

Collection Summary

ID Number: CS 018

Title: Alternatives Collection

Extent: 2 Folders

Span Dates: 1970s - 1990s

Language: English

Geographic Location: Florida

Abstract: The Alternatives Collection consists of newsletters, documents, and other items about the Alternatives community in Bonita Springs, Florida from 1971 to 1992.

Historical Notes: Richard Fairfield, born in 1937, took interest in the communal movement. "From 1966-1972, Fairfield edited and published The Modern Utopian, which he founded as a "magazine of social change" that reported on the developing communal movement in the United States. This was the first magazine member of The Underground Press Syndicate (UPS). In 1970, Fairfield visited communes in England, France, Holland, Denmark, Germany, Switzerland, and Japan, and soon after wrote, edited and published several oversized, heavily illustrated books including: Com-munes Europe, Communes Japan, and Communes USA. Penguin published a revised paperback edition of Communes USA in 1972. Richard continued to self-publish books, magazines, and newsletters until the mid-1970s." He moved to Florida in 1992, where he still resides. **Sources:** [Alternatives](#)

Selected Search Terms

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

Administrative Information

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Alternatives Newsletters	1986 - 1992	Filing Cabinet	Folder 1	Filing Cabinet 11-A

**Informational Materials and Reviews; Alternatives: A Quarterly Review:
Spring 1989, Summer 1989, Fall 1990, Winter 1990, Spring 1991**

1971 - 1991 Filing Cabinet

Folder 2 Filing Cabinet 11-A