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## **Administrative Information**

Provenance: In 1970, Juris Ubans, as Director of the Art Gallery was trying to create inexpensive exhibitions. While at the Library of Congress for a John Ford film festival, he stumbled across the Farm Security Administration Act photographs, and thus the Walker and Shahn photographs. With the 150th anniversary of USM in 1974, he decided to get copies of (or in Walker's case prints from the original negatives) photographs related mostly to Maine and New England.

In 1991, the exhibition created with the Ben Shahn photographs traveled to Leningrad in the then Soviet Union.

This information was provided by Juris Ubans to Susie R. Bock on April 5, 2018, at a meeting in Special Collections

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## **Description of the Photographs**

These are reproductions from the Library of Congress. They are part of the Farm Security Administration – Office of War Information Photograph Collection, which is found in the Library of Congress Prints and Photographs Division. These reproductions were probably obtained by the University of Southern Maine Art Gallery, who eventually donated them to Special Collections. The exhibit, entitled “As It Was: Photographs of the New England States from the Farm Security Administration Files,” was shown from September 20 through October 28, 1974.

A detailed description can be found on the Library of Congress website (see [http://loc.gov/rr/print/052\\_fsa.html](http://loc.gov/rr/print/052_fsa.html)). These descriptions have been printed out as part of this finding aid.

The dates in the Box listing refer to when the original photograph was created, not to these reproductions.

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	1	Caribou, Maine (vicinity). Cunningham farm belonging to a FSA client See Oversize	1942 Aug
	2	Caribou, Maine (vicinity). Henry Cunningham and his prize ram See Oversize	1942 Aug
1	3	Aroostook County, Maine. Children help with much of the work in the fields	1942 Aug
	4	Aroostook County, Maine. Airing wool before spinning See Oversize	1942 Aug
1	5	Caribou, Maine (vicinity). Deserted farm	1942 Aug
	6	Fort Kent, Maine (vicinity). Wife of Albert Gagnon, Acadian FSA client	1942 Aug
	7	Fort Kent, Maine (vicinity). Home of Albert Gagnon, Acadian FSA client	1942 Aug
	8	Fort Kent, Maine (vicinity). Barn built by Gagnon's father on the uplands where he raises potatoes, barley, oats and wheat See Oversize	1942 Aug
1	9	Fort Kent, Maine (vicinity). Lenard Gagnon, Acadian farmer	1942 Aug
	10	Aroostook County, Maine. Father Soucy on the steps of the community theatre which he organized See Oversize	1942 Aug
1	11	Fort Kent, Maine (vicinity). Edward Daigle's children	1942 Aug
	12	Bulldozer driver, Maine	1943 Aug
	13	"Old George." Fort Kent, Maine	1943 May
	14	Woodsmen relaxing. Fort Kent, Maine	1943
	15	Young patriot, Memorial Day. Ashland, Maine	1943 May
	16	Memorial Day. Ashland, Maine	1943 May
	17	Spring Pulpwood drive. Fort Kent, Maine	1943 May
	18	Memorial Day Parade. Ashland, Maine	1943 May
	19	Spectators at the annual barrel rolling contest, Presque Isle, Me See Oversize	1940 Oct
1	20	Two potato farmers in town Saturday afternoon in Caribou, Me	1940 Oct
	21	Mrs. Patrick Dumond and two of her children at back door of their home in Lille, Maine	1940 Oct
	22	Woman waiting for bus on a rainy day in Norwich, Connecticut	1940 Nov
	23	Coming home from school on a rainy day in Norwich, Ct	1940 Nov
	24	Geese on the farm of a French-Canadian farmer in Soldier Pond, Maine See Oversize	1940 Oct

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1	25	Legionnaire at a carnival near Bellows Falls, Vermont	1941 Aug
	26	At a "girlie" show at the fair in Rutland, Vermont	1941 Sep
	27	Office of the sulky racing committee at the Rutland Fair, Rutland, Vermont	1941 Sep
	28	At a sideshow at the Champlain Valley Exposition, Essex Junction, Vermont See Oversize	1941 Aug
1	29	Watching the weight-pulling contest at the "World's Fair" in Tunbridge, Vermont	1941 Sep
	30	Resting at the "World's Fair" in Tunbridge, Vermont See Oversize	1941 Sep
1	31	Tunbridge, Vermont. One of the ballad singers at an exhibit of early American education at the "World's Fair"	1941 Sep
2	32	Wrestlers at the "World's Fair" in Tunbridge, Vermont	1941 Sep
	33	Connecticut farmer, just finished stacking his corn. Suffield, Ct See Oversize	1940 Sep
2	34	Spectators at the barrel rolling contest in Presque Isle, Maine	1940 Oct
	35	The evening program after the barrel rolling contest consisted of dancing in the street (plenty of jitterbugging). Presque Isle, Maine	1940 Oct
	36	Advertisements for Maine potatoes used as decorations during the barrel rolling contest in Presque Isle, Maine	1940 Oct
	37	The "Pototem" pole standing in the main street of Presque Isle, Maine, as an advertisement for the barrel rolling contest	1940 Oct
	38	One of the winners of the boy's race at the barrel rolling contest in Presque Isle, Maine	1940 Oct
	39	French-Canadian potato picker at the Woodman Potato Company farm, eleven miles north of Caribou, Maine	1940 Oct
	40	Farmhouse at dusk near Presque Isle, Maine	1940 Oct
	41	French-Canadian farm labor employed at the Woodman Potato Company, eleven miles north of Caribou, Maine	1940 Oct
	42	French Canadian potato farmer on a horse-drawn digger. Near Caribou, Maine	1940 Oct
	43	Old French potato picker on a large farm near Caribou, Maine	1940 Oct
	44	House along the Saint John River near Van Buren, Maine	1940 Oct
	45	On the main street of Fort Kent, Maine	1940 Oct
	46	Mrs. Baptisite Jendreau, wife of French-Canadian FSA client and potato farmer near Saint David, Maine See Oversize	1940 Oct
2	47	The raising of beef cattle such as this one on the farm of Waldo Holquist is encouraged by FSA to supplement the income from potatoes. Near Sweden, Maine	1940 Oct

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	48	Mrs. Eloie Cote. Her husband was out picking potatoes on their small farm near Lille, Maine See Oversize	1940 Oct
2	49	Young French-Canadian wife of poor potato farmer near Van Buren, Maine	1940 Oct
	50	Children of Baptiste Deprui, French-Canadian potato farmer. Soldier Pond, Maine	1940 Oct
	51	Potato trucks outside a starch factory in Caribou, Maine See Oversize	1940 Oct
2	52	Museum containing relics of the first Swedish settlers at New Sweden, Maine	1940 Oct
	53	Some of the 2000 pullets on the poultry farm of Mr. August Udal, Finnish FSA client. Canterbury, Connecticut	1940 Nov
	54	One of the Jewish residents of Colchester, Connecticut after a service in the local synagogue	1940 Nov
	55	Bridge in Houlton, Maine	1940 Oct
	56	Jeweler's store in Houlton, Maine	1940 Oct
	57	Girl worker at the Denomah Mills, Taftville, Connecticut. Makers of rayon and cotton cloths See Oversize	1940 Nov
2	58	Bath Iron Works, shipbuilders and engineers. Bath, Maine	1940 Dec
	59	Sign at entrance to Bath, Maine	1940 Dec
3	60	Portrait of shipyard worker. Bath, Maine	1940 Dec
	61	Land for sale sign near Bath, Maine	1940 Dec
	62	Grocery store window in Bath, Maine. Food prices do not seem to have gone up yet but are expected to	1940 Dec
	63	The family of John Kelly who works in the Navy yard in South Boston	1940 Dec
	64	Mrs. John Rambone, wife of Italian FSA client, truck gardener in Johnston, Rhode Island	1940 Dec
	65	One of the fabulous mansions. Newport, Rhode Island	1940 Dec
	66	Portuguese steamship agency in New Bedford, Massachusetts	1941 Jan
	67	Children skating. Lowell, Massachusetts	1941 Jan
	68	Toll rate sign on the New Hampshire side of a bridge across the Connecticut River near Springfield, Vermont See Oversize	1941 Aug
3	69	Mrs. Horatio Weaver, wife of a FSA dairy farmer in the town of Tinmouth, Vermont	1941 Aug
	70	The children of Mr. Ray Lyman, FSA dairy farmer near Castleton, Vermont	1941 Aug

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3	71	Members of the Youth Drum Corps Southington, Connecticut	1942 Oct
	72	Ice cream advertising near Berlin, Connecticut See Oversize	1939 Oct
3	73	Clothes hanging on drying tree in backyard, Meriden, Ct	1939 Oct
	74	Farm woman with homemade jelly near Northampton, Mass.	1939 Oct
	75	Magazine stand, Windsor Locks, Connecticut See Oversize	1939 Oct
3	76	Entrance to home. Manchester, Vermont	1939 Oct
	77	At Walden Pond, haunt of Thoreau, Concord, Massachusetts See Oversize	1937 Sep
3	78	Street scene. Manchester, New Hampshire	1937 Sep
	79	Street scene. Manchester, New Hampshire See Oversize	1937 Sep
3	80	Sunday morning. Manchester, New Hampshire	1937 Sep
	81	Street corner. Manchester, New Hampshire	1937 Sep
	82	Child in Manchester, New Hampshire	1937 Sep
	83	Service station, near Bridgewater, Vermont See Oversize	1937 Sep
3	84	Market in Manchester, New Hampshire	1937 Sep
	85	Circus posters near Proctor, Vermont	1937 Aug
4	86	The church at Sherburne, New Hampshire	1937 Aug
	87	Lobsterman's home, Trevett, town of Boothbay, Maine	1939 Aug
	88	Tin-type photographer at Morrisville, Vermont fair	1936 Aug
	89	Roosevelt banner, Hardwick, Vermont	1936 Sep
	90	Greek Orthodox Church, Pine Street, Amoskeag, Manchester, New Hampshire	1936 Sep
4	91	Old red barn and farmhouse near Lowell, Vermont	1936 Aug
	92	Political Americana on main highway. Manchester, NH	1936 Sep
4	93	Near Britain, Connecticut 1943 Jun	
	94	Monument to the Pilgrim mothers, Plymouth, Massachusetts	1940 Sep
	95	Summer visitors, Provincetown, Massachusetts	1940 Aug
	96	Tourists on the street. Provincetown, Massachusetts	1940 Aug
	97	Tourist house, Truro. Tourist at home, Truro, Massachusetts	1940 Aug
	98	Cutting hay, Windsor County, Vermont	1937 Sep
	99	Visitors at the State Fair, Rutland, Vermont See Oversize	1937 Sep
	100	Mansion on Main Street used by antique dealer, Rockland, Me	1937 Sep

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4	101	Street corner, Rockland, Maine	1937 Sep
	102	Farm scene. Orange County, Vermont	1937 Sep
	103	Mr. and Mrs. William Moore. Rockland, Maine	1937 Sep
	104	Souvenir pillow. Rockland, Maine	1937 Sep
	105	Woodstock, Vermont has nine ski towns and is generally very crowded with skiers on weekends	[1939 or 1940 Mar]
	106	Hired man on farm near Woodstock, Vermont	[1939 or 1940 Mar]
	107	Child bringing home suitcase on sled, Franconia, New Hampshire	[1939 or 1940 Mar]
	108	Signs in front of private home, evidence of boom town and crowded housing conditions. Hartford, Connecticut	1941 May-Jun
	109	Highways after blizzard. Brattleboro, Vermont	1940 Mar
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