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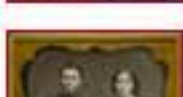

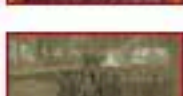






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In total, the black-and-white portion of the collection consists of about 175,000 black-and-white film negatives, encompassing both negatives that were printed for FSA-OWI use and those that were not printed at the time. To view the unprinted negatives, go to the description for any FSA/OWI image and select the "Browse neighboring items by call number" link. Most unprinted negatives simply have "Untitled" as their caption. Some have titles based on similar images that appear to have related content. Color transparencies also made by the FSA/OWI are available in a separate section of the catalog: FSA/OWI Color Photographs [\[view description\]](#).

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