

**ST-2b - WPA Murals Restoration Project, Norwalk, 1975-2000**      Stack-2b, Bay 6    2016.378  
Description and finding aid

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Locally-themed murals created by artists employed by the WPA between 1935-1941 remained in their original locations in the high school, elementary schools and post office until a 1980s project to renovate the former Norwalk High School on East Avenue into a city hall spurred formation of a committee to restore and better display the 40+ murals, considered the largest such remaining WPA art collection in Connecticut.

Fund-raising efforts were undertaken to pay for expert art restoration, cleaning, mounting on canvas and professional re-hanging at selected locations deemed most suitable for public access to these surviving gems of public art. Correspondence, documents, reports, fund-raising and publicity efforts form the bulk of the papers in this collection. Includes photographs and slides.

Box 1

Folder 1 - WPA Murals – general information, clippings, correspondence, 1977-1996

Binder - Proposal for Restoration of Murals of Norwalk High School, Albert A. Luk, 1986

Folders 1a, 2 - Conservation – Documents and correspondence

Folders 3, 4 - Conservation, specifics

Folder 5 - Two compiled copies of conservation reports on each painting

Folder 6 - Correspondence on conservators

Folder 7 - Correspondence with conservator Albert Luk

Folder 8 - Correspondence - Greenwood Studio

Box 2

Folder 1 - Restoration contracts

Folder 2 - Fund raising

Folder 3 - Fund raising

Folder 4 - Friends of Museum donations

Folder 5 - Fund raising tag sale

Folder 6 - Bonding correspondence

Box 3

Folder 1 - Phase I 1986-1988 – receipts, documents

Folder 2 - Phase II 1988-1990 – receipts, documents

Folder 3 - Two sets of binders “WPA Murals Restoration Project,” with brochure, self-guided tour, Classic Connecticut Vacation Guide, 1989-90; 3<sup>rd</sup> packet, without Classic vacation guide

Folder 4 - Photographic prints

Box 4

Folders 1-8 - Speaking engagements, tours (fund-raising, &c.)

Box 5

Folder 1 - City Hall mural dispute, 1987-88

Folder 2 - Mural sites City Hall

Folder 3 - Self guided tour – various printings, multiple copies

Folder 4 - Mural Current (1990s-)

Folder 5 - 1990 Merit Award nomination

Folder 6 - WPA Murals book [Norwalk’s Collection of WPA Era Art, Commissioned for Public Buildings, 1935-1941, Norwalk Transit District, 2001], R 751.73 NOR, correspondence on dispute over copies for sale at Norwalk Museum vs Transit Agency