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Finding Aid for Material at Hoskins Library, University of Tennessee at Knoxville
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Scope and Content: The material in this collection documents the Ruskin Co-operative Association, active from 1893 to 1899 in Ruskin, Tennessee and from 1899 to 1901 in Ruskin, Georgia. The Ruskin Colony was apparently the first Marxist-influenced commune in the United States. Materials included are published records, documents, and articles about the colony. Also included are authentic photographs of the community and copies of New England newspapers. The newspapers describe the terrible economic depression that induced people in the 1890's to join the Ruskin Commune.

The Ruskin Cooperative Association Papers (UTK-MS-0023) are another important source for research on this topic.

Series/Container List

Box 1: Notebooks, Books, and Newspapers
6 Notebooks - (3) Fran Butler's (on Ruskin); (3) Bob Miner's (on Ruskin)
10 Vols. The Coming Nation (Sept. 23,1893 - July 27,1901) bound, xeroxed from the Draper
Coll., Wisconsin Historical Society

4 Books

*Visions of Utopia.* by John Egerton.

*Nashoba.* Edd Winfield Parks.

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*A History of Dickson County.* Robert E. Corlew.

The following books originally in the collection have been removed and are classified in the
  Special Collections stacks:

*American Disciples of Marx, from the Age of Jackson to the Progressive Era.* Herreshoff, David.

*The Angel and the Serpent.* Wilson, William E.

*As I Pass By.* Wayland Walter.

*Autobiography of Brook Farm.* Sams, Henry W.

*Backwoods Utopias.* Bestor, Arthur Eugene, Jr.

*Designs of Famous Utopias.* Grey, Donald J. and Orrick, Allen H.

*Eugene V. Debs.* Coleman, McAlister.

*Ideology and Utopia.* Mannheim, Karl.

*The Joyful Community.* Zablocki, Benjamin.

*Kibbutz.* Spiro, Melford E.

*Looking Backward.* Bellamy, Edward.

*The Nature of Communism.* Daniels, Robert.

*Oil!* Sinclair, Upton.

*The Quest for Utopia.* Negley, Glen & Patrick, J. Max.

*Sex and Marriage in Utopian Communities.* Muncy, Raymond Lee.

*The Story of Utopias.* Mumford, Lewis.


*Value, Price and Profit.* Marx, Karl.

**Box 2: Original Ruskin Memorabilia**

Folder 1: 2 photo albums of Ruskin Commune, post cards for Ruskin cave

Folder 2: Butler Collection of original photographs (Ruskin commune near Waycross, Georgia

Folder 3: Butler Collection of original negatives (Ruskin commune)

Folder 4: 25 photographs of Ruskin commune

Folder 5: 6 original copies *Coming Nation* ( 2 Greenburg, Ind. 1893 - 94: 2 Ruskin, Tenn. 1895 & 1899: 2 Ruskin, Ga. 1898 & 1901 )

Folder 6: Catalogue of the Ruskin Library. Book: *Fors Clavigera* by John Ruskin

Folder 7: Correspondence to Francelia Butler ( C-R )

Folder 8: " " " ( S-Y )

Folder 9: Notes of Fran Butler: a conversation with Annie Ennis Butler and notes from
  Firebrand, March 1895

Folder 10: Pamphlet Address by Henry D. Lloyd, Author of "Wealth Against Commonwealth."
  The Coming Nation Press. Ruskin TN 1898.
Folder 11: Fran Butler - miscellaneous notes (Ruskin)
Folder 12: Ruskin letters - letters to editors, publishers, libraries
Folder 13: Sheet music by Walter Wayland

Box 3: Miscellaneous Notes and Manuscripts
Folder 1: The Appeal
Folder 2: Buehler, Grace Stone. The Caves at Ruskin.
Folder 5: Butler, Francelia. A Commune to End all Communes.
Folder 7: Butler, Francelia. Educational Survival Kit: Learning and Basic Human Interests.
Folder 8: Butler, Francelia. Through a Pass(t) Darkly - the Melungeons.
Folder 11: Hardiman, Charles E. A Historical Geography of Ruskin Cave, Tennessee.
Folder 13: Scott, Charles L. Appeal to Reason, A Study of the "Largest Political Newspaper in the World."
Folder 14: Stone, Grace. Tennessee: Social & Economic Laboratory.
Folder 16: By-Laws of the Association
Folder 18: Graduate thesis on Utopias: including Nashoba, Rugby, Ruskin.
Folder 20: Leech, T. G. The Social Problem, the Most Contented People in the World.
Folder 23: Wayland, J.A. Appeal to Reason, and the Coming Nation.
Folder 24: Miscellaneous articles on Ruskin, J. A. Wayland, and xeroxed copies of the Firebrand newspaper.
Folder 25: Miscellaneous documents on Ruskin
Folder 26: " " "
Folder 27: " " "
Folder 28: Newspaper articles on Ruskin
Folder 29: Miscellaneous correspondence ( xeroxed ) concerning Ruskin
Folder 30: History of Ruskin Co-Op Association ( xeroxed copy, 233 pp. )

* xMS-1014 (to be found in Flat File) - copies of New England newspapers that describe the terrible economic depression. . . that induced people in the 1890s to join the Ruskin Commune in Tennessee...