

Collection Summary

ID Number: CS 444

Title: Lower Farm/Ojo de las Casas

Extent: 1 Folder(s)

Span Dates: 1981

Language: English

Geographic Location: New Mexico

Abstract: This collection consists of a photocopy of a newspaper clipping.

Historical Notes: The Lower Farm, later called Manerva Nueva, was one of the several communes in northern New Mexico in the 1960's era, and generally regarded as the most down-and-out of them all. It was founded in the late 1960's near Placitas, between Santa Fe and Albuquerque, in a cluster of buildings long used by squatters, and was well known for repeated conflicts with its neighbors. In December 1970, a double murder took place at the farm, and the leader, who went by the name Ulysses S. Grant, disappeared. Grant was never captured but is believed to have died (probably murdered) in a cabin fire in Montana in the 1990s'. One account calls the commune Ojo de las Casas, claiming that the Lower Farm was just one part of the larger commune. **Sources:** Miller, Timothy. *The encyclopedic guide to American intentional communities*. 2nd ed. Clinton, New York: Richard W. Couper Press, 2015. pg. 268.

Selected Search Terms

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

Administrative Information

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