

Collection Summary

ID Number: CS 169

Title: Downhill Farm Community

Extent: 1 Folder(s)

Span Dates: 1978

Language: English

Geographic Location: Pennsylvania near Hancock, Maryland

Abstract: This collection consists of land trust agreements guidelines and some general information.

Historical Notes: Downhill Farm, located in Pennsylvania about nine miles west of Hancock, Maryland, was started in 1972 by Judson and Marty Jerome as part of the back-to-the-land, decentralization movement that had a strong following then. Members lived in the central house as well as in other buildings on the 100-acre property. Membership was typically around ten adults. A monthly assessment covered community expenses. Some members made a living in community business, while others had outside income. One community business was the manufacture of planters from oak logs. Downhill Farm had a close association with the School of Living through much of its history. It declined in membership in the 1980's and eventually closed. **Sources:** Miller, Timothy. *The encyclopedic guide to American intentional communities*. 2nd ed. Clinton, New York: Richard W. Couper Press, 2013, pg. 124.

Selected Search Terms

Subjects: Communal Living; Collective Settlements; Housing, Cooperative; Intentional Communities; Collective farms; Commune

Administrative Information

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