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- **30.9 STILL PICTURES (GENERAL) 1896-1963**

30.1 ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY

Established: In the General Services Administration, July 1, 1949, by the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act (63 Stat. 380), June 30, 1949.

Predecessor Agencies:

In the Department of Agriculture:

- Office of Road Inquiry (1893-99)
- Office of Public Road Inquiries (1899-1905)
- Office of Public Roads (1905-15)
- Office of Public Roads and Rural Engineering (1915-18)
- Bureau of Public Roads (1918-39)

In the Federal Works Agency (FWA):

- Public Roads Administration (PRA, 1939-49)

Transfers: To the Department of Commerce by Reorganization Plan No. 7 of 1949, effective August 20, 1949; to the Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, effective April 1, 1967, by the Department of Transportation Act (80 Stat. 931), October 15, 1966.

Functions: Supervised the cooperative federal-state highway construction program. Administered the highway beautification program and the highway construction phase of the Appalachian regional development program. Constructed defense highways and roads in national parks and forests. Conducted research in transportation and highway design.

Abolished: Functions absorbed by Federal Highway Administration, August 10, 1970.

Successor Agencies: Federal Highway Administration.