

Collection Summary

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Abstract: This collection consists of articles, clippings, publications about and by the community, newsletters, and Plough Publishing.

Historical Notes: The Hutterites are America's oldest and largest communal movement, aside from the religious communities of the Roman Catholic Church. Founded in 1528 during the early days of the Anabaptist upwelling, they migrated from the Tirol to Moravia to Ukraine, and then to the United States in 1874 when certain privileges they had enjoyed for a century, such as exemption from military service and the freedom to operate their own school were cut off. Settling first in South Dakota, they formed three distinct subgroups within Hutterism: the Dariusleut, the Lehrerleut, and the Schmiedeleut (who in 1992 further divided into two subgroups loosely known as the Hutterian Brethren and the Committee Hutterites). Other Hutterites did not live communally after arriving in the United States; they became known as Prairieleut. The Hutterites, as German-speaking pacifists, were persecuted during World War I, and most of them moved under duress to Canada. Later many of them returned to the United States, although a majority remained in the western provinces of Canada. In recent decades, they have expanded rapidly to well over 40,000 members in more than 450 colonies in North and South Dakota, Minnesota, Montana, Washington, Oregon, and the Canadian provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, and British Columbia. For a time, some of the Hutterites had a formal relationship with the Bruderhof colonies, whose life has been patterned on that of the Hutterites, but those ties were sundered in the 1990s. **Sources:** Miller, Timothy. *The encyclopedic guide to American intentional communities*. Clinton, New York: Richard W. Couper Press, 2013. pg. 217.

Selected Search Terms

Subjects: Communal living; Collective settlements; Housing, Cooperative; Collective farms; Commune; Hutterite Brethren Church; Hutterian Brethren; Anabaptists; Society of Brothers (Bruderhof)

Administrative Information

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