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MS 888
Works Progress Administration
Historic Records Surveys, 1929-1941

DESCRIPTION

The Works Progress Administration (WPA) Survey Collection consists of survey forms completed by workers of selective public organizations and Pima County departments in 1936 and related correspondence. Forms provide a listing of the historical records present including titles, dates, volumes present, conditions of the documents, and a very brief description of the contents. Two folders present overviews of the various Pima County departments surveyed by the workers. In addition to Pima County public departments, surveys are present for the University of Arizona Library, the Arizona Pioneer Historical Society, Southwest Experiment Station, and the Engineer's Office in Cochise County.

3 Box, 1.5 linear ft.

HISTORICAL NOTE

A survey of the state and local records by the Works Progress Administration began in Arizona March 1, 1936. From March 1 to October 15 the Survey functioned under the Federal Writer's Projects with Mr. Ross Santee as State Director. Miss Estelle Lutrell served as his assistant and supervised the survey operation. In October 1936 the Survey was removed from the Federal Writer's Projects and became a separate section of the WPA. Miss Lutrell became the Survey's State Director. The objective of the survey was to compile an inventory of the historical records in the state, counties, cities, and other local government units. After a week of training relief workers conducted the survey in the Pima County area. All surveys were conducted in 1936. The results of the survey were published as the Inventory of the County Archives of Arizona, No. 10, Pima County (Tucson). Phoenix: Historical Records Survey, 1938.

ACQUISITION

Unknown.

ACCESS

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PROCESSING

The collection was previously processed and reviewed by Dave Tackenberg in 2010. MS 1414 was integrated into this collection in November 2015.

Box and Folder Listing

Box 1

Folder 1 W.P.A. General Program Guidelines & Forms	1935 – 1940
f.2 Historic Records Survey	1936-1937; 1941
f.3 W.P.A. Federal Writers' Project Correspondence	1929 – 1941
f.4 Administrative Support for Projects	1940 – 1941
f.5 WPA Congressional Review and Debates	1938
f.6 Survey Overview	1936
f.7-8 Pima County Agencies Surveyed	1936
f.9 Survey: Pima County Board of Supervisors	1936
f.10-12 Survey: Pima County Recorder's Office	1936

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f.13-15 Survey: Pima County Recorder's Office	1936
f.16-17 Survey: Pima County Superintendent of Schools	1936
f.18-19 Survey: Pima County Treasurer's Office	1936
f.20 Survey: Pima County Assessor's Office	1936
f.21 Survey: Pima County Sheriff's Office	1936
f.22-23 Survey: Pima County Highway Department	1936
f.24 Survey: Pima County Attorney's Office	1936

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f.25 Survey: Pima County Clinic/Health Department	1936
f.26 Survey: Pima County Justice of the Peace/Justice Court	1936
f.27 Survey: Pima County Court	1936
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f.33 Survey: Pima County Probation Office	1936
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f.37 Survey: University of Arizona Library	1936
f.38 Survey: Southwest Experiment Station	1937
f.39 Survey: Engineer's Office (Cochise County)	1936