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David S. Osborn papers relating to
the Federal art project in California

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	David S. Osborn papers relating to the Federal art project in California
Identifier:	AAA.osbodavi
Date:	1956
Creator:	Osborn, David S.
Extent:	0.2 Linear feet ((on partial microfilm reel))
Language:	English .

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

The lender, Glenn Wessels, is a professor in the art department of the University of California (Berkeley).

Location of Originals

Originals returned to Glenn Wessels after microfilming.

Available Formats

35mm microfilm reel NDA 1(frames 504-599) 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 Federal Art Project (FAP) fell under the jurisdiction of Federal Project No. 1 of the Works Progress Administration (WPA). Established in May 1935 specifically as a work relief program for unemployed artists. Each state and territory had its own programs and were administered aid from the federal government via a local agency.

Scope and Contents

A 73 page thesis, MURAL PROJECTS OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT IN THE BAY AREA OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA, University of California (Berkeley), December 17, 1956; handwritten notes about the mural projects; and photographs of murals painted by Lucien Labaudt.

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 -- San Francisco
Federal aid to the arts -- California -- San Francisco
Federal aid to the public welfare -- California -- San Francisco
Mural painting and decoration, American -- California -- San Francisco
New Deal, 1933-1939 -- California -- San Francisco

Names:

Federal Art Project (Calif.)
Labaudt, Lucien, 1880-1943

Places:

United States -- Economic conditions -- 1918-1945 -- California -- San Francisco
United States -- Social conditions -- 1933-1945 -- California -- San Francisco