John C. Campbell Folk School Fain Archives

Margaret Hollingsworth Collection (2025.45)

Overview of the Collection

Creator:	Margaret Huff Hollingsworth
Title:	Margaret Hollingsworth Papers
Inclusive Dates:	1934-1947; n.d.
Abstract:	A collection of photographs, correspondence, and publications related to Margaret Hollingsworth's time in the American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) at the John C. Campbell Folk School.
Accession Number:	2025.45
Quantity:	1 2.5" document box (0.21 linear feet)
Language(s):	English
Repository:	Fain Archives, John C. Campbell Folk School 1 Folk School Rd. Brasstown, NC 28902
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Historical Note

Margaret Huff Hollingsworth (1926-2006) lived much of her life in Columbus, Ohio. According to her obituary, she received her BA in Fine Arts from The Ohio State University and "worked diligently at home creating many fine ceramic pieces." Hollingsworth was one of eight college-age women who took part in the American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) work camp that re-built the Woodworking Studio at the John C. Campbell Folk School (JCCFS) in the summer of 1945.

Scope and Contents

The Margaret Hollingsworth Collection consists of photographs, correspondence, and publications related to Hollingsworth's time with AFSC and JCCFS.

Articles contains four short publications related to the Folk School and to AFSC. These are the 1934 article "The People of an American Folk School," illustrated with Doris Ulmann

photographs; Ruth Dame Coolidge's 1945 article "Vibrations from a Danish Bell"; and two 1945 articles by AFSC staff person Maylon H. Hepp.

Correspondence primarily contains letters written by Margaret Hollingsworth to her family members in the summer of 1945, as well as correspondence written between her and other Brasstown AFSC participants in the months following the work camp. Her letters to her family describe the activities, people, and food at the Folk School during the work camp. Most of the correspondence is foldered by year, with the exception of two envelopes foldered by individual date because each envelope contained a mixture of photographs and documents. All of the photographs are of the Folk School in the mid-1940s, with a focus on the AFSC work camp participants and their projects. All photographs have been digitized and individually cataloged in the Fain Archives' PastPerfect program, along with selected letters from this collection.

Newsletters contains the May 1941 and 1944 Folk School newsletters; the September 1945 and February 1946 issues of the "The Blotter" or "Brasstown Blotter"; and an October 1945 AFSC internal newsletter.

Publications contains two Quaker pamphlets, 1944 and undated, printed by the Philadelphia Yearly Meeting of Friends or the Friends' General Conference; two undated, post-World War Two booklets or pamphlets about the AFSC; and copies of *An Introduction To Friends Civilian Public Service* (1945) and *Directory of Civilian Public Service: May, 1941 to March, 1947*.

Miscellaneous contains a 1942 certificate recognizing a donation from Margaret Hollingsworth to the Civilian Public Service and a Greyhound bus itinerary from Columbus, OH to Brasstown, NC.

Additional digital-only materials are located on the Archives server in the folder for collection 2025.45. These files were submitted by donor Lin Riffle but are excerpts or scans of materials which she continues to hold in her possession.

Arrangement

The collection is arranged into 1 box:

Box 1. Folders 1-13

Restrictions

Restrictions on Access

Open to all users.

Restrictions on Use

None.

Index Terms

This record series is indexed under the following controlled access subject terms:

Persons

Subjects

American Friends Service Committee
Civilian Public Service
John C. Campbell Folk School
Society of Friends

Document Types

Newsletters
Pamphlets
Personal correspondence
Photographs

Related Material

2024.14 Marguerite Butler Bidstrup Papers – selected photographs of AFSC projects

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Donated to the JCCFS Fain Archives by Linda (Lin) Riffle in two parts, 4 October 2025 & 17 May 2026. Riffle is the niece of Margaret Hollingsworth.

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Accruals

No future accruals are expected.

Processing Information

Processing and finding aid completed by Susanna Pyatt, 1/13/2026. Re-processed 7/2/2026 with the donation of additional materials (see donation form for detailed listing of added items).

Container List

BOX 1

Folder 1. Articles, 1934-1945

Folder 2. Correspondence, 1945

Folder 3. Correspondence, February 1946

Folder 4. Correspondence, March [1946]

Folder 5. Correspondence, 1946

Folder 6. Correspondence, 1947

Folder 7. Correspondence, n.d.

Folder 8. Newsletters, AFSC, 1945

Folder 9. Newsletters, JCCFS, 1941-1946

Folder 10. Publications: pamphlets & booklets, 1944, n.d.

Folder 11. Publications: "An Introduction To Friends Civilian Public Service," 1945

Folder 12. Publications: "Directory of Civilian Public Service: May, 1941 to March, 1947"

Folder 13. Miscellaneous, 1942, 1945

References/Further Reading

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