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New Deal art programs in New Jersey selected records

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	New Deal art programs in New Jersey selected records
Date:	1934-1942
Identifier:	AAA.histrecs
Creator:	Historical Records Survey (U.S.)
Extent:	10 Microfilm reels
Language:	English .

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Lent for microfilming 1964 by the New Jersey State Library, Trenton, N.J.

Location of Originals

Originals returned to the State Library, Trenton, N.J. after microfilming.

Available Formats

35mm microfilm reels NDA/TN1-NDA/TN10 available for use at Archives of American Art offices and through interlibrary loan.

Restrictions

The Archives of American art does not own the original papers. Use is limited to the microfilm copy.

Biographical / Historical

The New Deal art programs were primarily administered under the Treasury Department and the Works Progress Administration (later the Work Projects Administration) as relief measures for unemployed artists.

Biographical / Historical

The Historical Records Survey (HRS) had its origins in the Federal Emergency Relief Administration and the Civil Works Administration. In 1935 it came under the auspices of the Federal Writers' Project and eventually was designated as an independent program under Federal Project No. One. The projects, ideally suited for white collar workers, employed individuals to survey, classify and collect historical records. One program of the HRS was the survey of American portraits in public buildings. The Indian Site Survey was a WPA-New Jersey state-wide project operating under the Division of Professional and Service Projects, and sponsored by the New Jersey State Museum and the Archeological Society of New Jersey.

Scope and Contents

Approximately half the records relate to the Historical Records Survey's portrait survey, 1940-1941. The remainder are records of the Indian Site Survey, 1936-1942, a WPA program operating under the Division of Professional Service Projects, and to a lesser degree, the Public Works of Art Project, the Treasury Section of Painting and Sculpture, the Works Progress Administration Federal Art Project and its predecessor, the Civil Works Administration.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Federal aid to public welfare -- New Jersey
- Federal aid to the arts -- New Jersey
- New Deal, 1933-1939 -- New Jersey
- Painting, American

Names:

- Federal Art Project (N.J.)
- Historical Records Survey (N.J.)
- Historical Records Survey (U.S.). Indian Site Survey
- Indian Site Survey (N.J.)
- Public Works of Art Project
- United States. Dept. of the Treasury. Section of Fine Arts
- United States. Dept. of the Treasury. Section of Painting and Sculpture
- United States. Federal Civil Works Administration
- United States. Work Projects Administration
- United States. Works Progress Administration

Functions:

- Agencies
- Programs (organizations)

Places:

- New Jersey -- Antiquities
- New Jersey -- Social conditions
- United States -- Economic conditions -- 1918-1945
- United States -- Social conditions -- 1933-1945