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WPA: A GOOD PROGRAM FOR GENEALOGISTS

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Come and learn how to access one of genealogy's best-kept secrets! The Works Progress (later *Project*) Administration (WPA) was the largest and most ambitious American New Deal Agency. **Millions of records** were created as part of the Historical Records Survey, and most contain genealogically pertinent information.

Unemployed teachers, librarians, writers, archivists, and clerks were put to work from 1936 to 1943 creating guides to every state's manuscript collections and various federal records, plus a nationwide master index of the collections. They worked on newspaper indexes, vital record indexes, book transcriptions, cemetery surveys, church record inventories, and much more. The unfinished project has left **mountains of documents, many unpublished, preserved in repositories.**

Pamela Bell Dallas has enjoyed conducting personal and client research for more than 25 years using a wide variety of repositories and record sources. She has presented genealogy lectures at national conferences, regional conferences and one day seminars as well as local society meetings. Pamela's genealogical focus is Midwest research, methodology and unique record sources. She is a member of the National Genealogical Society, Genealogical Speaker's Guild, and the Association of Professional Genealogists.

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