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Russell Lee

In 2016, Lee Elementary, a school in the , was renamed Russell Lee Elementary in honor of the photographer, replacing the original namesake,. She was struck and killed as he watched.

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The 35 mm film was slow and grainy.

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It was she who helped keep the FSA negative files from being trashed. Just as he was finishing his personal program of basic photographic training, he was able to join the Historical Section of the Resettlement Administration later renamed the Farm Security Administration , a federal program to help the rural poor.

Russell Lee's New Deal Visions of Depression

In 1943 Lee left to join the Air Transport Command and began two years of grueling assignments around the world. His photographs are intended to form an integral part of the text. It also displays Lee's superior technical ability—his legendary skill in using a flash enabled Lee to create some of the finest candids in the history of photography.

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Russell Lee is widely acclaimed as one of the most outstanding documentary photographers of the twentieth century. Perhaps the best-known example is Let Us Now Praise Famous Men, with text by James Agee and photography by Walker Evans. Lee is rightly famous for his FSA work though none of that output is included here.

Russell Lee (photographer)

The quality is extraordinary in my opinion. As revered as the collection is now, it is hard to imagine that at one point it was nearly destroyed, the file considered a burden to be discarded. What he had learned from art, and what he was to stress years later as a photography teacher, was seeing--careful observation of everything that might be your subject, but particularly of people active in their everyday lives.

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I thought Lee was good but I didn't know how good. But for economist Roy Stryker, head of the the work he and his photographers did had nothing to do with PR, and certainly not propaganda. His chemical experience was useful as he mastered photographic processing and improved the basic film speed available.

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