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## Spotlight on Photographs Documenting the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC)

The Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) was established on April 5, 1933, when President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed Executive Order 6101. It was signed just one month into Roosevelt's presidency, making the CCC one of the earliest New Deal programs.



*Left: Civilian Conservation Corps - Minnesota, [National Archives Identifier 7004556](#)*

*Right: Civilian Conservation Corps - Camps - California, [National Archives Identifier 7004839](#)*

The program was by no means perfect and was met with some criticism. However, the CCC quickly proved to be a popular program, especially among those that benefited – specifically unmarried, unemployed men between the ages of 18 and 25 (that age range would later be expanded to 17 through 28), as well as their families. They earned \$30 a month, of which they were required to send \$25 home to their families. Throughout its nine year lifespan, an estimated 2 to 3 million young Americans participated in the Civilian Conservation Corps.



*Group of CCC boys from Idaho just arrived in camp near Andersonville, Tennessee. The CCC units are to assist in the reforestation work on the Clinch River watershed above the Dam, 10/20/1933, [National Archives Identifier 532705](#)*

Records documenting the [Records of the Civilian Conservation Corps, 1933-1953](#) can be found in [Record Group 35](#). The organizational structure of the CCC, coupled with the fact that the CCC worked with various agencies, means that photographs of the organization's activities are not in a centralized location at the National Archives; CCC photographs can be found interfiled among textual records, at the FDR Presidential Library, and within the collection of the Still Picture Branch. View a complete list of the CCC images from the Still Pictures Branch available in the [National Archives Catalog](#).

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Left: Photograph of Tlingit Civilian Conservation Corps Enrollees, ca. 1940, [National Archives Identifier 142664289](#)


Right: Civilian Conservation Corps - California, [National Archives Identifier 7004468](#)

Today's post comes from Kaitlyn Crain Enriquez, archives specialist in the National Archives Still Pictures Branch, and originally appeared on the [Unwritten Record blog](#).

## How to Search for CCC Records



### Civilian Conservation Corps and Still Picture Holdings



- Approximately 50 Still Picture series that include CCC-related imagery.
- Images can be found in approximately 15 different record groups.
- Arrangement of records varies from series to series.
- Important to gather information prior to searching:
  - Company Number(s)
  - Camp/Project Number and Location(s)
  - Type of work completed
  - Names of federal and state agencies the CCC company worked with

**Original Caption:** "Santa Clara Indian Reservation, Santa Fe, New Mexico. December 2, 1940. A member of the CCC ID crew cementing the joints in a pipe line which is being built on the Santa Clara Pueblo lands for the purpose of diverting irrigation and drinking water to the pueblo lands and surrounding areas. Photo by WJ Mead."

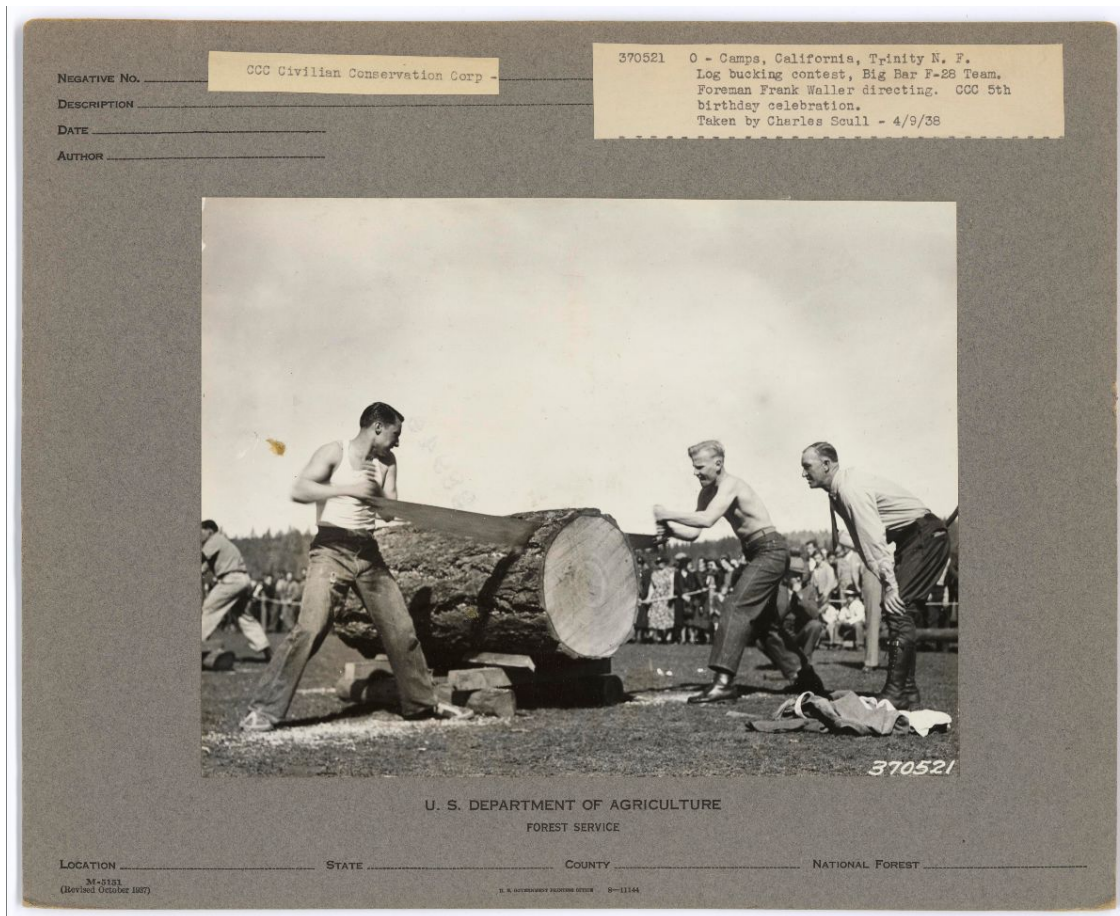
### Photographs:

Learn more about CCC photographs held in the Still Picture Branch from the **2018 Genealogy Fair** session: [How to Search for Photographs that Document CCC Camps & Activities](#). This session provides an overview of how to navigate CCC records held by the Still Picture branch. The presentation also provides a list of Still Picture series that contain CCC photographs, as well as information as to what type of research they should conduct prior to beginning their search for CCC imagery.

## Employee Records:

Looking for someone who was a Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) Enrollee? The National Archives at St. Louis has instructions on how to request these records:

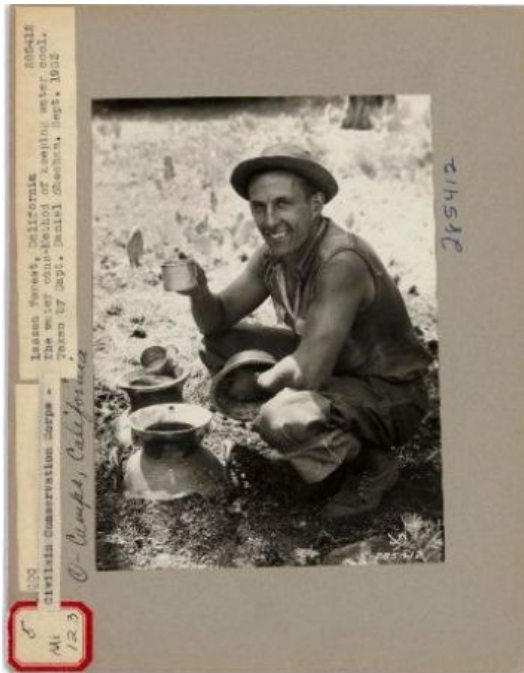
<https://www.archives.gov/st-louis/civilian-personnel/ccc-holdings-access>



Civilian Conservation Corps - California, [National Archives Identifier 7004428](#)

## Citizen Archivist Transcription Mission: CCC Photographs

Photographs in the National Archives Catalog from the Still Pictures Branch document CCC camps and activities. [Tag features, details, activities and people](#) found in these photos to make them easier to find in the Catalog! Many photos are mounted on photograph cards; please



help transcribe the text found on the photograph cards to make them more searchable.

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