

**The Federal Writers' Project:
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Introduction

The Federal Writers' Project (FWP) was established by President Franklin D Roosevelt on 27 July 1935 as part of the Works Progress Administration (WPA). As with so many of the New Deal programmes, the remit of the FWP – and its sister projects in art, music and theatre, known collectively as Federal One – was totally unprecedented. Prior to Federal One, the so-called 'Alphabet Agencies' of Roosevelt's Administration had focused their relief upon the provision of jobs to blue-collar workers in large-scale public works projects, primarily in construction and conservation. Yet, white-collar workers were not immune to the devastating impact of the Depression. In early 1935 the Writers Union and the Unemployed Writers Association demanded government action. Six months later, the four relief projects for those qualified in the fields of writing, art, music and drama were announced.

Whilst the FWP was primarily created to provide economic relief, its highly ambitious first Director, Henry Alsberg, also regarded it as a means by which to vividly document America's rapidly changing cultural landscape. Alongside the permanent staff in Washington DC, each state employed an editorial team responsible for hiring local field workers able to prove that they were on relief; at its peak, the Project employed more than 7,500 people. These local workers – many of whom were teachers, librarians, editors or historians, as well as writers – were then charged with capturing in print the great social, economic and geographic diversity of the United States. With the spectre of fascism looming over Europe, Alsberg's vision was not devoid of political imperative.

Within months, the project's first clear objective became the creation of the *American Guide Series* – a set of travel guides for the 48 states, plus Alaska territory, Puerto Rico and Washington, DC. Unlike traditional guides, these works included not only driving tours documenting what travellers would find at every stop, but long photographic essays detailing the scenic, cultural, economic and historical resources of each state. In addition to these state guides – most of which were between 550-800 pages long – a large number of regional, county, city and town guides were also produced.

Although some states opposed the production of these guides and kept the publication of copies to an absolute minimum, the guides were highly praised by literary critics throughout the nation's press. Commenting in the *Saturday Review of Literature* on the first guide – to Idaho – which had been edited by novelist Vardis Fisher, Bernard De Voto wrote: "whatever the difficulties caused by the extemporised and necessarily haphazard method of producing the guide, working with an untrained personnel, without precedent and handicapped by constantly changing regulations, the final result is an almost unalloyed triumph". If the rest of the guides were up to this standard, suggested De Voto, they would: "...not only vindicate the Writers' Project but will heighten our national self-consciousness, preserve invaluable antiquarian material that might have perished, and facilitate our knowledge of ourselves."¹

¹ Jerry Mangione, *The Dream and the Deal: The Federal Writers' Project, 1935-1943*. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 1983, p. 207.

In addition to the *Guides*, the FWP also produced ethnic studies, urban and rural folklore collections and nature studies. Today, it is particularly well-known for the compilation of narratives of former slaves. Extending the scope of research initiated by the Federal Emergency Relief Administration (FERA), the Project's first folklore editor, John A. Lomax issued field workers with a set of 'detailed and homely questions' designed to 'get the Negro thinking and talking about the days of slavery'². In total, more than 2,300 interviews were conducted with former slaves in seventeen states. The quality of these narratives varies greatly, and their historical value and accuracy – given the age of the former slaves – has also been questioned. Yet, on balance these interviews offer a unique insight into the world of the slave. Some of the narratives were published in the Project's *These Are Our Lives* (1940), and others in Benjamin Botkin's *Lay My Burden Down* (1945). Yet, most were not published until the 1970s³.

The Project's investigation into folklore was similarly rooted in FERA. Almost as soon as it began, Alsberg recognised the Project's unprecedented capacity to gather such material and field offices were explicitly instructed on how to report local lore and customs. In some, the request to gather information on issues such as the blessing of crops and rivers, and the healing properties of local landmarks, was met with derision. Yet, in others it was met with extraordinary zeal. Indeed, for many field workers the search for lore, more than any other official Project undertaking, provided an opportunity to exercise their own literary creativity and curiosity as they investigated and reported upon the lives of often marginalised Americans including turpentine workers in Florida, clam diggers in Maine, Nebraska hobos, and the railroad workers, bricklayers and steelworkers of Chicago.

By 1938, the Project had also published numerous commercially successful ethnic studies, including *The Italians of New York*, *The Armenians of Massachusetts* and *The Swedes and Finns of New Jersey*. Emboldened by this success, and determined to improve the quality of these works, Alsberg appointed Morton W Royse – who held two doctoral degrees from Columbia University – as national consultant for social ethnic studies. In an initial letter to the state directors, Royse expressed his hope that they would willingly contribute to a new work – provisionally entitled *Composite America* – that would outline how immigrants to the United States had, without eliminating the cultural differences between them, created a truly unique civilization and an ever-expanding democracy. During the first year of his tenure, Royse launched an extraordinary number of labor and ethnic projects. His demands were met with varying degrees of enthusiasm in the field offices across the country and he was frequently at odds with Alsberg about both the content and the focus of these projects. Yet, it was ultimately the demise of the Project itself that meant that most of these ethnic studies were never published.

From its very inception, the Federal Writers' Project had faced criticism from political conservatives. With the appointment in May 1938 of Congressman Martin Dies of Texas as chairman of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, these attacks gained a momentum that would prove to be unstoppable. At the end of July, Committee member

² *ibid*, p.263

³ *The American Slave: A Composite Autobiography*. George P. Rawick, ed. Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, 1972. (X.520/7157) etc. [See full entry in this bibliography].

J. Parnell Thomas demanded that the Writers' and the Theatre projects be investigated as a result of evidence suggesting that both were hotbeds of Communism. Aware that not only the press, but much of the American public believed these projects to be a waste of time and money, the Dies Committee clearly hoped this opening salvo would provide the necessary ammunition to gradually discredit the New Deal in its entirety. In the summer of 1939, the Emergency Relief Act axed federal funding for the Theatre Project with immediate effect, while allowing the writers, art and music projects to continue under state sponsorship if sponsors could be found by 30 September to cover 25% of the cost of each state program. Despite a Gallup poll in autumn 1939 showing that three out of four Americans approved of the Dies Committee's investigation, the Writers' Program (as it was now called) found enough sponsors – including state departments of Education, state Conservation Commissions, or state library associations – to maintain operations in all but two states – Idaho and North Dakota. Extraordinarily, given the obstacles that it continued to face, not least of which was the nation's entry into World War II, it was not until 1943 that WPA administrators finally ended the Writers' Project. The legacy of this Project – cultural, political and historical – is still being explored today.

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Arizona: The Grand Canyon State: A State Guide. Completely revised by Joseph Miller. Ed., Henry G. Alsberg. New York, 1956. (W29/6578 DSC)

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ARKANSAS

Arkansas: A Guide to the State. Compiled by workers of the Writers' Program of the WPA in the State of Arkansas. New York: Hastings House, 1941, 447pp. (10413.ppp.20)

CALIFORNIA

California: A Guide to the Golden State. Compiled and written by workers of the Federal Writers' Project of the WPA in the State of California. New York: Hastings House, 1939, 713pp. (010410.d.25); New Revised Edition. Harry Hansen, ed. New York: Hastings House, 1967, 733pp. (X.809/10412)

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CONNECTICUT

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Connecticut: A Guide to its Roads, Lore, and People. Written by workers of the Federal Writers' Project of the Works Progress Administration for the State of Connecticut. Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 1938, 593pp. (X.809/25676)

History of Milford, Connecticut, 1639-1939. Compiled and Written by the Federal Writers' Project of the Work Projects Administration of the State of Connecticut. [Milford], 1939. (10413.k.34)

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New Castle on the Delaware: Dutch Tercentenary Edition, 1651-1951. 3rd ed. Originally compiled by the Delaware Federal Writers' Project. New Castle Historical Society, 1950. (Mic.A.12351)

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Georgia: A Guide to its Towns and Countryside. Compiled and written by workers of the Writers' Program of the Works Progress Administration for the State of Georgia. Athens, GA: University of Georgia Press, 1940, 559pp. (010410.dd.18)

These Are Our Lives, As Told By the People and Written by Members of the Federal Writers Project of the Works Progress Administration in North Carolina, Tennessee, and Georgia. Federal Writers' Project. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 1939, 421pp. (012643.p.34)

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Indiana: A Guide to the Hoosier State. Compiled by workers of the Writers' Program of the Work Projects Administration for the State of Indiana. New York: Oxford University Press, 1941, 548pp. (010410.dd.23)

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Guide to Cedar Rapids and Northeast Iowa. Prepared by the Federal Writers' Project of Iowa. Cedar Rapids, IA: Laurence Press, 1937, 79pp. (Mic.A.11127)

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New York Panorama: A Comprehensive View of the Metropolis Prepared by the Federal Writers' Project and Presented in a Series of Articles by Various Hands. London: Constable, 1939. (010410.k.18)

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