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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

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-INVENTORY of FEDERAL ARCHIVES IN THE STATES-

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No. 45 VIRGINIA

HISTORICAL RECORDS SURVEY
WORK PROJECTS ADMINISTRATION
Examples of WPA Publications
Examples of WPA Publications

MIGRATORY COTTON PICKERS IN ARIZONA
Voyager Record
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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