



# Smithsonian

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[Artists working on Coit Tower  
mural] [graphic] / Peter Stackpole

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives of American Art
<b>Title:</b>	[Artists working on Coit Tower mural] [graphic] / Peter Stackpole
<b>Date:</b>	1934
<b>Identifier:</b>	AAA.stacpete
<b>Creator:</b>	Stackpole, Peter, 1913- (Photographer)
<b>Extent:</b>	7 Items (photographic prints; b&w; 15 x 10 cm.)
<b>Language:</b>	English .

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

Donated 1974 by Shirley S. Triest. Microfilmed in 1980 as part of AAA's Photographs of Artists Collection Two.

### Available Formats

35mm microfilm reel 1817 available for use at Archives of American Art offices and through interlibrary loan.

### Restrictions

Use of original papers requires an appointment and is limited to the Archives' Washington, D.C., Research Center. Microfilmed materials must be consulted on microfilm. Contact Reference Services for more information.

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## Biographical / Historical

The mural decoration of the Coit Memorial Tower, San Francisco, was commissioned in 1933 by the Public Works of Art Project, a relief project for artists unemployed due to the Depression. At one point, the project was temporarily closed down due to a controversy surrounding the murals, which were criticized as pro-Communist.

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## Scope and Contents

Photographs donated and annotated by Shirley Triest, and taken by Peter Stackpole of artists working on the Coit Tower, San Francisco, 1934, for the Public Works of Art Project. Pictured are George Harris, John Howard, Lucien Labaudt, Fred Olmstead, Ralph Stackpole, and Bernard Zakheim, and assistants Julia Rogers and Shirley Staschen Triest.

## General

Photographs microfilmed with AAA's Photographs of Artists Collection Two, and appear on microfilm in alphabetical order with other unrelated photographs.

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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 -- California -- San Francisco
- Artists -- California -- San Francisco -- Photographs
- Coit Memorial Tower (San Francisco, Calif.)
- Mural painting and decoration -- 20th century -- United States

### Names:

- Harris, George A., 1913- -- Photographs
- Howard, John Langley, 1902- -- Photographs
- Labaudt, Lucien, 1880-1943 -- Photographs
- Olmsted, Fred, 1911-1990 -- Photographs
- Public Works of Art Project
- Stackpole, Ralph, 1885-1973 -- Photographs
- Triest, Shirley
- Zakheim, Bernard Baruch, 1898-1985 -- Photographs