

18b. Migrant Mother and Children, 1936



I. Related Documents from the National Archives

Note: *To access documents from the National Archives Catalog:*

a) Click on the link provided and Select the "Digital Copies" tab OR

b) Visit <http://www.archives.gov/research/search/> and enter the Identifier #

Farm Security Administration: Destitute pea pickers in California. Mother of seven children, National Archives Identifier 196261

<http://arcweb.archives.gov/arc/action/ExternalIdSearch?id=196261>

Photographic Prints Documenting Programs and Activities of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics and Predecessor Agencies, compiled ca. 1922 - ca. 1947, documenting the period ca. 1911 - ca. 1947 (1803 photos)

National Archives Identifier 521048

<http://arcweb.archives.gov/arc/action/ExternalIdSearch?id=521048>

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Art and Archives

Franklin D. Roosevelt Library Public Domain Photographs, (1997 photos)

National Archives Identifier 195301

<http://arcweb.archives.gov/arc/action/ExternalIdSearch?id=195301>

(Note: Click on Includes 1997 items in ARC to access all images)

Dust Storms; "One of South Dakota's Black Blizzards, 1934", 1934?

National Archives Identifier 5195304

<http://arcweb.archives.gov/arc/action/ExternalIdSearch?id=5195304>

Dust Storm in Rolla, Kansas; "05/06/35; Dear Mr. Roosevelt, Darkness came when it hit us. Picture taken from water tower one hundred feet high. Yours Truly, Chas. P. Williams."

Photo: Massive Dark cloud approaching village in forefront., 04/14/1935

National Archives Identifier 195691

<http://arcweb.archives.gov/arc/action/ExternalIdSearch?id=195691>

FSA; Dust Storm; "Farmer and sons walking in the face of a dust storm"; Cimarron County, Oklahoma, ca. 04/1936

National Archives Identifier 196414

<http://arcweb.archives.gov/arc/action/ExternalIdSearch?id=196414>

Dust storm in Amarillo, Texas. FSA photo by Arthur Rothstein.: ca. 1936

National Archives Identifier 196517

<http://arcweb.archives.gov/arc/action/ExternalIdSearch?id=196517>

Report for Week Ending December 7, 1935, 12/07/1935 - 12/07/1935

National Archives Identifier 296534

<http://arcweb.archives.gov/arc/action/ExternalIdSearch?id=296534>

Migrant family looking for work in the pea fields of California: ca. 1935

National Archives Identifier 196057

<http://arcweb.archives.gov/arc/action/ExternalIdSearch?id=196057>

Photograph of Anxious Depositors, 02/28/1933

National Archives Identifier 849137

<http://arcweb.archives.gov/arc/action/ExternalIdSearch?id=849137>

Row of men at the New York City docks out of work during the depression, 1934

National Archives Identifier 518288

<http://arcweb.archives.gov/arc/action/ExternalIdSearch?id=518288>

Unemployed men queued outside a depression soup kitchen opened in Chicago by Al Capone, 02/1931

National Archives Identifier 541927

<http://arcweb.archives.gov/arc/action/ExternalIdSearch?id=541927>

Letter from L. L. Day and Others to the Honorable James A. Farley, 08/02/1934

National Archives Identifier 594990

<http://arcweb.archives.gov/arc/action/ExternalIdSearch?id=594990>

Farm Security Administration: Arkansas squatter for three years in California near Bakefield, California: photo by D. Lange: ca. 1935

National Archives Identifier 196259

<http://arcweb.archives.gov/arc/action/ExternalIdSearch?id=196259>

Farm Security Administration: ca. 1935

National Archives Identifier 196255

<http://arcweb.archives.gov/arc/action/ExternalIdSearch?id=196255>

Farm Security Administration: Migrant worker on California highway: ca. 1935

National Archives Identifier 196260

<http://arcweb.archives.gov/arc/action/ExternalIdSearch?id=196260>

Farm Security Administration: Christmas dinner in the home of Earl Pauley near Smithland, Iowa: ca. 1935

National Archives Identifier 196624

<http://arcweb.archives.gov/arc/action/ExternalIdSearch?id=196624>

Farm Security Administration: migrants: ca. 1935

National Archives Identifier 196794

<http://arcweb.archives.gov/arc/action/ExternalIdSearch?id=196794>

Farm Security Administration: farmers whose topsoil blew away joined the sod caravans of "Okies" on Route 66 to California: ca. 1935

National Archives Identifier 195532

<http://arcweb.archives.gov/arc/action/ExternalIdSearch?id=195532>

Farm Security Administration: migrants: ca. 1935

National Archives Identifier 195533

<http://arcweb.archives.gov/arc/action/ExternalIdSearch?id=195533>

Farm Security Administration: families on the road with all their possessions packed into their trucks: migrating and looking for work: ca. 1935

National Archives Identifier 196258

<http://arcweb.archives.gov/arc/action/ExternalIdSearch?id=196258>

Farm Security Administration: Everywhere the unemployed stood in the streets, unable to find jobs and wondering how they could feed their families: ca. 1935

National Archives Identifier 19626

<http://arcweb.archives.gov/arc/action/ExternalIdSearch?id=196262>

Farm Security Administration: Family of coal miner in West Virginia: ca. 1935

National Archives Identifier 195846

<http://arcweb.archives.gov/arc/action/ExternalIdSearch?id=195846>

Farm Security Administration: Squatter camp in California. Photo by Dorothea Lange: ca. 11/1936

National Archives Identifier 196510

<http://arcweb.archives.gov/arc/action/ExternalIdSearch?id=196510>

Farm Security Administration sharecropper photo of a child. Photo by Shahn

National Archives Identifier 195925

<http://arcweb.archives.gov/arc/action/ExternalIdSearch?id=195925>

Farm Security Administration sharecropper photo of Mrs. Handley and some of her children in Walker County, Alabama.: ca. 1937

National Archives Identifier 195926

<http://arcweb.archives.gov/arc/action/ExternalIdSearch?id=195926>

18-year old mother from Oklahoma now a California migrant: ca. 03/1937

National Archives Identifier 195857

<http://arcweb.archives.gov/arc/action/ExternalIdSearch?id=195857>

Farm Security Administration: Homeless family, tenant farmers in 1936: ca. 06/1938

National Archives Identifier 195511

<http://arcweb.archives.gov/arc/action/ExternalIdSearch?id=195511>

Photographs of Arvin Camp parents with children, who are having height and weight measured., 09/1936

National Archives Identifier 296527

<http://arcweb.archives.gov/arc/action/ExternalIdSearch?id=296527>

I. Suggested Activities

- 1. Creative Activity:** Explore the images of Great Depression in the above collection and choose 5 images to curate a small exhibit concerning the life during the Great Depression. What does this tell about life in this time period? What do you think was the overall purpose of these photographs?
- 2. Compare and Contrast:** Have students compare and contrast the Migrant Mother image with another photograph from the above collection (For example, National Archives Identifier #s 518288, 849137, 192262). What are the major similarities and differences? Which photograph do you feel was most successful at illustrating its point of view? Why?
- 3. Creative Activity:** After researching the Great Depression and its effects, write a journal entry from the point of view of one of the people in a photograph. Describe their experience in the Great Depression.