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## A Finding Aid to the Pennsylvania Federal Art Project Records, 1940-1942, in the Archives of American Art

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives of American Art
<b>Title:</b>	Pennsylvania Federal Art Project records
<b>Date:</b>	1940-1942
<b>Identifier:</b>	AAA.fedeartp07
<b>Creator:</b>	Federal Art Project (Pa.)
<b>Extent:</b>	1 Microfilm reel
<b>Language:</b>	English .
<b>Summary:</b>	The records of the Pennsylvania Federal Art Project date from 1940 to 1942. Found are writings and a radio script, a project proposal, and Federal Art Project and Works Progress Administration produced printed material.

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

The collection was lent for microfilming 1964 by the Philadelphia Museum College of Art via Richard Doud and returned after filming.

### Location of Originals

Originals returned to the Philadelphia Museum College of Art after microfilming.

### Available Formats

The collection has been microfilmed on reel NDA 10. The microfilm has been digitized and is available on the Archives of American Art website.

### Processing Information

The collection was microfilmed on Reel NDA10 and was returned to Philadelphia Museum College of Art via Richard Doud after filming. The microfilm was described in a finding aid by Jayna Josefson in 2025 and the microfilm was digitized in 2024 with funding provided by Smithsonian Collections Information System (CIS) IRM Pool Fund.

### Preferred Citation

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## **Biographical / Historical**

The Federal Art Project was established under Federal Project No. 1 of the Works Progress Administration. The forty-eight states and territories were divided into regions and Federal Art Project programs were initiated, employing thousands of unemployed artists and craftsmen.

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## **Scope and Contents**

The records of the Pennsylvania Federal Art Project date from 1940 to 1942. Found are writings and a radio script, a project proposal, and Federal Art Project and Works Progress Administration produced printed material.

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## **Arrangement**

Due to the pre-existing microfilm arrangement, the collection is arranged as one series.

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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:

Federal aid to the arts

Names:

United States. Works Progress Administration

Functions:

Agencies -- Pennsylvania

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## Container Listing

### Series 1: Pennsylvania Federal Art Project Records, 1940-1942

Scope and Contents: Writings include an overview of the Federal Work Project, Works Progress Administration in Pennsylvania and a radio script concerning the project delivered on WCAU in July 1941. A project proposal application to the FAP, WPA is entitled "Pennsylvania Artwork in the War Effort." Also found are WPA produced printed materials. Of note is a brochure on folk art in rural Pennsylvania.

Reel NDA10.fap pa,  
Frame 400-420 [Writings, 1940-1942](#)

Reel NDA10.fap pa,  
Frame 421-504 [Proposal, "Pennsylvania Artwork in the War Effort", 1940-1942](#)

Reel NDA10.fap pa,  
Frame 505-552 [Printed Material, 1940-1942](#)

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