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*Descriptive Inventory*

**MSS 129    WARREN County, Kentucky – New Deal Programs**

7 boxes. 40 folders. 2,274 items. 1931-1936. Originals.

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***ORGANIZATIONAL HISTORY***

The New Deal was the collective name for the programs introduced by President Franklin Delano Roosevelt and his staff to combat the economic crisis known as the Great Depression. The economic crisis had a number of causes, many predating the stock market crash in October 1929. President Herbert Hoover made few attempts to alleviate the suffering caused by the crisis, believing that government should refrain from taking the role of private charity. Appearing stiff and uncaring, Hoover was defeated in the 1932 presidential election by former New York governor Franklin Delano Roosevelt. Roosevelt, surrounded by a cadre of bright advisors, began immediately to address the basic needs of Americans particularly the unemployed. Roosevelt opposed the dole, promoting work programs instead.

These records were created by the Warren County Relief Committee, a local branch of the Federal Emergency Relief Agency (FERA). It worked with various New Deal programs during the Depression to approve families for assistance and then to refer them to different relief agencies for help.

For more information about the New Deal in Kentucky, see George T. Blakey's *Hard Times and the New Deal in Kentucky, 1929-1939* (Kentucky Library, F456.B53 1986).

***COLLECTION***

This collection consists of the correspondence of the Warren County Relief Committee, 1933-1936. The correspondence related specifically to public health issues and individual medical cases is housed in Box 2.

The correspondence contains excellent examples of social work, including narratives related to homelife, health, financial condition, and the general disposition and reputation of the client. The correspondence also includes information about native Warren Countians who had become transients in other parts of the United States, as residency had to be proved in order to receive aid.

The collection contains an incomplete set of "Family Record Forms" (1931-1934), running alphabetically from "H" to "N." These forms include information about families applying for assistance, including names, ages, occupations, general health, financial situation, marital status, etc. Some "Family Record Forms" include corollary forms stating commodities or seeds provided to the family, work history, etc. The collection also contains two boxes of "Occupational Classification Record" forms that were used to help unemployed men and women find employment. The forms include name, age, height, weight, health assessment, employment history, education, and literacy. If the person was employed by a relief agency, the start date is recorded, as well as, project number, and wages earned.

### ***SHELF LIST***

<b>Box 1</b>	<b>WARREN County Relief Committee</b>	<b>1933-1935</b>	<b>1036 items</b>
Folder 1	Inventory		1 item
Folder 2	Correspondence - Warren County Relief Committee	Sept. 1933- Apr. 1934	67 items
Folder 3	Correspondence - Warren County Relief Committee	May 1934- July 1934	121 items
Folder 4	Correspondence - Warren County Relief Committee	July 1934- Aug. 1934	89 items
Folder 5	Correspondence - Warren County Relief Committee	Aug. 18, 1934- Sept. 25, 1934	119 items
Folder 6	Correspondence - Warren County Relief Committee	Sept. 26, 1934- Oct. 31, 1934	98 items
Folder 7	Correspondence - Warren County Relief Committee	Nov. 1934- Dec. 1934	172 items
Folder 8	Correspondence - Warren County Relief Committee	Jan. 1935- Feb. 1935	169 items
Folder 9	Correspondence - Warren County Relief Committee	Mar. 1935- Apr. 1935	132 items
Folder 10	Correspondence - Warren County Relief Committee	May 1935- June 1935	68 items

<b>BOX 2</b>	<b>WARREN County Relief Committee</b>	<b>1934-1936</b>	<b>245 items</b>
Folder 1	Medical correspondence - Warren County Relief Committee	June 1934- Dec. 1934	40 items
Folder 2	Medical correspondence - Warren County Relief Committee	Jan. 1935- May 1935	80 items
Folder 3	Medical correspondence - Warren County Relief Committee	June 1935- Dec. 1935	85 items
Folder 4	Transient notebook - Warren County Relief Committee	Nov. 1934-	1 item; 80p.
Folder 5	Weekly medical reports	Aug. 1934- Nov. 1935	19 items
Folder 6	Samples of forms used	1935-1936	20 items
<b>Box 3</b>	<b>FAMILY Record Forms</b>	<b>1931-1934</b>	<b>154 items</b>
Folder 1	Hack-Hartman	1932-1934	41 items
Folder 2	Haskins-Heavner	1933-1934	21 items
Folder 3	Henderson-Isbell	1932-1934	35 items
Folder 4	Jackson-Johnson	1931-1933	33 items
Folder 5	Jones-Justice	1932-1933	24 items
<b>Box 4</b>	<b>FAMILY Record Forms</b>	<b>1932-1934</b>	<b>79 items</b>
Folder 1	Keen-Knox	1932-1934	30 items
Folder 2	Lee-Lovell	1932-1934	31 items
Folder 3	Loyd-Lyons	1932-1934	18 items
<b>Box 5</b>	<b>FAMILY Record Forms</b>	<b>1932-1934</b>	<b>159 items</b>
Folder 1	Mack-Meek	1932-1934	37 items

Folder 2	Marshall-Mercer	1932-1934	41 items
Folder 3	Meredith-Mitchell	1932-1934	31 items
Folder 4	Mize-Neel	1932-1934	31 items
Folder 5	Neeley-Owens	1932-1934	19 items
<b>Box 6</b>	<b>OCCUPATIONAL Classification Record</b>	<b>1935</b>	<b>322 items</b>
Folder 1	A-B	1935	75 items
Folder 2	C	1935	41 items
Folder 3	D-E	1935	49 items
Folder 4	F-G	1935	47 items
Folder 5	H-I	1935	54 items
Folder 6	J-L	1935	56 items
<b>Box 7</b>	<b>OCCUPATIONAL Classification Record</b>	<b>1935</b>	<b>279 items</b>
Folder 1	M-O	1935	80 items
Folder 2	P-R	1935	59 items
Folder 3	S	1935	57 items
Folder 4	T-V	1935	34 items
Folder 5	W-Z	1935	49 items

**BIBLIOGRAPHIC RECORD**

MSS WARREN County - New Deal 1931-1936  
129 Programs

Administrative files, chiefly applications and correspondence of the Warren County [Kentucky] Relief Committee, a local branch of the Federal Emergency Relief Agency (FERA), which approved families for assistance and referred them to various relief agencies.

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**SUBJECT ANALYTICS**

Depressions, 1929 and after – Warren County  
Medicine – Warren County, 1934-1935 B2,F1-3,5  
New Deal, 1933-1939 – Warren County  
Social work – Warren County – Relating to, 1931-1936  
Warren County Relief Committee, 1931-1936  
Works Progress Administration – Warren County – Participants from, 1931-1936

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