

Collection Summary

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Title: Alpha Farm Community

Extent: 6 Boxes, 154 Folders

Span Dates: 1970's – 2010's

Language: English

Geographic Location: Oregon

Abstract: This collection consists of receipts, business ledgers, correspondences, and other materials relating to the Alpha Farm community in Deadwood Oregon from 1970 to 2018.

Historical Notes: In 1971 a group of Philadelphia social activists decided to live in a community, and the following year they purchased a beautiful 280-acre tract of land in the coast range near Deadwood, Oregon. There they developed an income-sharing community that has typically had ten to 20 adult members plus several children. Several small businesses have supported the community, especially a rural mail route (members rotate in delivering the mail) and a bookstore and restaurant in Mapleton, the largest town in the area. Although the community has remained small, many like-minded persons have come to live in its neighborhood, and it thus serves as a cultural center for the area.

- **Sources:** Miller, Timothy. *The encyclopedic guide to American intentional communities*. 2nd ed. Clinton, New York: Richard W. Couper Press, 2015. Pg. 10.

Selected Search Terms

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Administrative Information

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