

Collection Summary

ID Number: CS 017

Title: Alpha Farm Collection

Extent: 6 Boxes, 154 Folders

Span Dates: 1970's – 2010's

Language: English

Geographic Location: Oregon

Abstract: The Alpha Farm Collection consists of receipts, business ledgers, and other items about 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

Keywords: Communal Living; Collective Settlements; Housing, Cooperative; Commune

Administrative Information

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Contents	Date	Container	Folder	Location
Business Ledger	1972 - 1973	Box	1	Folder 1 Shelf 15A-1

Farm Record for Income Tax Returns	1972	Box	1	Folder	2	Shelf 15A-1
Alpha Farm Enterprises Ledger	1973 - 1974	Box	1	Folder	3	Shelf 15A-1
Book Receipts	1973 - 1974	Box	1	Folder	4	Shelf 15A-1
Crafts Receipts	1973 - 1974	Box	1	Folder	5	Shelf 15A-1
Utility Receipts	1973 - 1974	Box	1	Folder	6	Shelf 15A-1
Alpha Bit Receipts	192 - 1975	Box	1	Folder	7	Shelf 15A-1
Alpha Bit Food Receipts	1973 - 1974	Box	1	Folder	8	Shelf 15A-1
Pacific Coast Cascara Bark Company Receipts	1976 - 1977	Box	1	Folder	9	Shelf 15A-1
Financial Budgets	1972 - 1973	Box	1	Folder	10	Shelf 15A-1
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Construction Receipts	1973 - 1974	Box	1	Folder	13	Shelf 15A-1
Alpha Farm and Alpha Groves Electric Receipts	1973 - 1974	Box	1	Folder	14	Shelf 15A-1
Alpha Farm and Alpha Mail Receipts	1973 - 1974	Box	1	Folder	15	Shelf 15A-1
Telephone Receipts	1973 - 1974	Box	1	Folder	16	Shelf 15A-1
Automotive Receipts	1973 - 1974	Box	1	Folder	17	Shelf 15A-1
Medical Receipts	1973	Box	1	Folder	18	Shelf 15A-1
Alpha Farm and Alpha Groves Seed Receipts	1973	Box	1	Folder	19	Shelf 15A-1
Household Records and Receipts	1973	Box	1	Folder	20	Shelf 15A-1
Alpha Groves Feed and Hay Receipts	1973	Box	1	Folder	21	Shelf 15A-1
Alpha Groves Tools and Machinery Receipts	1973	Box	1	Folder	22	Shelf 15A-1
Balance Sheets	1976	Box	1	Folder	23	Shelf 15A-1
Budget Worksheets	1978	Box	1	Folder	24	Shelf 15A-1
Banking and Tax materials	1974	Box	1	Folder	25	Shelf 15A-1
Operating Receipts	1975	Box	1	Folder	26	Shelf 15A-1
Household Receipts	1975	Box	1	Folder	27	Shelf 15A-1
Food Receipts	1975	Box	1	Folder	28	Shelf 15A-1
Medical Receipts	1975	Box	1	Folder	29	Shelf 15A-1
General Receipts	1974 - 1975	Box	1	Folder	30	Shelf 15A-1
General Receipts	1975	Box	1	Folder	31	Shelf 15A-1
Book Receipts	1975	Box	1	Folder	32	Shelf 15A-1
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Ledger	1974			Box	2	Folder	2	Shelf 15A-1
Ledger	1975			Box	2	Folder	3	Shelf 15A-1
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Photofinishing Receipts	1975			Box	2	Folder	5	Shelf 15A-1
Utility and Corporation Receipts	1975			Box	2	Folder	6	Shelf 15A-1
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Crafts Receipts	1975			Box	2	Folder	8	Shelf 15A-1
Bookkeeping and Tax Records	1972	-	1973	Box	2	Folder	9	Shelf 15A-1
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Automotive Receipts	1974	-	1975	Box	2	Folder	11	Shelf 15A-1
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Household Receipts	1974			Box	2	Folder	14	Shelf 15A-1
Medical Receipts	1974			Box	2	Folder	15	Shelf 15A-1
Tool Receipts	1974			Box	2	Folder	16	Shelf 15A-1
Feed and Hay Receipts	1974			Box	2	Folder	17	Shelf 15A-1
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Travel Slips	1974			Box	2	Folder	20	Shelf 15A-1
Travel Slips	1974			Box	2	Folder	21	Shelf 15A-1
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Receipt Books	1973	-	1974	Box	2	Folder	24	Shelf 15A-1
Receipt Books	1974			Box	2	Folder	25	Shelf 15A-1
General Receipts	1972			Box	2	Folder	26	Shelf 15A-1
Receipts	1974			Box	2	Folder	27	Shelf 15A-1
General Receipts	1975			Box	2	Folder	28	Shelf 15A-1
Medical Receipts	1975	-	1978	Box	2	Folder	29	Shelf 15A-1
General Receipts	1978			Box	2	Folder	30	Shelf 15A-1
Newsletters	1974	-	1993	Box	2	Folder	31	Shelf 15A-1

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Crafts Receipts	1978	Box	3	Folder	2	Shelf 15B-2
Food Receipts	1978	Box	3	Folder	3	Shelf 15B-2
Automotive Receipts	1978	Box	3	Folder	4	Shelf 15B-2
Construction Receipts	1978	Box	3	Folder	5	Shelf 15B-2
Utility Receipts	1978	Box	3	Folder	6	Shelf 15B-2
Medical Receipts	1978	Box	3	Folder	7	Shelf 15B-2
Agriculture Receipts	1978	Box	3	Folder	8	Shelf 15B-2
Ledger Sheets	1978	Box	3	Folder	9	Shelf 15B-2
Ledger Sheets	1978	Box	3	Folder	10	Shelf 15B-2
Receipt Book	1978	Box	3	Folder	11	Shelf 15B-2
Banking Receipts	1978	Box	3	Folder	12	Shelf 15B-2
General Receipts	1978	Box	3	Folder	13	Shelf 15B-2
Ledgers	1976	Box	3	Folder	14	Shelf 15B-2
Banking Receipts	1976	Box	3	Folder	15	Shelf 15B-2
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Activity Sheets	1976	Box	3	Folder	17	Shelf 15B-2
Allowances up to 1976	1976	Box	3	Folder	18	Shelf 15B-2
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Coop and Garlic Receipts	1976	Box	3	Folder	21	Shelf 15B-2
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Craft Receipts	1976	Box	4	Folder	2	Shelf 15B-2
Fuel Receipts	1976	Box	4	Folder	3	Shelf 15B-2
Grower's Receipts	1976	Box	4	Folder	4	Shelf 15B-2
Utility Receipts	1976	Box	4	Folder	5	Shelf 15B-2
Household Receipts	1976	Box	4	Folder	6	Shelf 15B-2
Medical Receipts	1976	Box	4	Folder	7	Shelf 15B-2

Construction Receipts	1976	Box	4	Folder	8	Shelf 15B-2
Automotive Receipts	1976	Box	4	Folder	9	Shelf 15B-2
Automotive Receipts	1973 - 1976	Box	4	Folder	10	Shelf 15B-2
Phone Accounting Sheets	1976	Box	4	Folder	11	Shelf 15B-2
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Receipt Book	1976	Box	4	Folder	13	Shelf 15B-2
Account Book	1979 - 1980	Box	4	Folder	14	Shelf 15B-2
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Come Unity Correspondence	1979 - 1980	Box	4	Folder	16	Shelf 15B-2
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Come Unity Correspondence	1980 - 1981	Box	4	Folder	18	Shelf 15B-2
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Come Unity Receipts	1979 - 1982	Box	4	Folder	20	Shelf 15B-2
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Presentation of the P.E.A.C.E Village Plan	1980	Box	4	Folder	22	Shelf 15B-2
Come Unity Newsletter Material	n.d.	Box	4	Folder	23	Shelf 15B-2
Communities Roundup Information and Mailing Lists	1980	Box	4	Folder	24	Shelf 15B-2
Come Unity Questionnaires	1980	Box	4	Folder	25	Shelf 15B-2
Come Unity Archive Newsletter	1980	Box	4	Folder	26	Shelf 15B-2
Come Unity Address List Newsletter	1980 - 1981	Box	4	Folder	27	Shelf 15B-2
New Age Agencies	1981 - 1982	Box	4	Folder	28	Shelf 15B-2
Come Unity Correspondence	1984	Box	4	Folder	29	Shelf 15B-2
Information Material	1976 - 2006	Box	4	Folder	30	Shelf 15B-2
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Correspondences	1987	Box	5	Folder	3	Shelf 15C-2
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Correspondences	1988	Box	5	Folder	6	Shelf 15C-2
Correspondences	1989	Box	5	Folder	7	Shelf 15C-2
Correspondences	1989	Box	5	Folder	8	Shelf 15C-2

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Alpha Bit Food Receipts	1977			Box	5	Folder	11	Shelf 15C-2
Medical Receipts	1977			Box	5	Folder	12	Shelf 15C-2
General Receipts	1977			Box	5	Folder	13	Shelf 15C-2
Craft Receipts	1977			Box	5	Folder	14	Shelf 15C-2
Automotive Receipts	1977			Box	5	Folder	15	Shelf 15C-2
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Alpha Farm Food Receipts	1977			Box	6	Folder	3	Shelf 15C-2
Allowances	1977			Box	6	Folder	4	Shelf 15C-2
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AI Receipts	1977			Box	6	Folder	7	Shelf 15C-2
Alpha Groves Receipts	1977			Box	6	Folder	8	Shelf 15C-2
Alpha Bit Book Receipts	1977			Box	6	Folder	9	Shelf 15C-2
Construction Receipts	1977			Box	6	Folder	10	Shelf 15C-2
Utilities	1977			Box	6	Folder	11	Shelf 15C-2
Alpha Enterprises Plan	1976			Box	6	Folder	12	Shelf 15C-2
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 Rosenthal Correspondences	1978	-	1983	Box	6	Folder	20	Shelf 15C-2

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