HICKS, MILDRED.
Mildred and Mary Hicks papers, 1917-1945

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Descriptive Summary

Creator: Hicks, Mildred.
Title: Mildred and Mary Hicks papers, 1917-1945
Call Number: Manuscript Collection No. 496
Extent: 2.5 linear ft. (5 boxes)
Abstract: Papers of Mildred and Mary Hicks relating mainly to their efforts to limit fortunes and inheritances including correspondence and printed material.
Language: Materials entirely in English.

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Collection Description

Biographical Note
Mildred Hicks and her sister, Mary, were daughters of a Bainbridge, Georgia, farmer and member of the Socialist party. In 1915, the sisters themselves became Socialists. During the Depression era, while in their fifties, the two began work in the movement to limit fortunes and inheritances. In July, 1931, they initiated and widely publicized the so-called "Five-Day Plan," which favored limitation of individual fortunes to $50,000 and of inheritances to $100,000. In
1933, the sisters revised this original plan. Their new proposal, the "Work-for-All Plan," called for limits of $25,000 on incomes and $50,000 on inheritances. Both of these plans were well-received by local and national leaders of labor and farmer's unions. The plans also gained the support of several Congressman and Socialist leaders.

In 1934, the sisters suspended their own efforts and joined Huey Long's "Share Our Wealth" campaign. They founded a Share Our Wealth society in Bainbridge. After Senator Long's death in 1935, the sisters did little work in the movement to limit fortunes. They made their last serious appeals in 1937.

Mary Hicks was a retired school teacher and member of the American Federation of Teachers. Her sister, Mildred, managed the Hicks estate and was an active clubwoman.

**Scope and Content Note**
The collection consists of the papers of Mildred and Mary Hicks from 1930-1945. The papers are almost exclusively concerned with the Hicks sisters’ efforts to limit fortunes and inheritances. There is virtually no correspondence of a personal nature. The sisters corresponded with many national and local farm, labor and Socialist leaders. Among the correspondents are also several Congressmen. The letters cover the period from July 30, 1931 to August 10, 1945.

**Arrangement Note**
Arranged by record type.
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