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The Library of Congress is the official repository for the Historic American Buildings Survey and has served as such 1934. Their collections are accessible online at <https://www.loc.gov/pictures/collection/hh/bibliography.html>.

Resources on the national program:

- Davidson, Lisa Pfueller and Martin J. Perschler. "The Historic American Buildings Survey During the New Deal Era: Documenting 'a Complete Resume of the Builders' Art'." *CRM: The Journal of Heritage Stewardship* 1. No. 1 (Fall 2003). <https://www.nps.gov/crps/CRMJournal/Fall2003/article1.html>
- Massey, James C., Nancy B. Schwartz and Shirley Maxwell, Comp. *Historic American Buildings Survey/Historic American Engineering Record: An Annotated Bibliography*. N.p.: National Park Service, 1992. <http://npshistory.com/publications/habs-haer-hals/habs-haer-bibliography.pdf>
- Maynard, W. Barksdale. "A New Deal for Old Places." 2013. *Colonial Williamsburg*. <https://research.colonialwilliamsburg.org/Foundation/journal/summer13/buildings.cfm>.
- "Works Progress Administration (WPA) (1935)." 18 Nov 2016. *The Living New Deal*. <https://livingnewdeal.org/glossary/works-progress-administration-wpa-1935/>.

Resources located thus far on the state level:

This is a work in progress. States with no information are still in the research process. If "yet to be located" is noted, it has been determined that the records are not in any of the most likely repositories: state library; state historical society; state historic preservation office; state archives.

AL	Department of Archives and History. See https://archives.alabama.gov/research/finding-aids/v22993.htm for the finding aid.
AZ	
AR	Arkansas State Archives. See https://digitalheritage.arkansas.gov/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1688&context=finding-aids for the finding aid.
CA	California Historical Society. See https://oac.cdlib.org/findaid/ark:/13030/c86t0k0p/entire_text/ for the finding aid.
CO	
CT	Connecticut State Library, as part of the Federal Writers' Project. See https://cslib.contentdm.oclc.org/digital/collection/p4005coll7 for the digital collection.
DE	Delaware State Archives. See https://archivesfiles.delaware.gov/Online-Guide-Collections/0740-000-010.pdf for a limited number of available survey maps.
FL	Florida Archives. Older records yet to be located. For more recent HABS records, see http://archivescatalog.info.florida.gov/default.asp?IDCFile=/fsa/detailsS.IDC,SPECIFIC=471,DA-TABASE=SERIES .
GA	Georgia Tech. For finding aids, see https://dlg.usg.edu/collection/gatecharchives_habs .

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ME	Maine Historical Society. See https://researchworks.oclc.org/archivegrid/collection/data/744661318 for finding aid. Maine State Library. See https://digitalmaine.com/msl_docs/31/ for the finding aid.
MD	Records may be in Maryland Historical Trust Library. As their records are organized by location, they need an address to confirm.
MA	Historic New England. See https://www.historicnewengland.org/explore/collections-access/gusn/?refd=AR023 for the finding aid.
MI	Bentley Memorial Library. See https://search.lib.umich.edu/catalog/record/990027440600106381?library=Bentley+Historical+Library&query=Historic+American+buildings+survey and https://search.lib.umich.edu/catalog/record/990027473860106381?library=Bentley+Historical+Library&query=Historic+American+buildings+survey and more for the finding aids. Especially valuable for personal papers.
MN	
MS	
MO	
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NE	
NV	
NH	University of New Hampshire. See https://library.unh.edu/find/archives/collections/wpa-historic-american-buildings-survey-new-hampshire-papers-1935-1941 for the finding aid.
NJ	
NM	New Mexico State Archives. Collection partially copied from the collection at the Library of Congress. See https://nmarchives.unm.edu/agents/corporate_entities/4782 for the finding aids.
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OH	Western Reserve Historical Society. For the finding aid, see http://ead.ohiolink.edu/xtf-ead/view?docId=ead/OCLWHI2729.xml;query=;brand=default and http://ead.ohiolink.edu/xtf-ead/view?docId=ead/OCLWHI1936.xml;query=;brand=default . Statewide records missing.
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OR	Oregon State Library. For the finding aid, see https://ccrls.ent.sirsi.net/client/en_US/oslpublic/search/detailnonmodal/ent:\$002f\$002fSD_ILS\$002f0\$002fSD_ILS:929749/ada?qu=Historic+American+Buildings+Survey&d=ent%3A%2F%2FSD_ILS%2F0%2FSD_ILS%3A929749%7EILS%7E5&h=8 .
PA	Pennsylvania State Archives. See https://gencat.eloquent-systems.com/pennsylvania-state-archives/permalink.html?key=163799 for the finding aid.
RI	Rhode Island Historical Society. See https://www.rihs.org/mssinv/Mss502.htm for the finding aid.
SC	
SD	
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VA	Library of Virginia. See http://digitool1.lva.lib.va.us:8881/R/1R3AJDFVAQR892IF6ISAEK95KB5LSKPIVCNNA9R5NGB4BXGSGK-05815?func=collections-result&collection_id=2362&ga=2%2E100346590%2E1729209362%2E1681949769-731311400%2E1680564358&pds_handle=GUEST for the Federal Art Project Historic House Drawings. For inventories, see https://lva-virginia.libguides.com/historical-inventory .
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WY	Yet to be located.