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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	PWAP reports by Gustave Baumann
Identifier:	AAA.publwonm
Date:	1934
Creator:	Public Works of Art Project (N.M.)
Extent:	1 Microfilm reel
Language:	English .

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Lent for microfilming 1964 by Gustave Baumann.

Location of Originals

Originals returned to Gustave Baumann after microfilming.

Available Formats

35mm microfilm reel D155 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 Public Works of Art Project (PWAP), the first of the New Deal art programs, was established under the Department of the Treasury in December 1933 to assist unemployed artists by enabling them to work on the decoration of non-federal public buildings. Although it lasted only until the following summer, it engaged nearly 4,000 artists in all parts of the country and served as an important precedent for subsequent federal art programs, such as the Federal Art Project of the Works Progress Administration.

Scope and Contents

Reports of work in the 13th region (New Mexico), written by the supervisor, Gustave Baumann. Included are detailed personal and professional comment on numerous artists in the Santa Fe, Taos, and Albuquerque projects, among them Emil Bisttram, Tom Lea, Ward Lockwood, Olive Rush, and Will Shuster; a work journal and commentary on various artists and their projects; and commentary on the physical situation, psychological climate and supervisory problems associated with the projects.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Art and state -- United States
Federal aid to public welfare
Federal aid to the arts
Mural painting and decoration -- 20th century -- New Mexico
New Deal, 1933-1939

Names:

Baumann, Gustave, 1881-1971
Bisttram, Emil, 1895-1976
Lea, Tom, 1907-
Lockwood, Ward
Rush, Olive, 1873-1966
Shuster, Will