -- Massachusetts -- North Truro -- Interviews