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Collection Overview

Repository: Archives of American Art
Title: Ben Shahn papers
Identifier: AAA.shahben
Date: 1879-1990 (bulk 1933-1970)
Extent: 24.8 Linear feet
Creator: Shahn, Ben, 1898-1969
Language: English
Summary: The papers of social realist painter, photographer, illustrator, printmaker, and teacher Ben Shahn (1898-1969) measure 24.8 linear feet and date from 1879-1990, with the bulk of the material dating from 1933-1970. The bulk of the collection consists of over 14 linear feet of incoming letters from artists, writers, colleagues, publishers, art organizations, galleries, and universities and colleges. Also found are biographical materials, project and source files, printed material, artwork by Shahn and others, photographs taken of and by Shahn, interview transcripts, sound recordings of interviews and a motion picture film.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

The Ben Shahn papers were donated to the Archives of American Art in several installments between 1967-1991 by Shahn's widow, Bernarda Bryson Shahn who also lent materials for microfilming in 1969. Jean Shahn, Ben Shahn's daughter-in-law and estate representative, donated one additional sketch in 2018.

Separated Materials

The Archives of American Art also holds material lent for microfilming (reel N70-6) including addresses and essays by Shahn, seven royalty statements, and three letters from publishers. Many of the writings found on this reel were included in subsequent donations. All other lent material was returned to the lender and is not described in the collection container inventory.

Related Archival Materials

The Archives of American Art holds four oral history interviews with Ben Shahn: 1964 Apr. 14 interview conducted by Richard K. Doud for the Archives of American Art New Deal and the Arts Project in which Shahn speaks of his travels and work for the Farm Security Administration (FSA) and the American image as portrayed by FSA; 1965 Jan. 17 interview; 1965 Oct. 3. interview conducted by Harlan Phillips for the Archives of American Art New Deal
and the Arts Project; and 1968 Sept. 27 interview conducted by Forrest Selvig. Most of these interviews have transcripts available online.


Available Formats

This site provides access to the papers of Ben Shahn in the Archives of American Art that were digitized in 2010, and total 41,733 images. Some of the audiovisual material has been digitized for reference use and is available in the Archives of American Art offices.

Material lent for microfilming is available on 35mm microfilm reel N70-6 at the Archives of American Art offices and through interlibrary loan.

Processing Information

The Ben Shahn papers were received in several installments and microfilmed on reels D143-D148, 133-135 and 5006-5027. Funding from the Sarah I. Schieffelin Residuary Trust supported a portion of the microfilming. The microfilm was described in a finding aid by Jean Fitzgerald in 1995. All accessions were physically and intellectually merged, processed, arranged and described in 2009-2010 by Stephanie Ashley and digitized in 2011 with funding provided by the Terra Foundation for American Art. 2018 edition processed in 2019 by Ryan Evans.

Preferred Citation


Restrictions

Access to original papers requires an appointment. Access to audiovisual recording with no duplicate access copy requires advance notice.

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Biographical Note

Ben Shahn (1898-1969) was a social realist painter, muralist, printmaker, photographer, illustrator, and teacher who worked primarily in Brooklyn, New York and New Jersey. He was most active in the 1930s through the 1950s and worked on several federally funded arts projects, including the Farm Security Administration’s photographic documentation project of rural America during the Depression.

Ben Shahn was born in Kovno, Lithuania and immigrated with his family to the United States in 1906 where he settled in Brooklyn, and later Roosevelt, New Jersey, after becoming a naturalized citizen in 1918.
Following an apprenticeship as a lithographer from 1913-1917, Shahn studied at New York University, the City College of New York, and the National Academy of Design from 1919-1922. He married Tillie Goldstein in 1922 and they had two children, Judith and Ezra.

Two years after Shahn's first solo exhibition at the Downtown Gallery in 1930, his Passion of Sacco and Vanzetti, a series of 23 gouaches about the Sacco and Vanzetti trial of the 1920s, was exhibited at the Downtown Gallery to critical and public acclaim. The exhibition marked the beginning of Shahn's reputation as one of the most important social realist painters in America. Shahn's commitment to social and political justice found a natural outlet in mural painting when, in 1933, he was hired to assist Diego Rivera on the labor and industry mural Man at the Crossroads, for New York City's Rockefeller Center. The mural was destroyed amid controversy in 1933 before it was completed, but Shahn had learned much about the art of fresco painting during the project and was inspired by the potential of the mural as a unique art form for presenting life's struggles and stories to a large public audience. Between 1933 and 1937 Shahn worked on various murals for other buildings, including New York's Central Park Casino (circa 1934) and Riker's Island Prison (1934), none of which saw completion. In 1937, however, the Farm Security Administration (FSA) commissioned Shahn to execute a mural for the Community Center in the town of Jersey Homesteads, later Roosevelt, New Jersey, which Shahn completed in 1938. Shahn settled in Jersey Homesteads the following year and remained there for the rest of his life. Other important mural commissions followed for the Bronx Central Post office (1939) and the Social Security Building in Washington DC (1942).

One of Shahn's assistants on the Jersey Homesteads mural was Bernarda Bryson, whom he had met in 1933 when she came to New York to interview Rivera about the Rockefeller Center mural controversy for an Ohio newspaper. Shahn and Bryson became lifetime companions and had three children, Susanna, Jonathan and Abigail, although they did not marry until shortly before Shahn's death in 1969. Shahn and Tillie Goldstein were divorced in 1944.

Shahn had enrolled with the federal Public Works of Art Project in 1934, and between 1935 and 1938 he and Bryson travelled across country as Shahn photographed poverty-stricken areas and documented rural life for the Farm Security Administration (FSA) and the Resettlement Agency. Shahn's interest in photography developed in the early 1930s when, encouraged by his friendship with Walker Evans, he began photographing street scenes and people in New York City. He later used the images as the basis for many of his prints and paintings.

In 1942 Shahn began working for the Office of War Information (OWI) and was instructed to produce posters and pamphlets explaining to citizens the necessities of wartime, such as the need for secrecy and food rationing. Ultimately, only two of Shahn's posters were ever used; the rest were rejected as being too harsh for their intended audience. Shahn later worked for the Congress of Industrial Organization Political Action Committee (CIO-PAC), producing posters for the 1944 campaign to re-elect Roosevelt, who he believed in deeply. He was promoted to director of the CIO's Graphic Arts Division for the 1946 congressional campaign following Roosevelt's death, but that job ended when the election went poorly for the Democratic party.

Shahn returned increasingly to painting and a retrospective of his work was held at the Museum of Modern Art in 1947. He also became more active in academia as an accomplished writer, teacher and lecturer. He received honorary doctorates from Princeton University and Harvard University, and become the Charles Eliot Norton professor at Harvard in 1956. Shahn's Norton lectures were collected and published as the influential The Shape of Content in 1957. He also began to work as a commercial artist for a variety of companies and publications including CBS, Time, Harper's, and the Container Corporation of America. Shahn believed, however, that the artist's ideas and integrity must always be reflected in his commercial art. He refused to compromise on this point and was very selective in his choice of commercial commissions. Shahn illustrated many books and articles, designed sets for stage productions such as New York Export: Opus Jazz, choreographed by Jerome Robbins, and designed mural mosaics for synagogues, universities and private homes.
Since the 1930s Shahn had been represented by Edith Halpert at the Downtown Gallery, but his relationship with her was always contentious on the subject of payments Shahn received for commercial work, and became increasingly so as his income from such sources increased. Finally, in 1968, Shahn wrote to Halpert telling her that after ten years of "an accumulation of ill-feeling, discomfort and recrimination between us" he felt compelled to end their dealer-artist relationship.

By the time of Shahn's break with Halpert his health had begun to fail. He died of a heart attack following surgery in a New York City hospital on March 14, 1969.

Scope and Contents

The papers of social realist painter, photographer, illustrator, printmaker, and teacher Ben Shahn (1898-1969) measure 24.8 linear feet and date from 1879-1990, with the bulk of the material dating from 1933-1970. The bulk of the collection consists of over 14 linear feet of incoming letters from artists, writers, colleagues, publishers, art organizations, galleries, and universities and colleges. Also found are biographical materials, project and source files, printed material, artwork by Shahn and others, photographs taken of and by Shahn, interview transcripts, sound recordings of interviews and a motion picture film.

Biographical material and family records include a 1924 passport for Shahn and his first wife, Tillie, biographical sketches of Shahn, and award certificates received by him.

Letters are primarily written to Shahn from family members, artists, writers, colleagues, publishers, art organizations, galleries, and universities and colleges. Notable correspondents include Leonard Baskin, Alexander Calder, Dorothea Lange, Walker Evans, Joseph Hirsch, Leo Lionni, John Bartlow Martin, George and Marian Nakashima, Clifford Odets, Charles Olson, Robert Osborn, Diego Rivera, Jerome Robbins, Selden Rodman, James Thrall Soby, Raphael Soyer, and William Carlos Williams. A small number of scattered letters from Shahn can also be found throughout the series.

Project files document approximately twenty-one of Shahn's commissions, including murals for the community center at Jersey Homesteads, the Bronx Central Annex Post Office, the Social Security Building in Washington D.C., and the William E. Grady Vocational High School. The files also document his involvement in the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial in Roosevelt, in addition to projects for schools, temples and private homes.

Financial and legal records include consignment records, loan agreements, royalty statements and receipts for artwork sold.

Notes and writings are by Shahn and others including Alan Dugan, W. H. Ferry, Theodore Gusten, and John Bartlow Martin. They include lists of artwork, many of which are annotated.

Artwork includes a sketchbook and several unbound sketches and lettering by Shahn, in addition to drawings and prints by others including Shahn's children, Mario Casetta and Stefan Martin.

Source files contain printed material and photographs relating to topics depicted by Shahn in his artwork such as children, dams, farming, houses, industry, mines and miners, slums, war and workers. These files also contain scattered photographic prints by FSA and OWI photographers including Shahn, Jack Delano, Walker Evans, Dorothea Lange, Russell Lee, Carl Mydans, Marion Post Wolcott, Arthur Rothstein, and John Vachon.

Printed material includes news clippings covering Shahn and his career as well as subjects of interest to Shahn. Also found are exhibition catalogs and announcements for exhibitions for Shahn and others, and reproductions of Shahn's artwork including publications illustrated by him.
Photographs are of Shahn, his family and friends and colleagues including Alexander Calder, Jerome Robbins, Charles Sheeler, David Smith and William Zorach. Also included are photographs taken by Shahn of New York City and for the FSA in the 1930s, as well as photographs of artwork by Shahn. Photographs by others include one photo each by Walker Evans, Dorothea Lange, Russell Lee and Arthur Rothstein.

The collection also contains transcripts of eight radio, television and motion picture interviews of Shahn and a reel of 16mm motion picture film from the BBC-TV program "Monitor," in addition to sound recordings of interviews of Shahn by Tony Schwartz and Arlene Francis. Artifacts include a Christmas greeting in the form of a sock.

### Arrangement

The collection is arranged as 12 series:

- **Series 1**: Biographical and Family Records, 1879-1984 (Box 1, OV 36; 0.2 linear ft.)
- **Series 2**: Letters, 1929-1990 (Boxes 1-25, 35, OVs 36-38; 14.4 linear ft.)
- **Series 3**: Project Files, 1933-1975 (Boxes 25-26; OVs 36-37; 1.03 linear ft.)
- **Series 4**: Financial and Legal Records, 1934-1988 (Boxes 26-27, 35; 0.81 linear ft.)
- **Series 5**: Notes and Writings, circa 1933-1988 (Boxes 27-28; 1.62 linear ft.)
- **Series 6**: Artwork, circa 1930s-1965 (Boxes 28, 35; 11 folders)
- **Series 7**: Source Files, circa 1900s-1960s (Boxes 28-30, 35; 1.81 linear ft.)
- **Series 8**: Printed Material, 1912-1988 (Boxes 30-33, 35, OV 39; 3.22 linear ft.)
- **Series 9**: Photographs, circa 1900-1969 (Boxes 33-35; 0.86 linear ft.)
- **Series 10**: Interview Transcripts, 1943-1968 (Box 34; 0.25 linear ft.)
- **Series 11**: Audio and Video Recordings, 1959-1968 (Box 34; 0.25 linear ft.)
- **Series 12**: Artifacts, circa 1930s-circa 1960s (Box 34; 2 items)

### Names and Subject Terms

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

**Subjects:**
- Illustrators -- United States
- Photographers -- United States
- Printmakers -- United States

**Types of Materials:**
- Awards
- Drawings
- Interviews
- Motion pictures (visual works)
- Photographs
- Prints
- Sketchbooks
- Sketches
- Sound recordings
- Transcripts
- Video recordings
Names:

Baskin, Leonard, 1922-2000
Delano, Jack
Dugan, Alan
Evans, Walker, 1903-1975
Ferry, W. Hawkins
Francis, Arlene
Friendly, Fred W.
Gusten, Theodore, 1899-1978
Kingman, Dong, 1911-
Lange, Dorothea
Lee, Russell, 1903-1986
Lionni, Leo, 1910-
MacLeish, Archibald, 1892-1982
Martin, John Bartlow, 1915-1987
Mydans, Carl
Nakashima, George, 1905-
Nakashima, Marian
Odets, Clifford, 1906-1963
Osborn, Robert Chesley, 1904-1994
Rivera, Diego, 1886-1957
Robbins, Jerome
Rodman, Selden, 1909-
Rothstein, Arthur, 1915-1985
Sheeler, Charles, 1883-1965
Smith, David, 1906-1965
Soby, James Thrall, 1906-1979
Soyer, Raphael, 1899-1987
Vachon, John, 1914-1975
Williams, William Carlos, 1883-1963
Wolcott, Marion Post, 1910-1990
Zorach, William, 1887-1966

Occupations:

Painters -- United States
## Container Listing

### Series 1: Biographical and Family Records, 1879-1984

*0.2 Linear feet (Box 1, OV 36)*

This series includes biographical sketches for Shahn maintained by Downtown Gallery, various award certificates received by Shahn over the course of his career, a 1924 passport for Shahn and his first wife, Tillie Goldstein, and various family legal records including the divorce papers of Ben and Tillie Shahn, copies of Jonathan Shahn's birth certificate and Ezra Shahn's doctorate certificate, and indenture papers for a branch of Bernarda Bryson Shahn's family. Also found in this series are resume details for Bernarda Bryson Shahn and two cards showing her membership in the Author's Guild.

Records are arranged alphabetically by folder title. This series has been scanned in entirety.

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Series 2: Letters, 1929-1990

14.4 Linear feet (Boxes 1-25, 35, OV 36-38)

This series consists primarily of letters written to Shahn throughout his career from family, friends, artists, business associates, government contacts, universities and colleges, galleries and other art organizations and institutions. Overall, there are very few letters from Shahn to be found, and scattered letters and copies of letters written by him are generally noted in the Container Listing.

The series includes many letters from artist, writers and colleagues including Leonard Baskin, Mirella Bentivoglio, Alexander Calder, Clifford Odets, Walker Evans, W. H. (Ping) Ferry, Fred Friendly, Dorothea Lange, Leo Lionni, John Bartlow Martin, George and Marian Nakashima, Clifford Odets, Charles Olson, Rudy Pozzati, Diego Rivera, Edwin Rosskam, Jerome Robbins, Selden Rodman, James Thrall Soby, Raphael Soyer and William Carlos Williams. Also found are a number of letters, many of them illustrated, from Robert Osborn, one letter each from Montgomery Clift, Pablo Picasso and Pete Seeger, and two letters from Robert Rauschenberg.

Documentation of Shahn's career covers his employment with the FSA, the OWI, and the CIO-PAC, his speaking and teaching engagements for many universities and colleges such as Famous Artist Schools, Inc., Harvard University, Princeton University, and the Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture, and his commercial work for a variety of companies and publications including CBS, Harper's, Pantheon Books, Time, and Container Corporation of America. Files for Downtown Gallery record Edith Halpert's representation of Shahn's work and ultimately the disagreements that led to the dissolution of the dealer-artist relationship in 1968. Documentation of the legal aspects of Shahn's career can be found in letters from his lawyer, Martin Bressler, and include a copy of the letter in which Shahn states his final dissolution of his professional relationship with Halpert, and records of Shahn's legal dealings with Spiral Press, and Arnold Fawcus of Trianon Press. Letters also supplement the Project Files with documentation of some of Shahn's private and public commissions.

This series also contains letters that Bernarda Bryson Shahn continued to receive after Shahn's death in 1969. These posthumous letters are primarily requests to view Shahn's papers, or inquiries about Shahn and his work.


Letters from Judith Shahn to her parents provide insight into her career as an artist and also into that of her husband, poet Alan Dugan.

Letters are arranged alphabetically by correspondent. All correspondents with 5 or more letters associated with their name are housed in a named file. The remaining letters are filed as "Miscellaneous" at the end of the named files for the relevant letter of the alphabet. Named and miscellaneous files are followed by: posthumous letters; letters of correspondents for whom only first names are known; letters with illegible signatures; and unsigned letters respectively.

This series has been scanned in entirety.

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Series 3: Project Files, 1933-1975

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Project files document approximately twenty-one of Shahn's commissions. Some projects are more fully documented than others with files containing correspondence tracing the evolution and execution of a project, including some letters from Shahn, in addition to proposals, contracts, scattered notes and sketches, blueprints, specifications, financial and printed material, and photographs. However, some projects listed here were ultimately never executed or are represented by only a few items such as receipts, specifications, and photographs. The series includes files for some of Shahn's most important mural commissions such as those for the Jersey Homesteads community center, the Bronx Central Post Office, and the Social Security building in Washington D.C. 2008 addition includes a drawing for the "Great State of Wisconsin" mural project.

Files documenting the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial in Roosevelt, New Jersey, include contact prints of the memorial's designer, Shahn's son Jonathan Shahn, and his portrait bust of Roosevelt, in addition to a photograph of Ben Shahn at the dedication ceremony for the memorial.

Files are arranged chronologically. This bulk of this series has been scanned with the exception of negatives and some oversized blueprints and plans.

Box 25, Folder 40  Rockefeller Center Mural, New York, Specifications, 1933
  Image(s)
  (specifications for metal furring, lathing and plastering only)

Box 25, Folder 41  "Greenbelt" Community, Greenbelt MD, Proposed Film by Shahn and Walker Evans, 1936
  Image(s)

  Jersey Homesteads Community Center Fresco Mural, Roosevelt NJ

Box 25, Folder 42  General, 1936-1941
  Image(s)
  oversized material housed in OV 36

Box 25, Folder 43  General, undated, circa 1936-circa 1941

Box 25, Folder 44  Photos of Artists and Artwork, circa 1936-1941
  Image(s)
  (including photos of Lenore Thomas working on sculpture and Otto Wester working on aluminum bas relief door panels)

Box 25, Folder 45  Photos of Construction, circa 1936-1941
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Box 25, Folder 49  Bronx Central Annex Post Office Murals, NY, 1939-1940
Image(s)

Box 25, Folder 50  St. Louis Post Office Mural, MO, Prospectus, 1939
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Box 25, Folder 51  Green Hills, Wisconsin, Mural Proposal, circa 1940s
Image(s)

Box OV 42  “The Great State of Wisconsin” mural drawing, circa 1937

Box 25, Folder 52  Jamaica Post Office Tempera Panel, Long Island, NY, 1940
Image(s)
oversized material housed in OV 37

Box 25, Folder 53  Jamaica Post Office Tempera Panel, Long Island, NY, 1940-1941
Image(s)

Box 25, Folder 54  Social Security Building Mural, Washington DC, 1940-1941
Image(s)
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Box 25, Folder 55  Social Security Building Mural, Washington DC, 1941
Image(s)

Box 25, Folder 56  Social Security Building Mural, Washington DC, 1941-1942
Image(s)

Box 25, Folder 57  William E. Grady Vocational High School Mosaic Mural, Brooklyn, NY, 1955-1957
Image(s)

Box 25, Folder 58  St. John’s Abbey Church, Collegeville, MN, 1960-1961
Image(s)
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Box 25, Folder 59  “Him” by E. E. Cummings, Set Design, Spoleto, Italy, 1960-1961
Image(s)

Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial, Roosevelt, NJ
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| Box 26, Folder 2 | General, 1962  
|                 | Image(s)  
|                 | oversized material housed in OV 36 |
| Box 26, Folder 3 | General, 1964  
|                 | Image(s) |
| Box 26, Folder 4 | Receipts, 1961 |
| Box 26, Folder 5 | Printed Material, circa 1961-1962  
|                 | Image(s) |
| Box 26, Folder 6 | Photographs, 1962  
|                 | Image(s) |
| Box 26, Folder 7 | S. S. Shalom Mosaic Murals, 1962-1969  
|                 | Image(s)  
|                 | oversized material housed in OV 37 |
| Box 26, Folder 8 | Temple Beth Zion Window, Buffalo, NY, 1964-1967  
|                 | Image(s)  
|                 | oversized material housed in OV 37 |
| Box 26, Folder 9 | LeMoyne College Library Mural, Memphis, TN, 1961-1964  
|                 | Image(s) |
| Box 26, Folder 10 | "Play with a Tiger" by Doris Lessing, Set Design, Renata Theatre, New York, NY, 1964  
|                 | oversized material housed in OV 36-not scanned |
| Box 26, Folder 11 | Spivak Residence Mosaic Murals, Far Hills, NJ, 1965-1967  
|                 | Image(s)  
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Box 26, Folder 14  Demonstration School Mural, State University of New York, Buffalo, New York, 1966-1967
Image(s)
oversized material housed in OV 36

Box 26, Folder 15  Huntington Beard Crouse Building Outdoor Mosaic Mural, Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY, 1968
Image(s)

Box 26, Folder 16  Shahn Grave Monument Designed by Bernarda Bryson Shahn, 1970-1975
Image(s)
oversized material housed in OV 36

Box 26, Folder 17  Plans for Miscellaneous Projects, circa 1930s-1958
Image(s)
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Box OV 36  Oversized Material from Jersey Homesteads Community Center Fresco Mural, Roosevelt NJ, General, circa 1936-1941
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Box OV 36  Oversized Material from Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial, Roosevelt, NJ, General, 1962
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Box OV 36  Oversized Material, "Play with a Tiger" by Doris Lessing, Set Design, Renata Theatre, New York, NY, 1964
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Box OV 36  Oversized Material from Spivak Residence Mosaic Murals, Far Hills, NJ, 1965-1967
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Box OV 36  Oversized Material from Demonstration School Mural, State University of New York, Buffalo, New York, 1966-1967
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Box OV 36  Oversized Material from Shahn Grave Monument Designed by Bernarda Shahn, 1970-1975
oversized material scanned with Box 26, F16

Box OV 37  Oversized Material from Jamaica Post Office Tempera Panel, Long Island, NY, 1940-1941
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| Box OV 37 | Oversized Material from Social Security Building Mural, Washington DC, 1940-1941  
| Box OV 37 | oversized material scanned with Box 25, F54  
| Box OV 37 | Oversized Material from St. John's Abbey Church, Collegeville, MN, 1960-1961  
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| Box OV 37 | Oversized Material from S. S. Shalom Mosaic Murals, 1962-1969  
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Shahn's art-related financial material includes consignment records, loan agreements, and royalty statements, in addition to receipts for artwork sold, receipts for publication of artwork, and receipts for honoraria and other payments. Much of the series consists of routine transactions not necessarily related to Shahn's work including bank records, miscellaneous receipts, records of medical expenses, and insurance records.

Three folders at the end of the series contain legal documents and records relating to a police report of a case in which Shahn had assisted by drawing a sketch of a criminal suspect.

The series is partially scanned. Routine and personal financial records and tax records have not been scanned.

Box 26, Folder 18-24  Bank Records, 1955-1962

Box 26, Folder 25  Consignment Records, 1956-1987
  Image(s)

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Box 26, Folder 33  Receipts, Artwork Sold, circa 1956-1987
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Box 26, Folder 51  Receipts, Travel, circa 1960-1970

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Box 26, Folder 53  Royalty Statements, circa 1955-1964

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Box 27, Folder 1  Survey: Property of Ben Shahn, Roosevelt, NJ, 1954

Box 27, Folder 2-4  Tax Records, 1934-1988


Box 27, Folder 6  Police Report, Philadelphia Bureau of Police, 1941
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Box 35  Oversized Material from Survey: Property of Ben Shahn, Roosevelt, NJ, 1954
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This series contains notes and writings by Shahn and others, in addition to lists of artwork, addresses and engagement calendars.

The series is arranged as 3 subseries:

- 5.1: Notes and Writings by Shahn, circa 1933-1986
- 5.2: Writings by Others, About Shahn, circa 1950s-1988
- 5.3: Writings by Others, Not Shahn-Related, 1935-1966

5.1: Notes and Writings by Shahn, circa 1933-1986

This series contains addresses, calendars, and lists of artwork, many of which are annotated with prices, in addition to miscellaneous notes written by and to Shahn which include scattered sketches and doodles. The bulk of the series consists of drafts and transcripts of lectures and statements given by Shahn over the course of his career. The writings found here include material used in some of Shahn's most well-known lectures such as those he gave as Charles Eliot Norton Professor of Poetry at Harvard University from 1956-1957 (collected and published by Harvard University Press as *The Shape of Content* in 1957), on subjects such as artists in colleges, the biography of a painting, nonconformity, and the education of an artist.

Addresses, calendars, lists and notes are followed by writings arranged in rough chronological order and alphabetically by title thereafter. The bulk of this series has been scanned with the exception of some addresses and business cards and some miscellaneous notes.

- Box 27, Folder 8 Address Book, circa 1960s
- Box 27, Folder 9 Addresses, Handwritten and Business Cards, circa 1940s-1986
- Box 27, Folder 10 Engagement Calendar, 1966 January-June
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  Image(s)
- Box 27, Folder 12 Fragments, circa 1940s-1960s
  Image(s)
- Box 27, Folder 13 Lists of Artwork, circa 1950s-1960s
  Image(s)
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Box 27, Folder 32  "Some Revaluations of Commercial and Fine Arts," Jamesine Franklin School of Professional Arts, 1950
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Box 27, Folder 34  "Art, as a Positive Value," 1951
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Box 27, Folder 35  "Aspects of Realism," Black Mountain College, 1951
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Box 27, Folder 36  "Education of a Professional Artist," at Providence, 1951
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Box 27, Folder 37  "How Art Can Contribute to an Industrial and Scientific Age," Ohio State University, 1951
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Box 27, Folder 38  "How to Combine Art, Architecture, Sculpture," Museum of Modern Art Symposium, 1951
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Box 27, Folder 42  "Question: Why Does the Artist Paint," in Philadelphia, 1952
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Box 27, Folder 43  "The Relationship Between Art and Aesthetics," at Woodstock, New York, 1952
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Box 27, Folder 46  "This is About Values," Smith College, 1953
Box 27, Folder 47  "The Liberal of Today," and Material Related to Venice Biennale, circa 1953-1954
Box 27, Folder 49  "Modern American Painting," Barnard College American Arts Festival, 1955
Box 27, Folder 50  "Nuove Considerazioni sul Realismo," circa 1956
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Box 27, Folder 60  "Art and Art Theory," circa 1950s-circa 1960s
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Box 27, Folder 61  "My Life as a Painter," circa 1950s-circa 1960s
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Box 27, Folder 62  Re: Art Critics, circa 1950s-circa 1960s
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Box 27, Folder 63  Re: Artist's Role in Society, circa 1950s-circa 1960s
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Box 27, Folder 70  Statement to The New Republic, circa 1960s
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Box 27, Folder 71  Re: Relationship of an Artist's Thoughts and Emotions to his Work, 1961
5.2: Writings by Others, About Shahn, circa 1950s-1988

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  Re: Corcoran Gallery of Art Awards System, circa 1963
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- **Box 27, Folder 74**
  "Bread and Butter Letter to the Aspen Conference on Design,", 1967
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- **Box 27, Folder 75**
  Braunstein or Pieri, Diane (author unclear), "Ben Shahn’s Social Commentary,", circa 1960s
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  Friendly, Fred W., Remarks for Art Directors Club Hall of Fame Dinner, 1988
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- **Box 28, Folder 7**
  Volpo, Marisa? "Gli Artisti nelle Università," , circa 1950s-circa 1960s
5.3: Writings by Others, Not Shahn-Related, 1935-1966

Writings found here, primarily in the form of transcripts, are on subjects of interest to Shahn many of which were presumably used as source material for his artwork, sparked his interest in a particular commission such as those by John Barlow Martin, or were given to him as possible commissions for illustrations.

See Appendix for a list of writings from Series 5.3.

This series is arranged alphabetically by author with details provided in the index. The bulk of this series has been scanned with the exception of the full text of some writings.

Appendix: List of Writings from Series 5.3

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- Bernstein, Aline: "Battle Hymn"
- Block, Lou: "Ballyhoo vs. Information," circa 1943
- Brennan, Francis: "The Picture and the Word," 1956
- Brennan, Francis: Account of trip to Russia, 1960
- Brennan, Francis: Speech for Conference of Western Association of Art Museums
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Dugan, Alan: "Speech to the N.B.A"
Durr, Clifford J.: "The Trial of Jesus as a Loyalty Hearing"
Dye, Joan: "Juvenile Delinquency," 1956
Endore, Guy: "Address to the School of Library Science, UCLA," 1962
Engel, Monroe: "A Father's Geography," 1956
Ferry, W. H.: "Black Colonies: A Final Solution"
Ferry, W. H.: Address from the Western States Democratic Conference
Ferry, W. H.: "Why the College is Failing," 1963
Fielder, Leslie A.: "Nude Croquet"
Fuller, R. Buckminster: Letter to Mr. Higman, Conference on World Affairs, University of Colorado, 1963
Goldburg, Rabbi Robert: Memorial prayer for John F. Kennedy, 1963
Goldin, Judah: Translation of "The Grace After Meals"
Gregory, Horace: "Alphabet for Joanna"
"Vincent Van Gogh's 'Landscapes of the Soul'"
Gusten, Theodore: "Vincent Van Gogh, We and Picasso"
Johnson, Lyndon B.: Excerpts from Address to National Education Association, 1965
Kacmarcik, Frank: "The Bible and Creative Imagination"
Kastner, Frank: "The Bible and Creative Imagination"
Kennedy, John F.: Statements, 1963
Lamont, Corliss: Statement before the Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigation, 1953
Lemon, Richard: "Campaign Song"
Levinson, Alfred: "Cricket in the Mill"
Lewis, Margery: "The Young American Artist"
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Martin, John Bartlow: "The Hickman Story"
Martin, John Bartlow: "A Letter About Upper Michigan"
Martin, John Bartlow: "A Trip to the Lincoln Country"
Pines, David, editor: Statement about book "Frontiers in Physics"
Pollack, Peter: Statement on establishment of the National Arts Foundation and the National Council on the Arts, 1963
Reid, Alistair: "A Spelling for Sleeping"
Reid, Alistair: "A Lesson in Music"
Ritchie, Andrew Carnduff: "Will the Creative Arts Thrive or Degenerate During the Next Fifty Years?"
Rodman, Selden: "Death of the Hero: A Modern Morality"
Rodman, Selden: Reviews
Roosevelt, Franklin Delano: Addresses to Congress, 1942
Rosskam, Edwin: "Three Victims," 1960s
Rosten, Lou: "Gandhi," 1964
Roth, Cecil: "Had Gadya," 1965
W.H.S.: "What Price Peace?" 1963
- Shyre, Paul: "The Child Buyer" Play script adapted from novel by John Hershey
- Taylor, Harold: "The First Sex: or Oedipus Unbound," 1953
- Wilder, Thornton: Playscript, "The Seven Deadly Sins - Number Six: Lust/Someone from Assisi"
- Wilder, Thornton: Playscript, "The Seven Ages of Man - Number One: Infancy"
- Yeats, W. B: Playscript: "Calvary" with production notes from Theatre Intime production
- "Project by the Brooklyn Museum for a Major Exhibition of Photographs Dealing with Puerto Rico and Puerto Ricans"
- "The Use of Earle Browder's Image in a Mural"
- Mr. Passow's Proposals Concerning Childhood Talent," 1966
- "Problems Connected with Education in the Fine and the Applied Arts"
- Possible chapters for a book: "Entertaining Notions" and "In the Name of Art"
- "How to...Anything"
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- "The Transformation of the Novel"
- "A Proposal to Establish a New and Permanent Opera Group in Boston"
- "For Michael's Sake"
- "Mino Maccari"
- "The Sacco and Vanzetti Case"
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11 Folders (Boxes 28, 35)

This small series contains several sketches by Shahn in addition to artwork by others including childhood drawings of his children, Ezra and Judith, and prints by friends including Mario Casetta and Stefan Martin. Unbound sketches by Shahn include what is probably an original drawing of Shahn's childhood friend, Willie Snow, circa 1910-1920.

Artwork by Shahn is followed by artwork by others, arranged alphabetically by artist. This series has been scanned in entirety.

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Shahn, Ben, Sketchbook, circa 1930s-1960s
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Casetta, Mario, Prints, circa 1950s-circa 1960s
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Martin, Stefan, Print, circa 1950s-circa 1960s
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Shahn, Ezra, Childhood Drawings, circa 1930s
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Box 35  Oversized Material from Shahn, Judith, Childhood and Other Drawings, circa 1930s-circa 1940s
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1.81 Linear feet (Boxes 28-30, 35)

Source files contain printed material, primarily newspaper clippings, and photographs relating to topics depicted by Shahn in his artwork, including children, dust, farming, houses, mines and miners, slums, war and workers.

Of particular note are the file for "Children" which includes one of the clippings Shahn used as a source for *Girl Skipping Rope* (1943); scattered photographic prints by FSA and OWI photographers including Shahn and Jack Delano, Walker Evans, Dorothea Lange, Russell Lee, Carl Mydans, Marion Post Wolcott, Arthur Rothstein, and John Vachon; files for "Steel Country," which include prints of photographs taken by Shahn on his 1938 assignment to Ohio as a photographer for the Historical Section of the Resettlement Administration; and a group of photographs of Louis Armstrong's 1956 visit to the Gold Coast.

Files are arranged alphabetically by subject. The bulk of this series has been scanned with the exception of large groups of news clippings.

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Box 28, Folder 60  Armstrong, Louis, 1956

Box 28, Folder 61  Art, circa 1930s-circa 1940s

Box 28, Folder 62  Art, circa 1930s-circa 1940s

Box 28, Folder 63  Art, circa 1930s-circa 1940s

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3.22 Linear feet (Boxes 30-33, 35, OV 39)

Printed material includes exhibition announcements and catalogs for many Shahn exhibitions, dating from some of his earliest shows at the Downtown Gallery including *The Passion of Sacco and Vanzetti* in 1932. A large portion of the series consists of clippings and articles from newspapers and other publications documenting events in Shahn's career. Scattered reprints of essays written by Shahn are found here, as well as scattered articles illustrated by Shahn such as John Barlow Martin's "The Blast in Centralia No. 5," published in *Harper's* in 1948. One item of particular note in Clippings is a copy of the publication the *Jewish Daily Forward*, from April 1936. There are also 14 issues, and a paste-up layout of the 1930s publication *Art Front*.

In addition to clippings about Shahn, Clippings Reference Files contains primarily photographs from newspapers on a wide range of political and human interest subjects.

The bulk of this series has been scanned; only representative samples of large groups of clippings have been scanned and typically only the covers and relevant pages of publications have been scanned.

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Series 9: Photographs, circa 1900-1969

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Photographs are of Shahn and family members, friends and colleagues in addition to photographs taken by Shahn. Found here are prints of photographs Shahn took in New York City in the early 1930s when his interest in photography was developing, as well as prints from some of his finest images taken for the FSA and the Resettlement Administration.

Family photographs include pictures of Judith and Ezra Shahn as children and a young Susanna Shahn. Photos of friends and colleagues include a picture of Shahn and Alexander Calder at the Porta Portese in Rome, circa 1957, and a photo of Shahn with Palma Biccarelli (Director of the Modern Museum in Rome), Louisa Calder and Renato Gattuso, circa 1957. Other friends and colleagues pictured in this series include: Morris Cantor, William Cummings, Jack Eastman, Laura Eastman, Martha Graham, Bartlett Hayes, Helen Hayes, Senator Javits, Harry Knight, Loren Macivor, Joe Ormai (working on the Social Security Building mural, circa 1941), Amadee Ozanfant, Jerome Robbins, Nelson Rockefeller, Nate Saltenstall, Charles Sheeler, David Smith, James Thrall Soby, Monroe Wheeler, and William Zorach. There is also a photo of Shahn at Trianon Press in Paris, France, with M. Crompe Pochoiriete.

Also found are photos of Shahn receiving Honorary Doctorates from Harvard and Princeton Universities and a medal from George Biddle.

Photographs taken by Shahn of New York City in the 1930s include prints of photos used for his paintings Handball (1939) (see Box 34, Folder 6) and Blind Accordion Player (1945) (see Box 34, Folder 10).

FSA photographs taken by Shahn of North Carolina (box 33, folder 33) are of children musicians used as the source for his painting, Song (1950.)

Photographs taken by others include a mounted print inscribed on the back: "Hello Ben, Dorothea Lange. Made in St. George, Utah, 1956"; a photograph by Walker Evans, circa 1929, and two FSA photos taken by Russell Lee and Arthur Rothstein.

This series has been scanned in entirety, with the exception of photographic negatives.

Shahn, Family, Friends and Colleagues

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Box 33, Folder 39  Japan, circa 1960
  Image(s)
  contact sheet

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  Image(s)

Box 33, Folder 41  Jersey Homesteads, Nursery School Children, circa 1940
Box 33, Folder 42  Jersey Homesteads, Nursery School Children, circa 1940
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Box 33, Folder 43  Jersey Homesteads, Nursery School Children, circa 1940
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Box 33, Folder 44  Jersey Homesteads, Nursery School Children, circa 1940
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Box 33, Folder 45  Jersey Homesteads, Nursery School Children, circa 1940
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Box 34, Folder 1  New York City, 1932-1936
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Box 34, Folder 5  New York City, 1932-1936
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Photographs of Artwork by Shahn

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0.25 Linear feet (Box 34)

This series includes transcripts of 8 interviews of Shahn and panel discussions in which he participated. See Series 11: Audiovisual Material for the film Monitor: A Film About Ben Shahn's America, and interviews of Shahn by Arlene Francis from 1965 and 1968.

Interviews are arranged chronologically. This series has been scanned in entirety.

Box 34, Folder 27  "Living Art," CBS: Interview of Ben Shahn and Harry Strenberg by Morse, 1943
Image(s)

Box 34, Folder 28  "See It Now": Commentary on Senator Joseph McCarthy by Edward R. Murrow, 1954 March 9
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Box 34, Folder 30  The Creative Mind #7, "The Painter as Creator": Interview of Ben Shahn by Nadya Aisenberg, introduction by Lyman Bryson, circa 1957
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Image(s)

Box 34, Folder 32  The Open Mind, "Nostalgia for the 1930s": Panel discussion with Ben Shahn, Hamilton Fish, Benny Goodman, Raymond Moley, and A. H. Raskin, Moderator: Eric F. Goldman, 1962 February 4
Image(s)

Box 34, Folder 33  Personal Close-Up: Interview of Ben Shahn by Mike Wallace, 1964
Image(s)

Box 34, Folder 34  WCBS-TV: Interview of Ben Shahn by Jack, 1965
Image(s)

Box 34, Folder 35  WOR (radio): Interview of Ben Shahn by Arlene Francis, 1965 April 30
Image(s)

Box 34, Folder 36  WOR (radio): Interview of Ben Shahn by Arlene Francis, 1968 September 13
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Series 11: Audio and Video Recordings, 1959-1968

0.55 Linear feet (Box 34)

This series consists of a BBC-TV film *Monitor: A Film About Ben Shahn's America* and two interviews of Shahn by Arlene Francis (see Series 10: Interview Transcripts for transcripts) from 1965 and 1968, and a 1963 recording, "Four Sound Stories from Tony Schwartz," (not transcribed).

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*Monitor: A Film About Ben Shahn's America*, BBC-TV, Film, circa 1962  
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