

Collection Summary

ID Number: CS 367

Title: Lighthouse Ranch

Extent: 1 Folder(s)

Span Dates: 1977

Language: English

Geographic Location: Loleta, California

Abstract: This collection consists of a letter from a member of the community describing the community mission.

Historical Notes: Gospel Outreach was the name of a charismatic Christian communal movement that had communities in about a dozen American cities. It started in 1971, when a group of young Jesus-movement Christians turned a Coast Guard Lighthouse in the small town of Loleta, California, near Eureka, into a communal home and church known as Lighthouse Ranch. Under the leadership of Jim Durkin, the movement expanded substantially, both in the Eureka area, where it had hundreds of members living in a reported 23 communal houses, and elsewhere. Members supported themselves through a variety of cottage industries, mainly service jobs.

Sources: Miller, Timothy. *The encyclopedic guide to American intentional communities*. 2nd ed. Clinton, New York: Richard W. Couper Press, 2015. pg. 181.

Selected Search Terms

Subjects: Communal living; Collective settlements; Housing, Cooperative; Commune; Christian life; Jesus People

Administrative Information

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