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PWAP records of the New York Regional Committee

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives of American Art
<b>Title:</b>	PWAP records of the New York Regional Committee
<b>Date:</b>	1933-1934
<b>Identifier:</b>	AAA.publwony
<b>Creator:</b>	Public Works of Art Project (N.Y.)
<b>Extent:</b>	0.4 Linear feet ((700 items))
<b>Language:</b>	English .

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

Provenance unknown.

### Restrictions

Use of original papers requires an appointment and is limited to the Archives' Washington, D.C., Research Center. Contact Reference Services for more information.

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## Biographical / Historical

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. The PWAP divided the 48 states into 16 regions in order to administer its programs more efficiently.

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## Scope and Contents

Receipts for works of art deposited with the New York Regional Committee by the Public Works of Art Project. Receipts state the artists' names, addresses, employment dates, amount, medium and location of work.

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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:

Art and state -- New York (State)  
Federal aid to the arts -- New York (State)  
Federal aid to the public welfare -- New York (State)

New Deal, 1933-1939 -- New York (State)

Names:

United States. Department of the Treasury

Occupations:

Artists -- New York (State)