

Missouri State Archives

Finding Aid 960.1

U.S. Civilian Conservation Corps

Abstract: Photographs and Official Annual Yearbook.

Extent: 1/5 cubic feet (One half-hollinger box)

Physical Description: Photographs & Negatives, paper

Location: Missouri State Archives; Stacks

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Alternative Formats: Photographs have been digitized.

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HISTORICAL AND BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

President Franklin Delano Roosevelt's expansive, ambitious 1933 New Deal program included a temporary relief program called the Civilian Conservation Corps, or CCC. The Corps' mission was two-fold: to provide jobs for young men (and some women) who needed work and to improve or create new natural areas in all states.

There were at least 136 CCC camps in Missouri. They were in operation until Congress voted to stop the program in 1942 in favor of the war effort. (However, some remained open after 1942 and were converted for other government purposes.) The majority of the work done by CCC enrollees was toward infrastructure improvement, natural areas improvement. This included the

construction of bridges, roads, waterways, buildings, and more. The natural areas were treated to cabins, easier access for the public through channelized water, roads, and trails, and parks.

This particular manuscript collection contains copies of images taken at five CCC campsites in Missouri: Palmyra, New Madrid, Mt. Vernon, Kahoka, and Centaur.

ADDITIONAL DESCRIPTIVE INFORMATION

Related Collections

RG959.1 U.S. Department of Agriculture Soil Conservation Service (Contains unprocessed slides and two typewritten reports of activities by the SCS and CCC in Clark County)

Vertical File under “Civilian Conservation Corps”

Additional External Resources

Listing of Civilian Conservation Corps camps in Missouri:

http://www.ccclegacy.org/CCC_Camps_Missouri.html.

Record Group 35 at the National Archives concerns the Civilian Conservation Corps:

<https://www.archives.gov/research/guide-fed-records/groups/035.html>.

SERIES

The records are broken down into the following series:

Photographs

Official Annuals

Photographs, 1935-1942

Extent: 7 folders

Arrangement: Arranged by geographic location

Scope and Content

This is a series of copies of images taken by three men who were stationed in and around four Civilian Conservation Corps camps in Missouri: Palmyra, Mt. Vernon, Kahoka, and New Madrid. Images show camp life, work, and the camp buildings. Most photos were contributed by CCC men Fred R. Jacoby, Cecil Westmorland and Archie W. Durham. Some of the originals of the Kahoka Camp are kept in the Clark County Museum.

The oversized image is an original photograph of the CCC Camp near Centaur, MO in St. Louis County.

Images are on the Z Drive.

Container List

See the Excel spreadsheet for an item-by-item list.

Box	Folder	Contents	Date
1	1	CCC #3732 SCS-8, Camp William P. Jackson, Palmyra, Marion County, Missouri	1935-1942
1	2	CCC #3732 SCS-15, Camp, Mt. Vernon, Lawrence County, Missouri	1935-1942
1	3	CCC #3745 SCS-5, Camp, Kahoka, Clark County, Missouri	1935-1942
1	4-7	CCC #3729 D-4, Camp, New Madrid, New Madrid County, Missouri	1935-1942

Oversized: Map Cabinet

Folder	Contents	Date
B	Original panoramic black & white photograph of a large group of men in uniform. This is Civilian Conservation Corps Company 2729 responsible for establishing Dr. Edmund A. Babler Memorial Park. CCC Camp #SP-16, 1st Lt. Raymond Palmer commanding. Photo by Spencer & Wycoff, Detroit.	c1938

Official Annuals, 1937

Extent: One volume

Scope and Content

Scope of the records, including bulk dates, gaps in series, what is not included that might be expected to be. Contents of records found in this series.

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1	8	Civilian Conservation Corps Official Annual, 1937: Missouri-Kansas District, Seventh Corps Area (Based at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas)