

WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION
National Loan & Exchange Bldg..
Columbia, S. C.

May 28, 1936.

MEMORANDUM NO. 82

TO: THE DISTRICT DIRECTORS, WPA
ATTN: DIVISION OF EMPLOYMENT, WPA
FROM: W. T. BAILEY, DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF EMPLOYMENT, WPA
SUBJECT: THE USE OF SHOVELS AND PICKS OR OTHER HEAVY
TOOLS BY WOMEN ON WPA PROJECTS.

It has been brought to the attention of this office that in some locations, perhaps that women in a few instances, have been using picks and shovels on WPA projects.

This is to advise that it is the opinion of this office that women should not be assigned to work in which the use of picks and shovels are necessary, even though we understand that some women have requested it.

We, therefore, request that you desist from such practice.

Very truly yours,
(S) W. T. Bailey, Director
Division of Employment, WPA.

WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION
Washington, D. C.

June 5, 1936.

"Mr. Lawrence M. Pinckney,
Works Progress Administration
Loan and Exchange Building,
Columbia, South Carolina.

Dear Mr. Pinckney:

This will acknowledge receipt of your communication of May 29, 1936, in reply to our communication of May 22, 1936, and in which you comment upon matters relative to the employment of Negro women in Georgetown, South Carolina.