

FORT GANSEVOORT



Winfred Rembert, 1945–2021

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Winfred Rembert, "Dinner Time in the Cotton Field," 2013. Courtesy of Fort Gansevoort.

"I don't think I'll ever get over that," the artist Winfred Rembert said in 2017, referring to the day in 1967 when he was nearly lynched by a white mob in Georgia. "I think I'll be dead and in my grave before it's over." Rembert died in March of 2021, at 75, leaving behind a rich body of work that vividly remembers the way things were in the Jim Crow South. Men on chain gangs, dressed in black-and-white stripes. Women bent amid rows of snowy cotton. Rembert's medium was leather—he carved and dyed images into it. These images possess fierce energy and a stunning compositional power. This exhibition presents 20 works that capture pivotal events in Rembert's life. — L.J.