

Collection Summary

ID Number: CS 566

Title: Temple of the People

Extent: 1 Folder(s)

Span Dates: 1907-1997

Language: English

Geographic Location: Halcyon, California

Abstract: This collection consists of handouts and booklets produced by the community.

Historical Notes: In the wake of the death of its founder, Helena Blavatsky, in 1891 the theosophical movement splintered into several independent and sometimes competing organizations. The Syracuse, New York, chapter of the movement, newly independent and with leaders Frances LaDue and William H. Dower allegedly receiving spiritual messages from theosophical masters, moved as a group to California in 1903, purchasing oceanfront land north of Santa Barbara and establishing the village of Halcyon. The religious organization, known as the Temple of the People, established a separate entity, the Temple House Association, to build an intentional community; soon the Temple Home organization had established businesses, including a construction company, and allotted land for homes to members, who at the community's peak numbered about 115. By 1912, economic problems ended the economically communitarian phase of Halcyon, but the religious group has continued since. In the 1920s members built an unusual triangular temple that remains the center of Temple of the People activity. **Sources:** Miller, Timothy. *The encyclopedic guide to American intentional communities*. Clinton, New York: Richard W. Couper Press, 2013. pg. 433.

Selected Search Terms

Subjects: Communal living; Collective settlements; Temple of the People (Halcyon, Calif.); Theosophists; Theosophy

Administrative Information

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