

“THIS GREAT NATION WILL ENDURE”

Photographs of the Great Depression



For those born after the 1930s, the Great Depression is something that can be visualized only through photography and film. Certain images have come to define our view of that uncertain time: an anxious migrant mother with her three small children; a farmer and his sons struggling through a dust storm; a family of sharecroppers gathered outside their spartan home. Remarkably, many of these familiar images were created by one small government agency established by President Franklin D. Roosevelt as part of the New Deal: the Farm Security Administration (FSA). Between 1935 and 1943, FSA photographers produced nearly 80,000 pictures of life in Depression-era America, capturing the lives and struggles of school children, tenement dwellers, church members, factory workers, and small merchants. “This Great Nation Will Endure” features over 150 FSA photographs. Together, they affirm FDR’s determined words in his First Inaugural Address: *“This great nation will endure as it has endured . . . the only thing we have to fear is fear itself.”*

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Where: National Archives Southeast Region, 5780 Jonesboro Road, Morrow, GA

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