

## Collection Summary

**ID Number:** CS 198

**Title:** Atlantis

**Extent:** 1 Folder(s)

**Span Dates:** 1987-2009

**Language:** English, Spanish, German

**Geographic Location:** Colombia; Ireland

**Abstract:** The collection consists of photographs, clippings, correspondence, and miscellaneous printed material.

**Historical Notes:** Jenny James founded Atlantis in 1974. Before that, she had spent many years, firstly in the Communist Youth movement and then in the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament. Because of her own unhappiness she began therapy with David Boadella, who had been a pupil of Wilhelm Reich. Through her therapeutic experiences she came to realize that radical social change couldn't take place without a deep emotional healing of the individual and became involved with the People Not Psychiatry (PNP) Movement and for several years ran a free, drop in therapy house in London. As the therapy movement became more fashionable and less radical, Jenny, forever ready to reach for the next limb, moved first to the Lake District and then on to Burtonport, a tiny fishing village on the Northwest coast of Donegal in Ireland. She bought a big old hotel there by offering therapy, asking payment from those who could afford it and giving it free to all those who could not. Seeking to break all ties with the pollution of modern civilization she later moved the commune to nearby Innisfree Island. There the commune learned the arts of self-sufficiency and it was there that most of the young people who live now in Colombia were born, beside turf fires in the old fishermen's cottages. It also learned what happens when a small group of people renounce all mod cons and create a simple lovely lifestyle not by buying and consuming but by creatively facing the awful barrenness and underlying rage that is at the core of every being brought up in a society like ours where abundance at home is based on death and destruction elsewhere. In 1980, the group began to plan an adventurous move to the wilds of South America and bought a big old sailing boat. The sailing boat is still in Baltimore, Co. Cork where it serves as the Green Office of our European Department, two adults and two kids, but the main part of the commune, about five adults and ten young people, has been in Colombia since 1988, sharing and learning from and suffering the huge violent social changes happening here. On July 9, 2000 we lost two beautiful 18-year-old boys, Tristan and Javier, to the madness of the war, and two lovely farms. **Sources:** [Atlantis](#)

## Selected Search Terms

**Subjects:** Communal living; Collective settlements; Housing, Cooperative; Collective farms; Commune; Organic farming; Sustainable agriculture

## Administrative Information

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