This collection contains 1271 photographs of Work Projects Administration (WPA) projects done in Iowa during the years 1935 to 1940. The collection is divided into two sections. The first is arranged by the five Iowa WPA districts. Within each district, photos are arranged alphabetically by county. Within each county, rural projects are listed first, followed by those in specific towns. The second portion of the collection is arranged by the type of project involved, i.e., "Farm to Market Roads," "Sewing Rooms," "Stadiums and Swimming Pools." Throughout the collection, the dates the pictures were taken, and the project numbers, if known, are included.

Of special note are photographs of a visit made by Eleanor Roosevelt to Des Moines, Iowa on June 8, 1936. Her main purpose in visiting the city was to deliver a commencement address at Drake University, but a portion of her day was devoted to viewing WPA project sites. These sites included a sewing room, a riverfront improvement project, and the Negro Community center at 15th and Crocker. Photographs of Mrs. Roosevelt at these sites can be found in file 8/49.

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PROJECTS BY LOCATION

DISTRICT ONE - NORTHEAST IOWA

BLACKHAWK COUNTY

Box/File


Cerro Gordo County


1/5 Mason City - City Park retaining wall on Willow Creek. Project 3650. (1 photograph). 1938.

1/6 Mason City - parking area. Project 545. (1 photograph). 1936.

1/7 Mason City - sewage disposal plant. Project 1293. (1 photograph). n.d.

Dubuque County


1/9 Dubuque - Comisky Field clubhouse. Project 430 (1 photograph). 1936.


Floyd County


**Hamilton County**


1/18  Webster City - utility tunnel.  Project 429.  (1 photograph).  1936.

**Hardin County**

1/19  Alden - bridge over the Iowa River.  Project 71.  (2 photographs).  1936.

**Linn County**


**Webster County**

1/24  Fort Dodge - Crawford Park cabin and shelter house.  (1 photograph).  1938.


**Winnebago County**


Clinton County


Des Moines County


Henry County


Jefferson County
1/42 Fairfield - City Hall. Project 88. (1 photograph). 1935.

Johnson County

Keokuk County

Lee County
1/54 Keokuk - riverfront improvement project. Project 2785. (2 photographs). 1938.
Montrose - site of first school house in Iowa. (1 photograph). 1938.

**Louisa County**

1/58  Columbus Junction - city park structures. (2 photographs). 1937.
1/62  Columbus Junction - high school bus garage. (1 photograph). 1937.
1/64  Columbus Junction - repaving streets. Project 256. (1 photograph). 1936.

**Muscatine County**

2/1  Farm to market road-building culverts. Project 589. (1 photograph). 1935.
2/6  Muscatine - grading farm to market road. Project 40. (1 photograph). 1935.
2/8  Muscatine - sewer extension and re-laying. Project 777.
(1 photograph). 1935.


Scott County


2/16 Davenport - Credit Island Park, grading and resurfacing outer drive. Project 503. (1 photograph). 1935.


2/20 Davenport - Duck Creek grading and widening. Project 178. (1 photograph). 1935.


2/23 Davenport - grading and draining Lillie Avenue and Lombard Street. Project 782. (1 photograph).
1935.


Van Buren County

2/32 Farm to market roads. Project 149. (1 photograph). 1936.

2/33 Bonaparte - woolen mill to be razed for community building. (1 photograph). 1938.


Wapello County


DISTRICT THREE - NORTHWEST IOWA

Clay County

Ida County

2/38  District schools.  Project 3393.  (2 photographs).  1938

Plymouth County


DISTRICT FOUR - SOUTH-CENTRAL IOWA

Appanoose County

2/40  County farm building construction.  (3 photographs).  1938.

2/41  Farm to market roads.  Project 32.  (8 photographs).  1936.

2/42  Centerville - high school building destroyed by fire.  (1 photograph).  1938.


Clarke County

2/44  Farm to market roads.  Project 2990.  (2 photographs).  1938.

Dallas County


Decatur County


Greene County


**Guthrie County**


2/50 Guthrie Center - City Hall. Project 1936. (2 photographs). 1937.


**Madison County**


**Mahaska County**


2/57 Oskaloosa - court house repaired and decorated. (1 photograph). 1937.


**Marion County**

3/1 Farm to market roads. Project 313. (7 photographs). 1936.


**Marshall County**

3/5 Marshalltown - high school bleachers. (3 photographs). n.d.


**Monroe County**


3/15 Lovilia - laying sidewalks. Project 2012. (1 photo-
Polk County

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Story County
3/44 Farm to market roads. Project 1299. (1 photograph). 1936.
3/46  Ames - paving on Iowa State campus.  (1 photograph).  
      n.d.


Union County


4/1 Afton - riprap of highway along reservoir dam. Project 879. (1 photograph). 1938.


Wayne County

4/6 Farm to market roads. (2 photographs). 1937.


DISTRICT FIVE - SOUTHWEST IOWA

Carroll County


4/10 Farm to market road. Project 456. (1 photograph). 1936.

Cass County


Crawford County


4/18 Soldier - sand and gravel pit. Project 1616. (1 photograph).


Fremont County


Harrison County


Mills County


4/26 Hastings - community building. Project 2269. (2 photograph...
graphs).  1937.


Monona County


Montgomery County


4/42 Red Oak - swimming pool bath house.  Project 3533.  (2
photographs).  1938.


**Page County**


**Pottawattamie County**


5/2 Council Bluffs - grading 14th Avenue.  Project 142.  (1 photograph).  1935.


5/10 Council Bluffs - paving Rail Road Avenue. Project 463. (1 photograph). 1935.
5/14 Folsom - quarry and crusher. (2 photographs). 1936
5/16 Treynor - farm to market road. Project 105. (4 photographs).

Shelby County
5/17 Farm to market roads. Project 303. (4 photographs). 1936

SUBJECTS
ART PROJECTS


BOOK BINDING - HANDICRAFT

Monroe County


Polk County


Pottawattamie County


Woodbury County


CAMPUS IMPROVEMENTS

Iowa State University, Ames


5/31 Masonry retaining wall, Union Drive. Project 4000. (1 photograph). 1939.


**University of Iowa, Iowa City**

5/33 University Campus Improvement Project. (2 photographs). 1938.

**CLERICAL - STATISTICAL**

**Appanoose County**


**Clay County**


**Dubuque County**