

Collection Summary

ID Number: CS 077

Title: Burley, Puget Sound

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Language: English

Geographic Location: Tacoma, Washington

Abstract: This collection consists of a paper presented at a conference about the community.

Historical Notes: The Social Democracy of America, a progressive organization with ties to the Brotherhood of the Co-operative Commonwealth, had a colonization department that, renaming itself the Cooperative Brotherhood, founded a colony at Burley, Washington, on the south reaches of Puget Sound, in 1898. It was officially named Brotherhood but generally called Burley. Cyrus Field Willard and J. S. Ingalls were prominent among the organizers. The colony's early progress was promising, and a good lumbering and sawmill business was developed. However, divisions appeared, especially between the workers and Willard, the somewhat aristocratic colony leader, and Willard and his wife left. The decline of Burley was gradual, with members turning to cottage industries and private life. Dissolution began in 1913, but it was not final until 1924. Some members continued to live in their homes there afterwards. **Sources:** Miller, Timothy. *The encyclopedic guide to American intentional communities*. 2nd ed. Clinton, New York: Richard W. Couper Press, 2015. pg. 61.

Selected Search Terms

Subjects: Communal living; Collective settlements; Housing, Cooperative; Collective farms; Commune

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