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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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

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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
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f.9 Survey: Pima County Board of Supervisors 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
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f.25 Survey: Pima County Clinic/Health Department 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