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Collection Summary
Title: American Friends Service Committee Records
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ID No.: MSS77406
Creator: American Friends Service Committee
Extent: 20 items
Extent: 1 container
Extent: .2 linear feet
Language: Collection material in English
Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.
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Summary: Journal, correspondence and other papers relating to the experiences of American Service Committee volunteers at a mining camp in Letcher County, Ky., endeavoring to improve social conditions there and in the town of Hemphill.

Selected Search Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the LC Catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically.

People
Abraham, Herbert. Herbert Abraham papers.
Abraham, Jo. Jo Abraham papers.

Organizations
American Friends Service Committee.

Subjects
Coal mines and mining--Kentucky--Hemphill.
Coal mines and mining--Kentucky--Letcher County.
Social problems--Kentucky--Hemphill.
Social problems--Kentucky--Letcher County.

Provenance
The records of the American Friends Service Committee were given to the Library of Congress by Herbert and Jo Abraham in 1988.

Processing History
The records of the American Friends Service Committee were arranged and described in 1997. The register was revised in 2008.

Transfers
Photographs have been transferred to the Prints and Photographs Division where they are identified as part of the American Friends Service Committee Records.
Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of the American Friends Service Committee is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The records of the American Friends Service Committee are open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, American Friends Service Committee Records, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

The records of the American Friends Service Committee span the years 1933-1988, but are concentrated in the period 1933-1938 and consist of correspondence, an article, a diary/journal, photographs, and related documentation. The most significant item is a typescript diary with appended reports written by Herbert and Jo Abraham from daily records kept by their nine-member team of Home Service section volunteer workers serving a mining community in Letcher County, Kentucky, from June to August 1933. The American Friends Service Committee, organized by the Quakers, promotes peace and reconciliation and the relief of human suffering through its social service and relief programs. In 1933, the organization targeted rural coal mining districts as areas of special concern. The diary details the efforts of these Home Service volunteers to improve social conditions in Hemphill, Kentucky.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged alphabetically by type of material.
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