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FAP (Calif.) photographs

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	FAP (Calif.) photographs
Identifier:	AAA.fedeartp01
Date:	1935-1943
Extent:	0.6 Linear feet ((ca. 165 items))
Creator:	Federal Art Project (Calif.)
Language:	English

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Donated 1975 by Richard Russell.

Restrictions

Use of original papers requires an appointment and is limited to the Archives' Washington, D.C., Research Center. Contact Reference Services for more information.

Biographical / Historical

The Federal Art Project (FAP) fell under the jurisdiction of Federal Project No. 1 of the Works Progress Administration (WPA). The WPA was established in May 1935 specifically as a work relief program for the millions of individuals left unemployed during the Depression. Its name changed to the Work Projects Administration in 1939 when it fell under the administrative hand of the newly created Federal Works Agency. The FAP was created in August 1935 to aid unemployed artists, following the precedent set by the Public Works of Art Project and other Treasury department art relief projects. The 48 states and territories were divided into regions and administered through the regional office.

Scope and Contents

Photographs of artists at work and photographs of their works of art.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Art and state -- California -- Photographs
Artists -- California -- Photographs
Federal aid to public welfare -- California -- Photographs
Federal aid to the arts -- California -- Photographs
New Deal, 1933-1939 -- California -- Photographs

Names:

United States. Work Projects Administration
United States. Works Progress Administration