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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	Roy Emerson Stryker collection
Date:	1932-1964
Identifier:	AAA.stryroy
Creator:	Stryker, Roy Emerson, 1893-1975
Extent:	7 Items
Language:	English .

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Donated 1965 by Roy Stryker.

Available Formats

All items except for Steinbeck publication are available on microfilm reel 3472 and are available 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.

Biographical / Historical

Director of the Farm Security Administration Historical Section; Washington, D.C. Under Stryker the Photographic project of the FSA documented the drought, poverty and despair of rural and urban America during the Depression.

Scope and Contents

A letter from Archie Robertson to Stryker about traveling photographic exhibitions; 2 manuscripts on the origins of the FSA and containing biographical information of Stryker, the staff, and photographers on the project; a photograph of a poem, "Merry Christmas to Stryker"; "Stryker's Credo," a statement he made upon leaving the "Jersey Company" (Standard Oil); "The Children of Esso," 1948 by John Vachon, a psalm-like parody about Stryker and his affiliation with Standard Oil; and a copy of "Their Blood is Strong," 1940 by John Steinbeck on migratory agricultural workers in California illustrated with photos by Dorothea Lange for the FSA, signed by Steinbeck.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Names:

Lange, Dorothea
Steinbeck, John, 1902-1968
United States. Farm Security Administration. Historical Section
Vachon, John, 1914-1975

Places:

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