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Phyllis Crawford papers relating
to the Index of American Design

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	Phyllis Crawford papers relating to the Index of American Design
Identifier:	AAA.crawphyl
Date:	1936-1963
Creator:	Crawford, Phyllis
Extent:	54 Items ((on 3 partial microfilm reels))
Language:	English .

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Donated by Phyllis Crawford, 1963-1964.

Available Formats

35mm microfilm reels NDA 3, NDA 14, & 2814 available at Archives of American Art offices and through interlibrary loan.

Restrictions

Use of original papers requires an appointment and is limited to the Archives' Washington, D.C., Research Center. Microfilmed materials must be consulted on microfilm. Contact Reference Services for more information.

Biographical / Historical

Senior Project Supervisor at the Index of American Design in New York, 1936-1949. The Index was a research division of the Federal Art Project which produced approximately 20,000 reproductions (photographs and original drawings) and classifications of a wide variety of American art, paintings, sculptures, handicrafts, and folk art during the 1930's.

Scope and Contents

Correspondence, writings, lists and printed material collected by Crawford relating to the Index of American Design and her position there.

Scope and Contents

Reel 2814: Printed material: "Index of American Design" (an introduction), "Index of American Design Portfolios and Proposed Groupings," and "Supplement No. 1 to the Federal Art Project: Manual Instructions to the Index of American Design" (January 1936). (Microfilmed as Index of American Design records).

Scope and Contents

Reel NDA 3: Lists, reports and correspondence concerning the administration of the Index of American Design in New York. Included are two lengthy comments written to Holger Cahill in 1949; pamphlets; press clippings; and material related to the controversy surrounding her resignation as Senior Project Supervisor.

Scope and Contents

Reel NDA 14: Lists, correspondence, press clippings, pamphlets relating to the Index of American Design and the controversy surrounding Crawford's resignation.

Other Title

Index of American Design (microfilm title).

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Women arts administrators

Names:

Cahill, Holger, 1887-1960
Index of American Design
United States. Works Progress Administration

Occupations:

Arts administrators -- Washington (D.C.)