



Guide to the Alliance for Guidance of Rural Youth records, 1887-1963 and undated, bulk 1914-1946

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Summary

Collection Title:

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Creator:

Alliance for Guidance of Rural Youth (U.S.)

Abstract:

The Alliance for the Guidance of Rural Youth was a vocational guidance service organization originally created under the leadership of Orié Latham Hatcher as the Virginia Bureau of Vocations for Women (1914-1921), and later known as the Southern Woman's Educational Alliance (1921-1937). Disbanded in 1963. The records comprise an extensive set of organizational records for Alliance for the Guidance of Rural Youth and its predecessors. Series include correspondence, administrative files, project files, conference files, subject files, writings and speeches, publications, clippings, press releases, and photographic materials, which include prints and nitrate negatives. The records document the organization's evolution from its early focus on increasing vocational opportunities for educated southern women and rural high school girls to its later activities in providing county-wide vocational programming for rural youth. Additional subjects addressed in the papers and photographs include economic conditions throughout the South; migration patterns from U.S. rural regions to cities; Appalachian culture, including crafts and music; community life in the South; and employment for African Americans. The collection includes 42 matted platinum prints of rural citizens and scenes in Kentucky taken in the 1930s by noted photographer Doris Ulmann, and include a portrait of her assistant and folklorist, John Jacob Niles.

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Background

Scope and Content

The records of the Alliance for Guidance of Rural Youth (AGRY) span the years 1887 to 1963, although the bulk of the collection begins in 1914 with the creation of the organization and ends in 1946 with the death of founder and president, Orie Latham Hatcher. Additional records for the Alliance from 1947 to 1963 can be found in the Amber Arthun Warburton papers, also located in the Rubenstein Library.

The records comprise an extensive set of organizational records for AGRY and its predecessors, the Virginia Bureau of Vocations for Women (VBVW) and the Southern Woman's Educational Alliance (SWEA), and document the organization's evolution from its early focus on increasing vocational opportunities for educated southern women and rural high school girls to its later activities in providing county-wide vocational programming for rural youth. Series include correspondence, administrative files, project files, conference files, subject files, writings and speeches, publications, clippings, press releases, and photographic materials, which include prints and nitrate negatives.

Early materials in the **Correspondence**, **Administrative Files**, and **Clippings and Press Releases** series document the Bureau's projects, such as the speaker's bureau and the scholarship program, as well as the Bureau's relationship with other women's organizations such as the Virginia Association of Colleges and Schools for Girls, Southern Collegiate Women (later the American Association of University Women), the National Federation of Business and Professional Women Clubs (BPW), and the National Council of Women.

Strong ties were developed between the Bureau and these organizations during its formative years: Hatcher chaired national and local committees in most of these organizations, and early correspondence and administrative files center on her work with these organizations particularly concerning educational standards and vocational training in women's colleges. In these early records it is often unclear which of these activities were officially adopted by the Bureau or if they were solely Hatcher's activities.

The AGRY's activities documented in the **Branch Files Series** include benefits, forums, exhibits, and festivals. The New York Branch sponsored several opera benefits to help raise funds during the 1920s. The Rural Mountain Festival,

sponsored by the Richmond Branch, was held in 1938. In 1932, the Alliance commissioned noted New York portrait photographer, Doris Ulmann, to photograph rural youth and other individuals in Kentucky. The photographs were subsequently exhibited by several of the branches and were used to promote discussion of vocational issues and the work of the Alliance. Forty-two of these original platinum prints are located in the **Photographic Materials Series**.

Organizational changes reflected modifications in the organization's goals. Although SWEA continued many of the projects started by the Virginia Bureau, emphasis shifted away from lobbying efforts aimed to open new careers for women and more towards research on women's occupational trends and model guidance counseling programs based on that research. **Correspondence** during the early 1920s contains letters from faculty and administrators from women's colleges throughout the Northeast and South which describe various approaches (or lack thereof) to providing vocational guidance to students. Administrative files contain information on surveys and on a vocational guidance course for college women which was developed at Goucher College under the auspices of SWEA and tested at Duke University (then Trinity College) and the College of William and Mary. The **Publications and Clippings and Press Releases** series also contain considerable information regarding Alliance research and activities during this time.

During the mid to late 1920s, SWEA sponsored several research projects through its Rural Guidance Project which examined vocational trends of rural girls in North Carolina and Virginia. While the **Correspondence** and **Administrative Files** series document how the projects were organized, the comprehensive data collected during these projects is extant only in resulting SWEA publications such as *Rural Girls in the City for Work* and the unpublished manuscript "Fifty Rural High School Girls."

Alliance projects in the late 1920s and 1930s consisted of experimental and demonstration guidance programs in rural schools. These projects were located at the Konnarock Training School (Virginia), elementary schools in Albemarle Co., Virginia, Farm Life School (Craven Co., N.C.), and elementary and secondary schools in Breathitt Co., Kentucky, among others. Each of these demonstration projects also resulted in substantial Alliance publications which in most cases represent the bulk of extant documentation of each project. The **Photographic Materials** series contains many snapshots taken in these various communities, although most are of poor quality and unidentified; there are also negatives in this series. Additional information may also appear scattered throughout **Correspondence, Clippings, and Administrative Files** series.

The **Breathitt County Project Files Series**, provides the most comprehensive documentation of the demonstration project which grew to become the Alliance's main research activity from about 1934 to 1942. The project encompassed a wide range of activities including data collection on students'

home life, teacher training workshops, vocational guidance programming through the county's Planning Council, and a visit by Eleanor Roosevelt in 1938. Particularly noteworthy in these materials are the extensive raw data files consisting of approximately 2500 autobiographical surveys of students. Additional files contain charts of data compilations and teacher reports which identify trends in students' educational behavior. Photographs of Breathitt County schools, students, and home life, chiefly taken by noted photographer Doris Ullman, are contained in the **Photographic Materials Series**.

SWEA and AGRY's emphasis on research and dissemination of information was reflected in the increase of published materials produced by the organization. Much of this material is contained in the **Publications Series**. Clippings of book reviews document the wide-spread acceptance of these publications in a newly emerging field. Several unpublished manuscripts resulting from Alliance research projects are extant in the **Writings and Speeches Series** and include "Occupations for Educated Women in Durham, Raleigh, and Winston-Salem, North Carolina" (1926), a bound copy of "Fifty Rural High School Girls" (1930), and final drafts of "When Our Young Folks Come Home to the Smaller Communities" (1945).

Another strategy for publicizing the work of the Alliance was through local and national radio broadcasts. Shows were broadcast from Richmond, New York, and Washington, D.C., and gave information on specific occupations and discussed vocational guidance issues. Broadcast scripts contained in the **Writings and Speeches Series** feature youths interviewing each other and Orië Hatcher about career goals, a dialogue between Eleanor Roosevelt and Hatcher on the future of rural youth (1938), and a presentation by Amelia Earhart on women in aviation (1931).

The **Correspondence, Clippings and Press Releases**, and **Subject Files** series demonstrate the Alliance's shift away from relationships with women's organizations in the late 1920s and towards guidance and educational organizations such as the American Council for Guidance and Personnel Associations (CGPA), National Vocational Guidance Association (NVGA), National Occupational Conference (NOC), National Education Association (NEA), and the U.S. Department of Education in the 1930s. In many of these organizations, Hatcher chaired committees on rural youth, and representatives from these groups served on AGRY's Board of Trustees.

Numerous regional and national conference activities are reflected in the **Conference Files Series**, with a complete set of conference proceedings and findings contained in the **Publications Series**. Information on pre-1930s conferences is slim, but additional information on all conferences can be gleaned from the **Correspondence** and **Clippings and Press Releases** series. Copies of papers delivered by Alliance members and others are located in the **Writings and Speeches Series**.

Materials dating past Hatcher's tenure in the Alliance consist mainly of routine administrative correspondence. A more complete set of AGRY organizational records dating from 1947-1963 is located in the papers of Amber Arthun Warburton, her successor. These records continue several series started in the AGRY records such as executive board minutes, publications, project files, and correspondence.

Biographical/Historical

Alliance for Guidance of Rural Youth

Date	Description
1914, May	Organizational meeting of the Virginia Bureau of Vocations for Women (initially known as the Women's Occupational Bureau), Richmond, Virginia.
1915, March	Orie Latham Hatcher becomes president of Bureau.
1918, March 17	Bureau incorporated.
1920	Unofficial name change to Bureau of Vocations for Women.
1921	Official name change to Southern Woman's Educational Alliance.
1922, March	Chicago branch established.
1923, November	New York branch established.
1924, January	Atlanta and Washington, D.C., branches established.
1929, June	Richmond branch established.
1929	Chicago junior auxiliary branch established.

Date	Description
1931	University of Chicago branch established.
1937, November	Official name change to Alliance for Guidance of Rural Youth.
1937	Washington branch re-established.
1946, April	Howard Dawson becomes acting president of Alliance Board after Orië Latham Hatcher's death.
1947, February	Position of Executive Secretary established to assume Hatcher's former duties. Amber Arthun Warburton hired for position.
1963, September	AGRY disbands.

Orie Latham Hatcher

Date	Description
1868, December 10	Born, Petersburg, Va.
1884	Graduated from Richmond (Va.) Female Institute.
1888	A.B., Vassar College.
Circa 1888-1892	Teacher, Miss Belle Peer's School, Louisville, Ky.
1893-1894	Teacher, Richmond Female Seminary.
1894	Professor of History, English Language, and Literature, Women's College, Richmond, Va.

Date	Description
1903	Ph.D., University of Chicago, English Literature.
1904-1915	Employed at Bryn Mawr College (Pa.) as part-time reader, lecturer, associate professor of English (1912-1915), and chair of comparative literature department (1910-1915).
1906	Helped organize the Virginia Association of Colleges and Schools for Girls.
1915	Left Bryn Mawr to become full-time director/president of Virginia Bureau of Vocations for Women.
1917	Co-founder and executive board member of Richmond School of Social Work and Public Health.
1920- 1924	Vice-president, National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs.
1928 - 1938	Chair, Rural Section, National Vocational Guidance Association.
1932 - 1935	Executive Board member, National Council of Women.
1933-1937	Board of Trustees, National Vocational Guidance Association.
1936-1942	Technical director, Pine Mountain Guidance Institutes, Harlan County, Ky.

Date	Description
1940, 1941	Member, White House Conference on Children in a Democracy.
1941, 1942, 1943	Chair, Institute for Rural Guidance, Washington, D.C.
1944	Member, White House Conference on Rural Education.
1946, April 1	Died, Richmond, Va.

Although the Alliance for the Guidance of Rural Youth officially came into being in 1937, its work stretched back to 1914, with the founding of the Virginia Bureau of Vocations for Women by Orie Hatcher and several other Richmond women. The roots of this first organization can be traced back to Hatcher's work with the Virginia Association of Colleges and Schools for Girls. As one of the association's founders in 1906, Hatcher was quickly elected to chair several successive committees designed to evaluate educational standards in Virginia's women's schools. Several surveys on women's colleges done by these committees clearly showed that educational standards in southern women's colleges were far below their northern counterparts and in fact did little to prepare women for careers other than teaching and homemaking. Hatcher's tenure at Bryn Mawr had exposed her to the women's employment bureaus which were emerging in the North. The Virginia Bureau of Vocations for Woman was thus created out of Hatcher's desire to reform women's education so that it provided a means to meaningful employment.

To meet this mission, the Bureau sought to open up new career paths for women and to provide a reliable source of information and sound counseling regarding education and occupational training for Virginia women. Because so few schools offered a curriculum that would train women directly for a specific occupation, the Virginia Bureau often lobbied various institutions to include educational programs that would prepare women for work. By working with other women's organizations and by using public opinion, the Bureau was an instrumental force in persuading the Medical School of Virginia to admit women to its dentistry, pharmacy, and medical programs, and in fact recruited the school's first twelve female students. In a similar manner, the Bureau was also able to influence the Richmond School of Social Economy to change to the Richmond School of Social Work and Public Health and for the Smithdeal Business College in Richmond to create a secretarial school which would serve women wanting to receive professional clerical training.

By 1920, the Bureau's mission had broadened, and it began to see itself as more of a regional group which represented emerging opportunities for southern women. To reflect this broader constituency, the Bureau changed its name to the Southern Woman's Educational Alliance and acquired new visibility through the addition of prominent regional and national figures to its board. By establishing branches in Atlanta, Chicago, New York, Washington, and Richmond, the Alliance was able to broaden its base of support. The primary functions of the branches were fundraising and promotion. Consequently, prominent and wealthy women such as Irene Gibson, her sister Lady Astor, and Mrs. Woodrow Wilson were recruited to help organize the branches.

The desire to get vocational information to women at a time when it would be most useful to their employment and career development eventually led SWEA to explore the role of vocational guidance for high school girls, especially those who would never attend college. This aspect of vocational guidance was particularly relevant in the South, where rural youth migrated out of their communities to look for work in cities. In exploring the vocational needs of rural high school girls, SWEA quickly realized that it would not be effective to separate guidance services for boys and girls in rural schools and therefore shifted its focus to rural youth in general. Although SWEA did not formally change its name until 1937, the organization was working exclusively on rural youth guidance by 1930.

Conference activity took on an increasingly important role in fulfilling the organization's mission of gathering and disseminating information on various vocational topics. From about 1918, the Virginia Bureau co-sponsored conferences with the Virginia Association of Colleges and Schools for Girls, National Committee of Bureaus of Occupation for Trained Women, and the National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs. During the 1920s SWEA sponsored several conferences on occupational trends for women, developing guidance programs for women's colleges and schools, and effective guidance aids for rural girls.

During the 1930s and 1940s, SWEA and AGRY's conference activity increased significantly. Alliance members participated in conferences sponsored by NVGA, CGPA, NOC, and NEA by chairing sessions and presenting papers on rural youth guidance. In addition, the Alliance sponsored several series of guidance conferences and forums on its own. Notable among these are the Pine Mountain Guidance Institutes, 1937-1942; Rural-Urban Institutes on Youth Migration, 1938-1939; luncheon forums for Washington (D.C.) youth-serving agencies, 1942-1947; and the Rural Guidance Institute held in conjunction with the group's annual board meetings.

With the success of *Orie Hatcher's Occupations for Women* (1927), the Alliance began to publish book-length research reports. *Rural Girls in the City for Work* (1930) and *Handicaps of Elementary School Girls* (1931) resulted from Rural Guidance Project research done in North Carolina. *Guidance Work in*

the Schools of Craven Co., North Carolina (1930), Guiding Rural Boys and Girls (1930), A Mountain School (1930) and others were the product of the Alliance's work in North Carolina and Virginia with experimental county-wide guidance programs. These longer publications were instrumental in promoting the efforts of the Alliance.

The Alliance's far-reaching work in the field of rural youth guidance served to establish the organization as a national authority. After Hatcher's death in 1946, the group continued its research projects, publications, and conference activities under the direction of Amber Arthun Warburton who became the organization's executive secretary.

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Arrangement

The Alliance for the Guidance of Rural Youth was created by Hatcher who dominated its administration until her death. The Alliance was her organization and her life as well. This relationship is evident throughout the records, particularly in the earlier records when it is often difficult to discern the difference between Alliance records and Hatcher's personal papers. Because these distinctions are ambiguous and often contradictory, no attempt has been made to provide a separate category of personal papers. The Virginia DeMott Cox papers held in the Rubenstein Library contain several oral history tapes which reveal a more personal side of Hatcher and her work with the Alliance.

During the processing of this collection, duplicate items were discarded and some reference materials were transferred to the Duke Libraries general collections. These materials included a large quantity of printed materials on citizenship, eugenics, veterans' education, juvenile delinquency in Great Britain, population trends, etc. and periodicals such as Mountain Life and Work, Parent, Progressive Farmer and Farm Wife, and Independent Woman.

The collection also contained a considerable quantity of clippings from newspapers and periodicals. Clippings relating directly to the Alliance's activities were retained. These clippings were originally pasted in several scrapbooks which were showing signs of rapid deterioration. These scrapbooks were dismantled, copied onto acid-free paper, and filed in the appropriate series. Other general news clippings from mainstream newspapers which can be found online such as The Washington Post, The New York Times and The Richmond Times Dispatch were discarded. Large quantities of newsclippings from the Jackson Times (Breathitt Co., Ky.) and the Harlan Daily News (Harlan Co., Ky.) concerning social life in both counties were also discarded.

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Related Materials

Related Material

Amber Arthun Warburton papers, 1917-1976 (Additional material on AGRY), Rubenstein Library, Duke University

Virginia DeMott Cox papers, 1979, 1982 (Contains oral history interviews with Orië Latham Hatcher), Rubenstein Library, Duke University

Doris Ulmann Photograph Collection (Largest collection of Ulmann prints and negatives), New York Historical Society

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- Southern Woman's Educational Alliance (U.S.)
- Alliance for Guidance of Rural Youth (U.S.)
- Virginia Association of Colleges and Schools for Girls
- Virginia Bureau of Vocations for Women

Collection Inventory

Correspondence Series, 1914-1963 and undated

Physical Description: 13 boxes; 5.2 lin. ft.

Scope and Contents note

Official and routine correspondence with researchers, educators, administrators, public officials, conference organizers, and other Alliance members. Contains incoming letters and copies of outgoing correspondence chiefly with Hatcher or her secretary. Subjects range from requests for information to routine conference arrangements to discussion of vocational guidance policies at various schools and government agencies. Chronological arrangement.

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Administrative Files Series, 1919-1963 and undated

Physical Description: 5 boxes

Scope and Contents note

Includes minutes of executive bodies, annual statistical reports, financial records, project files, and subject files on routine administrative matters. Project files contain information on early Bureau and SWEA activities such as student scholarships, Speaker's Bureau, vocational orientation courses, Rural Guidance Project, Rural Youth Study, and Hatcher's work with the Va. Assn. of Colleges and Schools for Girls. Series chiefly spans 1919-1949 . Arranged alphabetically by folder title.

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Branch Files Series, 1924-1940 and undated

Physical Description: 3 boxes; 1.2 lin. ft.

Scope and Contents note

Includes meeting minutes and reports, membership and dues lists, news clippings, brochures and routine correspondence of Atlanta, Chicago, New York, Richmond, and Washington, D.C., branches of SWEA and AGRY. Arranged alphabetically by branch, thereunder alphabetically by subject.

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Conference Files Series, 1918-1947

Physical Description: 4 boxes; 1.6 lin. ft.

Scope and Contents note

Contains information on conferences, institutes and forums sponsored by the Alliance or in which Alliance members participated on the program. Arranged chronologically by conference, files contain brochures, programs, reports, published proceedings and findings. Files may also include additional routine materials such as registration lists, memoranda, drafts of papers to be presented, and related reference materials. Arranged chronologically by date of conference.

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Occupational forums, 1936-1937	Box 23
SWEA and Graduate Nurses Association, joint session, January 12, 1937	Box 23
American Council of Guidance and Personnel Associations, annual convention, February 17-20, 1937	Box 23
Forum conference on Nursing Service in Rural Areas, March 3, 1937	Box 23
Conference on Art Needs in Rural Areas, April 21, 1937	Box 23
Rural Youth Institute, November 1, 1937	Box 23
American Council of Guidance and Personnel Associations, annual convention, February 23, 1938	Box 23
"Rural Youth in the City for Work," April 11, 1938	Box 23
Rural-Urban Institute on Youth Migration, "Youth Comes to the Big City." (New York), October 21-25, 1934	Box 23
Rural-Urban Institute on Youth Migration, "Youth Comes to the City" (Washington), January 26, 1939	Box 24

Rural-Urban Institute on Youth Migration, "From Virginia Small Towns and Rural Areas," February 15, 1939	Box 24
Conference on Guidance Aspects of Youth Migration in and from North . Carolina, July 28, 1939	Box 24
American Council of Guidance and Personnel Associations, annual convention, February 18-22, 1941	Box 24
Institute for Rural Youth Guidance, February 27, 1941	Box 24
American Council for Guidance and Personnel Associations, annual convention, February 17, 1942	Box 24
Institute for Rural Youth Guidance, April 23, 1942	Box 24
National Institute on Education and the War, August 28-31, 1942	Box 24
Luncheon forum, 1942	Box 24
Luncheon forum, May 17, 1943	Box 25
Institute on Postwar Problems of Youth Migration, May 26, 1943	Box 25
Luncheon forum, November 30, 1943	Box 25
Luncheon forum, January 17, 1944	Box 25
Luncheon forum, February 29, 1944	Box 25
Luncheon forum, March 27, 1944	Box 25
Luncheon forum, May 18, 1944	Box 25
Institute on War and Postwar Problems of Rural Youth Migration, May 18-19, 1944	Box 25
White House Conference on Rural Education, October 3-5, 1944	Box 25

Luncheon forum, November 28, 1944	Box 25
Luncheon forum, January 23, 1945	Box 25
Luncheon forum, February 19, 1945	Box 25
Luncheon forum, March 28, 1945	Box 25
Luncheon forum, May 28, 1945	Box 25
Washington Institute on Postwar Problems, 1945	Box 25
Luncheon forum, January 15, 1946	Box 25
Luncheon forum, April 7, 1947	Box 25
Miscellaneous, undated	Box 25

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Breathitt Co., Kentucky, Project Files Series, 1933-1944

Physical Description: 8 boxes; 3.2 lin. ft.

Scope and Contents note

Correspondence, approx. 2500 autobiographical surveys of students' home life and education, teachers' diaries and reports, publications, and newspaper clippings documenting the Alliance's efforts of vocational research and programming in the county's public school system. Arranged alphabetically by folder title.

Autobiographies-Adkins School District, 1934-1935	Box 26
Autobiographies-Baker School District, 1934-1935	Box 26
Autobiographies-Bethel School District, 1934-1935	Box 26
Autobiographies-Big Hill School District, 1934-1935	Box 26
Autobiographies-Birch Lick School District, 1934-1935	Box 26

Autobiographies-Black Lick School District, 1934-1935	Box 26
Autobiographies-Blackwater School District, 1934-1935	Box 26
Autobiographies-Blooming-Grove School District, 1934-1935	Box 26
Autobiographies-Bond School District, 1934-1935	Box 26
Autobiographies-Buffalo School District, 1934-1935	Box 26
Autobiographies-Buncombe School District, 1934-1935	Box 26
Autobiographies-Carpenter School District, 1934-1935	Box 26
Autobiographies-Cavanaugh School District, 1934-1935	Box 26
Autobiographies-Chestnut Flat School District, 1934-1935	Box 26
Autobiographies-Cloverbottom School District, 1934-1935	Box 26
Autobiographies-Collier School District, 1934-1935	Box 26
Autobiographies-Drip Rock School District, 1934-1935	Box 27
Autobiographies-Dry Fork School District, 1934-1935	Box 27
Autobiographies-Dry Fork H.L. School District, 1934-1935	Box 27
Autobiographies-Durham Ridge School District, 1934-1935	Box 27
Autobiographies-Egypt School District, 1934-1935	Box 27

Autobiographies-Fairview School District, 1934-1935	Box 27
Autobiographies-Fall Rock School District, 1934-1935	Box 27
Autobiographies-Flat Top School District, 1934-1935	Box 27
Autobiographies-Gravel Lick School District, 1934-1935	Box 27
Autobiographies-Gray Hawk Community School District, 1934-1935	Box 27
Autobiographies-Green Hill School District, 1934-1935	Box 27
Autobiographies-Hickory Flat School District, 1934-1935	Box 27
Autobiographies-High Knob School District, 1934-1935	Box 27
Autobiographies-Huff School District, 1934-1935	Box 27
Autobiographies-Hugh School District, 1934-1935	Box 27
Autobiographies-Hurst School District, 1934-1935	Box 27
Autobiographies-Lower Indian Creek School District, 1934-1935	Box 27
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Autobiographies-Indian Springs School District, 1934-1935	Box 27
Autobiographies-Johnson School District, 1934-1935	Box 28
Autobiographies-Kerby Knob School District, 1934-1935	Box 28

Autobiographies-Laurel Branch School District, 1934-1935	Box 28
Autobiographies-Letter Box School District, 1934-1935	Box 28
Autobiographies-Lewis School District, 1934-1935	Box 28
Autobiographies-Lite School District, 1934-1935	Box 28
Autobiographies-Maulden School District, 1934-1935	Box 28
Autobiographies-McKee School District, 1934-1935	Box 28
Autobiographies-Moores Creek School District, 1934-1935	Box 28
Autobiographies-Morris School District, 1934-1935	Box 28
Autobiographies-New Zion School District, 1934-1935	Box 28
Autobiographies-Old Bend School District, 1934-1935	Box 28
Autobiographies-Pigeon Roost School District, 1934-1935	Box 28
Autobiographies-Pine Flat School District, 1934-1935	Box 28
Autobiographies-Pine Grove School District, 1934-1935	Box 28
Autobiographies-Powell School District, 1934-1935	Box 28
Autobiographies-Privett School District, 1934-1935	Box 28
Autobiographies-Rice Hill School District, 1934-1935	Box 29

Autobiographies-Sand Gap School District, 1934-1935	Box 29
Autobiographies-Sand Lick School District, 1934-1935	Box 29
Autobiographies-Sand Springs School District, 1934-1935	Box 29
Autobiographies-Salt Rock School District, 1934-1935	Box 29
Autobiographies-Seven Pines School District, 1934-1935	Box 29
Autobiographies-Sinking Valley School District, 1934-1935	Box 29
Autobiographies-Smith School District, 1934-1935	Box 29
Autobiographies-South Fork School District, 1934-1935	Box 29
Autobiographies-Sparks School District, 1934-1935	Box 29
Autobiographies-Terrill Creek School District, 1934-1935	Box 29
Autobiographies-Travis School District, 1934-1935	Box 29
Autobiographies-Tyner School District, 1934-1935	Box 29
Autobiographies-Union School District, 1934-1935	Box 29
Autobiographies-Welchburg School District, 1934-1935	Box 29
Breathitt Co. High School teachers' reports, 1935-1936	Box 30
Breathitt Co. High School teachers' reports: Agriculture, 1936-1937	Box 30

Breathitt Co. High School teachers' reports: English, 1936-1937	Box 30
Breathitt Co. High School teachers' reports: Home Economics-Physical Education, 1936-1937	Box 30
Breathitt Co. High School teachers' reports: Sciences-Social Studies, 1936-1937	Box 30
Breathitt Co. High School teachers' reports, 1937-1938	Box 30
Carnegie Corporation grant, 1935-1937, undated	Box 30
Comprehensive program report, circa 1936 Physical Description: 2 Folders	Box 31
Correspondence, 1933-1943, undated Physical Description: 2 folders	Box 31
Guidance workbooks, circa 1936 Physical Description: 2 folders	Box 31
Miscellaneous, 1935-1943, undated	Box 31
Miscellaneous reports, 1934-1937, undated	Box 31
Printed materials, 1937-1944 Physical Description: 2 folders	Box 32
Problem book, 1935-1936 Physical Description: 2 folders	Box 32
Problem book (from selected school diaries of the teachers), 1936-1937 Physical Description: 2 folders	Box 32
Publications and brochures, 1930-1937	Box 32
Publicity (news clippings), 1934-1942, undated	Box 33
Student art, 1936-1937, undated	Box 33

Survey (data compilations), undated	Box 33
Physical Description: 3 folders	
Survey (general), undated	Box 33
Survey (misc.), undated	Box 33
Survey (store), circa 1935	Box 33
Teachers' diaries, 1935-1936	Box 33

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Pine Mountain Guidance Institute Files Series, 1936-1945 and undated

Physical Description: 3 boxes; 1.2 lin. ft.

Scope and Contents note

Correspondence, research reports, program brochures, published reports, printed materials, and news clippings documenting the annual guidance institute and other vocational workshops sponsored by the Alliance and held at the Pine Mountain Settlement School in Harlan County, Ky. Files contain proceedings and findings of the institutes as well as information on the Pine Mountain Settlement School and Harlan County, Ky. vocational programming. Arranged alphabetically by folder title.

Bristol conference, 1942	Box 34
Harlan Co. correspondence, 1939-1942	Box 34
Harlan Co. Guidance Institute, 1947	Box 34
Harlan Co. junior counseling service, 1940-1941, undated	Box 34
Harlan Co. misc., 1936-1941, undated	Box 34
Harlan Co. supervisor's report of visit to schools, 194?	Box 34
Harlan Co. workshop (University of Kentucky), 194?	Box 34
Pine Mountain Guidance Institute (PMI), 1937-1938	Box 34

PMI-notes and proceedings, 1939	Box 34
PMI, 1940	Box 34
PMI-notes and proceedings, 1941	Box 35
PMI-findings, 1941	Box 35
PMI-correspondence, Jan.-Apr. 1942	Box 35
PMI-correspondence, May-Dec. 1942	Box 35
PMI-misc., 1942	Box 35
PMI-notes, 1942	Box 35
PMI-proceedings, 1942	Box 35
PMI-summaries and reports, 1942	Box 35
PMI-teacher survey I, 1942	Box 36
PMI-teacher survey II, 1942	Box 36
PMI-misc., 1941-1942, undated	Box 36
PMI-publicity (news clippings), 1937-1945, undated	Box 36
PMI-reason for discontinuing, 1942	Box 36
Pine Mountain Settlement School- correspondence, 1939-1943	Box 36
Physical Description: 2 folders	
Pine Mountain Settlement School-information and studies, 1934-1942	Box 36
Pine Mountain Settlement School-printed materials, 1938-1946, undated	Box 36
Report on teacher shortages, 1942	Box 36

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Subject Files Series, 1919-1946 and undated

Physical Description: 7 boxes; 2.8 lin. ft.

Scope and Contents note

Contains chiefly printed materials such as pamphlets, articles, research reports, newsletters, and memoranda related to occupational and women's organizations, women's occupations, rural youth, rural education, African American occupations, vocational education, war work, social work, and vocational guidance. Files on organizations such as the American Association of University Women, American Council of Guidance and Personnel Associations, National Information Bureau, Richmond Urban League and the YWCA contain pamphlets, minutes, newsletters, and reports which help to document any formal or informal working relationships with the Alliance. Arranged alphabetically by subject.

American Association of University Women, 1920-1940, undated	Box 37
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American Council on Education, 1941-1945, undated	Box 37
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American Council of Guidance and Personnel Associations (CGPA), 1936-1946, undated	Box 37
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Physical Description: 3 folders

Broadcasting, 1930-1942	Box 37
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Community counseling centers, 1938-1946, undated	Box 37
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Craven Co. (NC) guidance, 1931, 1933	Box 37
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Education during wartime, 1942-1945, undated	Box 37
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Physical Description: 2 folders

Federal Council of Churches of Christ, 1936-1942, undated(2 folders)	Box 38
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Federation of Business and Professional Women, 1919-1946, undated	Box 38
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National Council of Women, 1933	Box 38
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National Education Association, 1923-1936, undated	Box 38
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Physical Description: 2 folders

National Information Bureau, 1923-1944	Box 38
National Occupational Conference, 1933	Box 38
National Vocational Guidance Association (NVGA), 1929-1933	Box 38
National Vocational Guidance Association (NVGA), 1934-1941, undated Physical Description: 2 folders	Box 39
National Work Conference on Veteran's Education, 1946	Box 39
Negro education [original title], 1931-1946	Box 39
Negro nurses [original title], 1935-1944	Box 39
Negro occupations [original title], 1928-1942, undated	Box 39
Negro vocational guidance [original title], 1930-1938, undated	Box 39
Negro youth [original title], 1937-1940 Physical Description: 2 folders	Box 40
North Carolina youth-serving agencies, 1938-1939	Box 40
Postwar vocational guidance, 1942-1945, undated	Box 40
Pre-school (nursery school) guidance, 1926, undated	Box 40
Richmond Urban League, 1930-1942, undated	Box 40
Rural education, 1939-1946, undated	Box 40
Rural life, 1933-1946, undated	Box 40
Rural migration (general), 1938-1946, undated	Box 41
Rural migration-New York, 1932-1935	Box 41

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Rural migration-Ohio, 1930-1942	Box 41
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Rural youth, 1931-1951, undated	Box 41
Rural youth (wartime), 1942-1943, undated	Box 42
Social Science Research Council, 1927	Box 42
United Council of Social Work, undated	Box 42
Virginia Rural Youth Survey, 1941	Box 42
Vocational guidance (general), 1923-1944, undated	Box 42
Vocational guidance-girls in secondary schools, 1925	Box 42
Vocational guidance-rural youth, 1930-1943, undated	Box 42
Vocational guidance-veterans, 1944-1946, undated	Box 42
Vocational rehabilitation-handicapped, 1940-1946, undated	Box 42
Vocational schools, 1929-1944, undated	Box 42
War work, 1940-1945	Box 43
War workers-Recreation, 1942-1944, undated	Box 43
Washington Federation of Churches, 1943	Box 43
White House Conference on Children in a Democracy, 1939-1942	Box 43
Women-occupations, 1924-1945	Box 43

YWCA, 1919-1943	Box 43
Youth delinquency, 1929-1945, undated	Box 43
Youth organizations - Misc., 1938-1945, undated	Box 43

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Writings and Speeches Series, 1919-1945 and undated

Physical Description: 3 boxes; 1.2 lin. ft.

Scope and Contents note

Contains notes and texts for speeches by Alliance members, chiefly Hatcher; copies of addresses presented by non-Alliance members at Alliance meetings; unpublished manuscripts and manuscript fragments; copies of scholarly articles published by Hatcher in educational, vocational, and women's journals; and radio broadcast scripts. Miscellaneous writings and speeches by Alliance members outline the history, purpose, and various activities of the Alliance. Miscellaneous writings and speeches by others contain information on more general subjects such as southern women, youth in industry, migrant war workers, postwar economic outlook and rural education. Arranged alphabetically by folder title.

Child Development and Guidance in Rural Schools (notes and ms. fragments), 1942	Box 44
"Fifty Rural High School Girls" (unpublished ms.), 1930	Box 44
"Fifty Rural High School Girls" (ms. fragments), circa 1930	Box 44
Findings of the 1944 Rural Guidance Institute (unpublished ms.), 1944	Box 44
Physical Description: 2 folders	
"Guide to Wartime Washington, D. C." (youth migration handbook), 1944	Box 45
Hatcher, O. Latham speeches, 1919-1944, undated	Box 45
Physical Description: 7 folders	
Hatcher, O. Latham published articles, 1922-1946	Box 45

Memorials, 1932	Box 45
Misc. writings and speeches by Alliance, 1924-1943, undated(2 folders)	Box 46
Misc. writings and speeches by others, 1928-1944, undated	Box 46
Misc. writings and manuscripts fragments, n. d.	Box 46
"Occupations for Educated Women in Durham, Raleigh, and Winston-Salem, N.C." (unpublished ms.), 1926	Box 46
Radio broadcast scripts, 1925-1939, undated Physical Description: 3 folders	Box 46
"When Our Young Folks Come Home to the Smaller Communities" (unpublished ms.), circa 1945	Box 46

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Publications Series, circa 1918-1943

Physical Description: 2 boxes: 0.8 lin. ft.

Materials published and distributed by the Alliance are divided into two groups. Smaller publications such as brochures, newsletters and conference proceedings are arranged alphabetically by type. Books and longer research reports are arranged chronologically by date of publication. Twenty-five Years of Work (1939) provides an extensive history of the organization. Miscellaneous file includes My Autobiography, a collection of forms used by the Alliance to gather data on rural youth, and A Syllabus for a General Course in Vocational Guidance. Also included are lists of publications.

List of publications, 1921-1939, undated	Box 47
Annual reports, 1918-1919, 1921-1923, 1939-1941	Box 47
Brochures, circa 1919-1940	Box 47
Bulletins, 1921-1922, 1928-1929, 1932-1934, 1938 Physical Description: 3 folders	Box 47

Conference proceedings, 1930-1943	Box 47
Physical Description: 2 folders	
Newsletters, 1924-1927, 1929-1936, 1943	Box 47
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Guidance Work in the Schools of Craven County, North Carolina, 1930	Box 48
Guiding Rural Boys and Girls, 1930	Box 48
A Mountain School, 1930	Box 48
Rural Girls in the City for Work, 1930	Box 48
Experimentation in Simple Guidance Programs for Rural Schools, 1931	Box 48
Handicaps of Elementary School Girls, 1931	Box 48
The Need for Guidance Programs in Privately Supported Mountain Schools, 1933	Box 48
Twenty-five Years of Work, 1939	Box 48
Child Development and Guidance in Rural Schools, 1943	Box 48

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Clippings and Press Releases Series, 1914-1946 and undated

Physical Description: 2 boxes; 0.6 lin. ft.

Scope and Contents note

Contains copies of articles published in newspapers and periodicals, book publishers' advertisements for Alliance publications, typescript copies of press releases concerning activities and publications of the Alliance, and lists of periodicals to whom the press releases were sent. Divided into two groups: general and book reviews. Each group arranged chronologically.

Alliance activities, 1914-1946, undated	Box 49
Physical Description: 9 folders	

Book reviews, 1923-1942, undated

Box 50

Physical Description: 4 folders

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Photographic Materials Series, circa 1887-1930s

Physical Description: 3 boxes; 1.5 lin. ft.

Scope and Contents note

Black-and-white snapshots, nitrate negatives, and platinum prints depicting individuals living in rural areas of Kentucky, Virginia, North Carolina, and Tennessee. Most of the photographs and corresponding negatives were taken by Alliance staff in locations where vocational workshops or research projects were conducted: Breathitt County, Kentucky; Pine Mountain, Kentucky; Craven County, North Carolina; Ocracoke, North Carolina; Konnarock Training School, Virginia; Pleasant Hill Academy, Tennessee, and other mountain or rural mission schools. Included are two pictures of Rural Alliance leader Orie Hatcher and friends taken in 1887 and 1901.

Also contains 41 original matted and signed 6x8 inch platinum prints, negatives, and other prints by photographer Doris Ulmann, taken in Kingdom Come and Hindman, Kentucky. These are for the most part carefully composed portraits of rural residents, commissioned by the Southern Women's Educational Alliance of Richmond. Subjects include family groups and individuals, chiefly children, youth, and women, but including some men; many individuals are identified by name in the Ulmann's notes, along with comments on their lives and personalities. One image shows a group of musicians with an African American fiddler, taken near Hindman, Ky. Another image taken by Ulmann in her studio features her assistant and Appalachian folklorist and musician John Jacob Niles. Includes a typed list of titles and notes for each print, identifying most individuals, and copies of photographs intended for publication, according to original folder titles.

Series is arranged in two groupings: Alliance materials, and Doris Ulmann materials.

Access Restrictions:

Nitrate negatives are closed to use; copies are available. Please contact the Rubenstein Library Research Services staff for assistance.

Alliance for Guidance of Rural Youth photographs, 1887-1930s

Photographs: Orie Latham Hatcher, 1887,
1901

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Photographs: Breathitt Co. Ky., circa 1920s-1930s	Box 51
Photographs: Pine Mountain, Kentucky, circa 1920s-1930s	Box 51
Photographs: unidentified, circa 1920s-1930s	Box 51
Photographs: misc. and unidentified, circa 1920s-1930s	Box 51
Photographs: manuscript fragments, circa 1930	Box 51
Photographs: manuscript fragments, circa 1930	Box 51

Negatives, 1920s-1930s

Physical Description: 119 items
6 folders Digital scans of nitrate negatives

Scope and Contents

Subseries contains nitrate film negatives (digital only) from snapshots taken by Women's Education Alliance staff or others. The single sheet films measured roughly 2x2 or 2x3 inches. Images were taken by unidentified photographers chiefly in Kentucky, and Virginia, with some possibly in North Carolina. Place names that have been identified from original image and group titles are Breathitt (Ky.); Crozet (Va.); Red Hill (Scott County, Va.); Konnarock Training School (KTS) and KHS, probably Konnarock High School (the largest group with a location), Whitetop (Va.); and Midway (Va.).

Subjects are chiefly girls and women, single individuals and groups. Hand-written notes photocopied by library staff from the wrappers that accompanied the negatives usually include first names and initials of last names, and occasionally there are details about family member relationships. Some buildings are visible, perhaps schools, and sometimes cars are in the picture.

Nitrate negatives were digitized in 2019, and original negatives were deaccessioned in 2025.

Processing Information:

Collection's nitrate negatives were digitized for preservation and access in 2019. The original negatives were deaccessioned in 2025. Digital surrogates are available via the Duke Digital Repository.

General (online item available)

Digital Object: [General, image 01](#)

Digital Object: [General, image 02](#)

Digital Object: [General, image 03](#)

Digital Object: [General, image 04](#)

Digital Object: [General, image 05](#)

Digital Object: [General, image 06](#)

Digital Object: [General, image 07](#)

Digital Object: [General, image 08](#)

Digital Object: [General, image 09](#)

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Midway [Virginia?] (online item available)

Digital Object: [Midway \[Virginia?\], image 01](#)

Digital Object: [Midway \[Virginia?\], image 02](#)

Digital Object: [Midway \[Virginia?\], image 03](#)

Digital Object: [Midway \[Virginia?\], image 04](#)

Digital Object: [Midway \[Virginia?\], image 05](#)

Digital Object: [Midway \[Virginia?\], image 06](#)

Digital Object: [Midway \[Virginia?\], image 07](#)

Digital Object: [Midway \[Virginia?\], image 08](#)

Digital Object: [Midway \[Virginia?\], image 09](#)

Scope and Contents

Numbers RL.10067-N-0049 to N-0057

Crozet [Virginia] (online item available)

- Digital Object:** [Crozet \[Virginia\], image 01](#)
- Digital Object:** [Crozet \[Virginia\], image 02](#)
- Digital Object:** [Crozet \[Virginia\], image 03](#)
- Digital Object:** [Crozet \[Virginia\], image 04](#)
- Digital Object:** [Crozet \[Virginia\], image 05](#)
- Digital Object:** [Crozet \[Virginia\], image 06](#)
- Digital Object:** [Crozet \[Virginia\], image 07](#)
- Digital Object:** [Crozet \[Virginia\], image 08](#)
- Digital Object:** [Crozet \[Virginia\], image 09](#)

Scope and Contents

Numbers RL.10067-N-0058 to N-0066

Red Hill [Virginia?] (online item available)

- Digital Object:** [Red Hill \[Virginia?\], image 01](#)
- Digital Object:** [Red Hill \[Virginia?\], image 02](#)
- Digital Object:** [Red Hill \[Virginia?\], image 03](#)
- Digital Object:** [Red Hill \[Virginia?\], image 04](#)
- Digital Object:** [Red Hill \[Virginia?\], image 05](#)
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- Digital Object:** [Red Hill \[Virginia?\], image 18](#)
- Digital Object:** [Red Hill \[Virginia?\], image 19](#)
- Digital Object:** [Red Hill \[Virginia?\], image 20](#)

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Numbers RL.10067-N-0067 to N-0086

"St. Pt." (online item available)

Digital Object: ["St. Pt.", image 01](#)

Digital Object: ["St. Pt.", image 02](#)

Digital Object: ["St. Pt.", image 03](#)

Digital Object: ["St. Pt.", image 04](#)

Digital Object: ["St. Pt.", image 05](#)

Digital Object: ["St. Pt.", image 06](#)

Digital Object: ["St. Pt.", image 07](#)

Digital Object: ["St. Pt.", image 08](#)

Digital Object: ["St. Pt.", image 09](#)

Scope and Contents

Numbers RL.10067-N-0087 to N-0095. Location has not been identified.

KHS [Konnarock High School, Virginia?]

(online item available)

Digital Object: [KHS \[Konnarock High School, Virginia?\], image 01](#)

Digital Object: [KHS \[Konnarock High School, Virginia?\], image 02](#)

Digital Object: [KHS \[Konnarock High School, Virginia?\], image 03](#)

Digital Object: [KHS \[Konnarock High School, Virginia?\], image 04](#)

Digital Object: [KHS \[Konnarock High School, Virginia?\], image 05](#)

Digital Object: [KHS \[Konnarock High School, Virginia?\], image 06](#)

Digital Object: [KHS \[Konnarock High School, Virginia?\], image 07](#)

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Digital Object: [KHS \[Konnarock High School, Virginia?\], image 11](#)

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Digital Object: [KHS \[Konnarock High School, Virginia?\], image 24](#)

Scope and Contents

Numbers RL.10067-N-0096 to N-0119

Doris Ulmann photographic prints

Scope and Contents note

Contains a total of 42 signed, matted platinum prints by noted photographer Doris Ulmann that were commissioned by the Richmond branch of the Southern Woman's Educational Alliance and which were found among its archives. Titles and captions are taken directly from the inventory for 95 prints (represented by 92 entries); original spellings and colloquialisms have been retained. Although Ullman most likely authored the titles and captions, this has not been verified.

The matted platinum prints are arranged in legacy identification number order (marked on backs), a system probably deriving from Rural Alliance staff who obtained the prints from Ullman for exhibition and publicity. They measure 6x8 inches, the size of the glass plate negatives used by Ullman, and are glued to original 11x14 inch cream-colored window mats with paper hinges, a few of which are detached. Most are signed by Ulmann in pencil on the mount, on the right side just below the print. The mats are fragile; please handle with care. The glass plates are not included in the collection; they may still exist within the New York Historical Society's large collection of Ullman photographs and negatives.

Oceola Phipps

Box 52 > Folder 1 > Image
RL_10067_P_01

Scope and Contents note

"Age 14. Has made her own dresses since her ninth year. Wants to be a nurse. Is a very fine example of a blond mountain girl. Has great personal charm and with an equal chance would make her place anywhere in the world. Has had the usual education of a girl her age. Her parents favor her having a wider education."

Legacy id number: 1A

Oceola Phipps

Box 52 > Folder 1 > Item
RL_10067_P_02

Scope and Contents note

Legacy id number: 1B

Oceola Phipps

Box 52 > Folder 1 > Item
RL_10067_P_03

Scope and Contents note

Legacy id number: 1C

Oceola Phipps

Box 52 > Folder 1 > Item
RL_10067_P_04

Scope and Contents note

Legacy id number: 1D

Mrs. Adams and her children

Box 52 > Folder 1 > Item
RL_10067_P_05

Scope and Contents note

Legacy id number: 24

Student at Methodist Settlement School at
Kingdom Come

Box 52 > Folder 2 > Item
RL_10067_P_06

Scope and Contents note

"She wants to be a doctor, and will, no doubt, succeed."

Legacy id number: 28

Miss Whittaker

Box 52 > Folder 2 > Item
RL_10067_P_07

Scope and Contents note

"Ran away from home because she did not like her stepfather. Come to Methodist Settlement School and is a model pupil. She is going to Washington to study Nursing."

Legacy id number: 30

Miss Whittaker

Box 52 > Folder 2 > Item
RL_10067_P_08

Scope and Contents note

"Ran away from home because she did not like her stepfather. Come to Methodist Settlement School and is a model pupil. She is going to Washington to study Nursing."

Legacy id number: 31

Little girl at Kingdom Come, with a clean dress and a little brother

Box 52 > Folder 2 > Item
RL_10067_P_09

Scope and Contents note

"They were bright youngsters and good students."

Legacy id number: 35

Ethel Holcolm, a rare singer and a very fine child

Box 52 > Folder 2 > Item
RL_10067_P_10

Scope and Contents note

"She is a model student and a great blackberry picker."

Legacy id number: 36

Ethel Holcolm and Tab Holcolm

Box 52 > Folder 3 > Item
RL_10067_P_11

Scope and Contents note

Legacy id number: 39

Gathel Holcolm

Box 52 > Folder 3 > Item
RL_10067_P_12

Scope and Contents note

"Grandson of Mrs. Solomon Holcolm, of Kingdom Come."

Legacy id number: 41

Mrs. Cornette, a rare singer and play actor, little Ethel Holcolm and John Jacob Niles

Box 52 > Folder 3 > Item
RL_10067_P_13

Scope and Contents note

"Mr. Niles [noted folklorist and assistant to Ulmann] is recording the songs of both Mrs. Cornette and Ethel Holcolm. Mrs. Cornette left her blackberry preserving to come sing for the folks."

Legacy id number: 42

Mrs. Cornette, a rare singer and play actor,
little Ethel Holcolm and John Jacob Niles

Box 52 > Folder 3 > Item
RL_10067_P_14

Scope and Contents note

Legacy id number: 43

Headmaster of Kingdom Come School and a
group of his friends and students

Box 52 > Folder 3 > Item
RL_10067_P_15

Scope and Contents note

Legacy id number: 45

Mr. Greer, carrying a burlap poke containing
watermelon rinds for his hogs

Box 52 > Folder 3 > Item
RL_10067_P_16

Scope and Contents note

"He is a republican and was born in Owsley County 85 years ago."

Legacy id number: 47

Little children at the Fireside Industries
School at Wooton, K.Y.

Box 52 > Folder 3 > Item
RL_10067_P_17

Scope and Contents note

"Child on the left of Mary Munsey an extraordinary person and very
pretty."

Legacy id number: 54

Nola Josephs at the loom in the Fireside
Industries at Wooton, K.Y. [3/4 frontal view]

Box 52 > Folder 4 > Item
RL_10067_P_18

Scope and Contents note

Legacy id number: 55

Nola Josephs at the loom in the Fireside
Industries at Wooton, K.Y.

Box 52 > Folder 4 > Item
RL_10067_P_19

Scope and Contents note

Legacy id number: 56

Nola Josephs at the loom in the Fireside
Industries at Wooton, K.Y. [back view]

Box 52 > Folder 4 > Item
RL_10067_P_20

Scope and Contents note

Legacy id number: 57

Children in creek at Wooton, K.Y.

Box 52 > Folder 4 > Item
RL_10067_P_21

Scope and Contents note

"The oldest child was only 11, but managed the family perfectly. She spanked and delivered the law very successfully."

Legacy id number: 60. Missing front of mat.

Children in creek at Wooton, K.Y. [Portrait of
oldest girl seated]

Box 52 > Folder 4 > Item
RL_10067_P_22

Scope and Contents note

Legacy id number: 62

Children in creek at Wooton, K.Y. [Portrait of
younger child, side view, with hand to eyes]

Box 52 > Folder 4 > Item
RL_10067_P_23

Scope and Contents note

Legacy id number: 63

Miss Grace Combs

Box 52 > Folder 4 > Item
RL_10067_P_24

Scope and Contents note

"Has had a little learnin at the Richmond, K.Y., Normal School, and has taught a little. She is truly a beauty of the most extraordinary type. She has, however, great naivete and could almost be called bashful. She wants to see the outside world."

Legacy id number: 67

Miss Grace Combs

Box 52 > Folder 4 > Item
RL_10067_P_25

Scope and Contents note

Legacy id number: 68

Miss Grace Combs

Box 52 > Folder 4 > Item
RL_10067_P_26

Scope and Contents note

Legacy id number: 69

Miss Grace Combs

Box 52 > Folder 5 > Item
RL_10067_P_27

Scope and Contents note

Legacy id number: 70

Dale Smith, daughter of Senator Smith

Box 52 > Folder 5 > Item
RL_10067_P_28

Scope and Contents note

Legacy id number: 71

Dale Smith and Miss Combs

Box 52 > Folder 5 > Item
RL_10067_P_29

Scope and Contents note

Legacy id number: 72

Kindergarten teacher at Hindman School [Ky.]

Box 52 > Folder 5 > Item
RL_10067_P_30

Scope and Contents note

Legacy id number: 73

Courtday in Courthouse at Hindman, K.Y.
[Front of courthouse from distance with about
40 individuals on steps and balcony, almost all
men]

Box 52 > Folder 5 > Item
RL_10067_P_31

Scope and Contents note

Legacy id number: 74

Old lady with the sunflower dress

Box 52 > Folder 5 > Item
RL_10067_P_32

Scope and Contents note

"She came visiting on Sunday and sang lovely songs, too."

Legacy id number: 78

Judge Begley and his wife

Box 52 > Folder 5 > Item
RL_10067_P_33

Scope and Contents note

"The Judge is highly thought of in those parts, that is, Hyden, K.Y."

Legacy id number: 79

Begley children, taken a Sunday at Hyden, K.Y.
[Portrait of young girl standing by chair]

Box 52 > Folder 5 > Item
RL_10067_P_34

Scope and Contents note

Legacy id number: 80

Begley children, taken a Sunday at Hyden, K.Y.
[Portrait of young girl with a bow in her hair,
seated on ground]

Box 52 > Folder 5 > Item
RL_10067_P_35

Scope and Contents note

Legacy id number: 81

Begley children, taken a Sunday at Hyden, K.Y.
[Portrait of young girl seated in chair]

Box 52 > Folder 5 > Item
RL_10067_P_36

Scope and Contents note

Legacy id number: 84

Ulmann prints "for publication"

Scope and Contents note

Four photographic prints, matted and numbered as the others, but separately housed with title "for publication." Arranged in legacy id order. The portrait of Mr. Greer and the Fireside Industries children are closely related to other prints in the collection.

Ethel Holcomb and Tab Holcolm

Box 52 > Folder 7 > Item
RL_10067_P_37

Scope and Contents note

Legacy id number: 40

Mr. Greer, carrying a burlap poke containing
watermelon rinds for his hogs [Close-up]

Box 52 > Folder 7 > Item
RL_10067_P_38

Scope and Contents note

"He is a republican and was born in Owsley County 85 years ago."

Legacy id number: 46

Little children at the Fireside Industries
School at Wooton, K.Y.

Box 52 > Folder 7 > Item
RL_10067_P_39

Scope and Contents note

"Child on the left of Mary Munsey an extraordinary person and very
pretty."

Legacy id number: 53

Fred Stampler's group of fiddlers [Portrait of
two male musicians - a white guitarist and a
black fiddler - a "Mr. Storr" - and two seated
women, near Hindman, Ky.]

Box 52 > Folder 7 > Item
RL_10067_P_40

Scope and Contents note

Legacy id number: 65

This may be a mis-titled print, as there is only one fiddler. The guitarist has not been positively identified as Fred Stamper. There was a large family of musicians in Hindman by the name of Stamper (Hiram). The fiddler is unidentified in this image, but a solo portrait of the same individual shows up in other Ulmann collections as "Mr. Storr".

Other prints

Physical Description: 2 items

John Jacob Niles playing lap dulcimer, [1930?] Box 52 > Folder 8 > Image
RL_10067_P_41

Physical Description: 6 x 8 in.

Scope and Contents note

Portrait of Niles (1892-1980), noted folklorist, musician, and field assistant to Ulmann, reportedly taken in her N.Y. studio in 1930. He is shown seated and playing a lap dulcimer. Black-and-white unmatted print; possibly an oil pigment process. No legacy id number was identified.

Scenic view of mountain range, [1937?] Box 52 > Folder 8 > Image
RL_10067_P_42

Physical Description: 6 x 8 in.

Scope and Contents note

Glued to thin board with inscription in lower left corner of print: Staley [9?]³⁷. May have been taken by Staley Brothers Studio in Tullahoma, Coffee County, Tennessee. Both brothers reportedly were taking photographs into their 70s; brother William Staley died in 1937.

Paper copies of Ulmann prints

Scope and Contents note

Four printed paper copies of Ulmann portrait photographs of rural children; the images measure 6x8 inches, with the overall sheet dimensions measuring 11x14. One is a duplicate image already in the collection (#41); the other three are the only images in the collection. Only one has a title and a legacy id.

Gathel Holcolm Box 52 > Item
RL_10067_PR_01

Scope and Contents note

"Grandson of Mrs. Solomon Holcolm, of Kingdom Come."

Legacy id number: 41

[Young girl holding another young girl, with flowers bunched in each hand]

Box 52 > Item
RL_10067_PR_02

Scope and Contents note

No original legacy id number or title was found. This does not seem to be represented in the list of 95 prints found in the collection.

[Blond girl leans out of window]

Box 52 > Item
RL_10067_PR_03

Scope and Contents note

No original legacy id number or title was found. This does not seem to be among the list of 95 prints found in the collection.

[Boy looks out of window, chin in hands]

Box 52 > Item
RL_10067_PR_04

Scope and Contents note

No original legacy id number or title was found. This does not seem to be among the list of 95 prints found in the collection.

Doris Ulmann copy prints and inventory of prints with notes

Physical Description: 25 items

Copy prints, undated

Box 52-A

Scope and Contents note

Twenty-five unmatted black-and-white 8x10 inch glossy prints of a selection of Doris Ulmann prints, produced at an unknown date. A few are duplicate images.

Inventory of 95 prints, undated

Box 52-A

Scope and Contents note

Set of typed notes on thin paper giving the number identification, title, and caption details for 95 prints (all of which were most likely commissioned by the Richmond branch of the Alliance for the Guidance of Rural Youth), 42 of which are in the collection. The titles and texts are by the photographer, Doris Ulmann. A photocopied set is available for use. There are also several sheets of loosely written penciled notes in an unidentified hand on topics related to the Alliance's plans for the images.

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Oversize Materials, 1920-1942 and undated.

Physical Description: 1 box

Scope and Contents note

Arrangement reflects order of series in main collection.

Administrative Files Series. "Heaven Bound" (playbill), 1934	Box 53
Administrative Files Series. President's annual report, 1920, 1925	Box 53
Administrative Files Series. Rural youth study: Youth migration in Virginia counties (proposal), 1935-1939, undated	Box 53
Administrative Files Series. Vocational survey in southern colleges, circa 1919-1926	Box 53
Breathitt Co. Project Files Series. Survey (data compilations, circa 1935)	Box 53
Physical Description: 3 folders	
Subject Files Series. Negro occupations [original title], 1928-1942, undated	Box 53
Publications Series. Brochures (SWEA membership poster), undated	Box 53
Publications Series. Newsletters, 1925-1926	Box 53

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