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Milwaukee Handicraft Project blockprints and materials

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	Milwaukee Handicraft Project blockprints and materials
Identifier:	AAA.fedeartp12
Date:	1935-1936
Creator:	Federal Art Project (Wis.)
Extent:	1.3 Linear feet
Language:	English .

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Unmicrofilmed material donated 1964 by Howard Thomas; material on reel 3482 donated 1966 by Harold Wescott.

Available Formats

Microfilmed portion 35mm microfilm reel 3482 available for use 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

Howard Thomas was the director of the Milwaukee WPA Handicraft Project. The Milwaukee WPA Handicraft Project was one of the more unusual and diverse of the handicraft projects. Its "Project 1170" was a program especially created for women interested in becoming self-supporting. The Milwaukee County and the Milwaukee State Teachers College were partial sponsors of the project.

Scope and Contents

A collection of portfolios containing 59 block-printed textiles done for the handicraft project.

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Also included on microfilm reel 3482 is one decorative, block-printed portfolio, approximately 11" x 13.5" with a seal "W.P.A. Handicraft Project No. 1170".

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Decorative arts
- Federal aid to the arts -- Wisconsin -- Milwaukee
- Federal aid to the public welfare -- Wisconsin -- Milwaukee
- Handicraft -- Wisconsin -- Milwaukee
- New Deal, 1933-1939 -- Wisconsin -- Milwaukee
- Prints, American -- Wisconsin -- Milwaukee

Names:

- United States. Work Projects Administration
- United States. Works Progress Administration
- WPA Milwaukee Handicraft Project

Functions:

- Agencies
- Programs (organizations)