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Collection Overview

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Administrative Information

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Biographical / Historical

President of the United States of America, 1933-1945. Instituted the Works Progress Administration (WPA) and its programs. Harry L. Hopkins was the Director of the WPA. The Federal Art Project was one of five projects in Federal Project No. 1 of the WPA. Holger Cahill was director.

Scope and Contents

Correspondence of Roosevelt, Edward Bruce, Nelson Rockefeller, Hopkins, George Biddle, William Zorach, Olin Dows, Rockwell Kent and others regarding the Public Works of Art Project, the Federal Theater Project, and the Federal Art Project; reports on regional Federal Art Project offices in Florida, Massachusetts, North Carolina and Pennsylvania; shipping receipts for works of art; clippings; photographs of works of art; correspondence between White House staff and members of the American Institute of Architects concerning federal architecture, 1934; correspondence of Edgar Chambless regarding his urban design, "Roadtown"; and miscellaneous correspondence.

Names and Subject Terms

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Subjects:

- Art and state
- Federal aid to the arts
- Federal aid to the public welfare
- New Deal, 1933-1939

Names:

- American Institute of Architects
- Biddle, George, 1885-1973
- Bruce, Edward, 1879-1943
- Chambless, Edgar, d. 1936
- Dows, Olin, 1904-1981
- Federal Art Project
- Federal Theatre Project (U.S.)
- Kent, Rockwell, 1882-1971
- Public Works of Art Project
- Rockefeller, Nelson A. (Nelson Aldrich), 1908-1979
- Treasury Relief Art Project
- United States. Dept. of the Treasury. Section of Fine Arts
- United States. President (1933-1945 : Roosevelt)
- Zorach, William, 1887-1966

Places:

- United States -- Economic conditions -- 1918-1945
- United States -- Social conditions -- 1933-1945