

The Alphadelphia Association Papers, 1844-1848

Linear Feet: 0.5

Number of Storage Boxes: 1

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A collection of newspaper clippings, manuscripts, and publications from 1937-2012 regarding the Alphadelphian Society and their commune. Headed by Dr. H. R. Shetterly, the society purchased land in Toland's Prairie (also known as Tolland's Prarie or Paragon Prairie) in Comstock along the Galesburg border and lived there between 1844 and 1848. The community based their lives of the teachings of utopian socialist Francois Charles Fourier, and eventually failed after four years due to community infighting.

Important Subjects in the Collection:

The Alphadelphian Society aka Alphadelphia Association

Socialism

Utopianism

Fourierism

Toland's (Sometimes Tolland) Prairie

Paragon Prairie

Fourier, Francois Charles

Important Correspondents in the Collection:

Shetterly, Dr. H. R.

Knight, John Allen

Bowman, Philander H.

Physical Assets:

Box 1

1. Alphadelphia Association News Clippings:
 - a. A collection of newspaper clippings from the Kalamazoo Gazette and the Galesburg Argus regarding the Association.
2. Alphadelphia Association Manuscripts and Publications:
 - a. A collection of secondary sources regarding the Alphadelphia Association. Includes "Alphadelphia Association" A research paper by Kim Marie Henson in 1975, Geneology work downloaded from Evermore Geneology in 2012, pages from "American Socialisms" regarding the Alphadelphia Phalanx, and "Shafter Pioneer Cemetery: The Ghosts of Galesburg" by Charles M. (Paula) Waddle.

Digital Assets:

1. 20191101_01 - Alphadelphia Association News Clippings 1937-1987
2. 20191101_02 - Alphadelphia Association Manuscripts and Publications