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History of UK’s COE

- 2007: Assoc. of SE Research Libraries (ASERL)’s Collaborative Federal Depository Program (CFDP) Steering Committee starts meeting to design Center of Excellence (COE) project
- 2008: UK volunteers to be COE for Works Progress Admin. (WPA)—our WPA inventory begins
- 2009: ASERL receives a 3-year IMLS National Leadership Grant to support ongoing development of ASERL CFDP Centers of Excellence project—WPA cataloging begins at UK
- 2010: UK signs Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) as COE for the WPA—collection development/evaluation begins at UK for WPA
Goals of the CFDP

- Create “Centers of Excellence” at depositories to ensure multiple, complete retrospective collections by agency
- Collections will be supported by subject matter experts, able to provide sophisticated, in-depth reference services
- Work within USC Title 44, including respect for the Regional depository library model
UK’s COE Responsibilities

- Inventory and evaluate holdings for WPA
- Catalog each WPA item
- Create a bibliography of all WPA titles, owned and not owned
- Add WPA records to the ASERL COE database
- Fill gaps to ensure comprehensive collection
- Make materials available via ILL
- Digitize
- Promote the use of the collection
Examples of WPA Publications

The interior of the house, although bearing the signs of age, shows its early elegance. It was furnished by a resident cabinet-maker who fashioned most of the pieces from designs brought over from England. The hand-carved woodwork probably ranks with the best found in Kentucky. Each principal room is equipped with a fireplace, but no two mantels are alike, indicating the skill of the craftsmen who carved the graceful sunbursts, leaves and other ornamentation. The ceilings are unusually high and this feature is accentuated by the lack of cornices. The walls in each room are bare, relieved only by a wood dado, or wainscot, of paneled design, a few feet above the floor.

Glidewell Shyrock, architect for the dwelling, was born in Lexington, Kentucky, November 15, 1844, the son of Matthias Shyrock, a builder and contractor. At the age of twenty-one he went to Philadelphia to study under William Strickland, the most noted architect and civil engineer in the United States at that time. Shyrock gave to Kentucky many beautiful buildings which rank in design with the national capital at Washington and other noted structures.

Henry Clay Home

Fayette County, Ky.
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MIGRATORY COTTON PICKERS IN ARIZONA

WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION DIVISION OF RESEARCH
Voyager Record
InfoKat Record

Migratory cotton pickers in Arizona / by Malcolm Brown and Orin Cassmores ; under the supervision of John N. Webb.

Title: Migratory cotton pickers in Arizona
Author: United States. Works Progress Administration.
Brown, Malcolm Johnston, 1919-
Cassmores, Orin Clark, 1900-
Johannesen, Sigurd Arthur, 1902-
Description: ix, 104 p. : ill., maps, facsimiles. ; 26 cm.
Format: Book
Subjects: Cotton picking--Arizona.
Cotton picking--New Mexico.
Cotton growing--Arizona.
Cotton growing--New Mexico.
Notes: At head of title: Works Progress Administration, F.C. Harrington, administrator, Corning Gill, assistant administrator, Division of Research.
Howard E. Myers, director.
Includes bibliographical references.

UK holds archival copy for ASERL Collaborative Federal Depository Program libraries.

Holdings Information
Location: Storage SuDoc - Click on Requests and select Book Express
Call Number: Y 3 W 89/2 C 82
Status: Not Checked Out
Location: Storage SuDoc - Click on Requests and select Book Express
Call Number: Y 3 W 89/2 C 82
Status: Not Checked Out
Location: Storage SuDoc - Click on Requests and select Book Express
Call Number: Y 3 W 89/2 C 82
Status: Not Checked Out
Location: Storage SuDoc - Click on Requests and select Book Express
Call Number: Y 3 W 89/2 C 82
Status: Not Checked Out
Location: Young Library - 4th Floor
Call Number: HDD009 C67 U8 1939
Historical Records Survey publications in the WPA collection

- Represent 58% of the collection
- Classed in both FW and Y3.W 89/2 SuDoc stems depending on time period
- UK is acquiring two copies of each title: one for access and digitization, one for a dark archive
- Kentucky digital copies are available on the Kentucky Digital Library at: http://kdl.kyvl.org/?f[format][]=books
- Several other SE states have been digitized but are not available yet
UK’s LibGuide for our WPA Collection
[http://libguides.uky.edu/wpa]
Material Formats

- Print
  - Young, Storage, Special Collections, Branches
    - SuDoc and LC classifications
- Microform
- Digital
  - Future accessibility of many items via the web
- Photographs
- Posters
- Art (UK Art Museum collection)
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