

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.

Administrative Information

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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

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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.

Container List

Correspondence

Box	Folder	Content
1	1	July 30-November 30, 1931
1	2	December 1931
1	3	January 1932
1	4	February 1932
1	5	March 1932
1	6	April 1932
1	7	May 1932
1	8	June 1-20, 1932
1	9	June 21-30, 1932
1	10	July 4-August 30, 1932
1	11	September 1-October 31, 1932
1	12	November 5-December 30, 1932
1	13	January 1933
2	1	February 1-March 31, 1933
2	2	April 3-May 15, 1933
2	3	May 17-June 30, 1933
2	4	July 1-August 15, 1933
2	5	August 19-September 28, 1933
2	6	October 4-December 30, 1933
2	7	January 2-February 25, 1934
2	8	March 4-December 15, 1934
2	9	January 27, 1935-December 30, 1936
2	10	January 5-April 30, 1937
2	11	June 5-December 29, 1937
2	12	January 21, 1938-August 10, 1945

Printed Material, Reform Activities

3	1	"Five Day Plan," "Work for All Plan" Materials
3	2	Printed articles, clippings, etc. of Mildred and Mary Hicks
3	3	Socialist Party in Bainbridge, Georgia, materials, 1916-1917
3	4	Minutes, United Congress for Progressive Political Action, September 1933
3	5	Continental Congress of Workers and Farmers material, 1933
3	6	Clippings, 1931-1933
3	7	Clippings, 1934-1941
3	8	Clippings, 1942

- 3 9 Clippings, 1943-1945
- 3 10 Miscellaneous pamphlets, etc.

Bound Volumes

- 3 11 University Debaters Annual, 1932-1933
- 3 12 Proceedings, Fifty-first Annual Convention of the American Federation of Labor, 1931
- 3 13 Proceedings, Fifty-second Annual Convention of the American Federation of Labor, 1932
- 3 14 Annual of the Northern Baptist Convention, 1937
- 4 1 *Onward America* by Sheridan Downey
- 4 2 Proceedings, Seventeenth Annual Convention of the Idaho State Federation of Labor, 1931

Leaflets

- 4 3 Leaflet Stub Summary and Incomplete Stubs
- 4 4 Leaflet Stubs: Alabama, Arizona, and Arkansas
- 4 5 Leaflet Stubs: California
- 4 6 Leaflet Stubs: Colorado, Delaware and Georgia
- 4 7 Leaflet Stubs: Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, and Kansas
- 4 8 Leaflet Stubs: Louisiana
- 4 9 Leaflet Stubs: Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, and Montana
- 4 10 Leaflet Stubs: Mississippi, Missouri, New Jersey, and New York
- 4 11 Leaflet Stubs: North Carolina, Ohio, and Oklahoma
- 4 12 Leaflet Stubs: Pennsylvania, Oregon, and South Carolina
- 4 13 Leaflet Stubs: South Dakota and Texas
- 4 14 Leaflet Stubs: Virginia, Washington, and West Virginia
- 4 15 Leaflet Stubs: Wisconsin, Wyoming

Huey P. Long Material

- 5 1 Material showing work done by Mary and Mildred Hicks for Senator Huey P. Long and "Share our Wealth"
- 5 2 Photographs, Senator Long and Long's grave
- 5 3 Clippings, 1932-1934
- 5 4 Clippings, January-August 1935
- 5 5 Clippings, September 1935-1944
- 5 6 Printed material, sheet music
- 5 7 Huey P. Long Circular letters, 1933-1935
- 5 8 *My First Days in the White House* by Huey Pierce Long
- 5 9 *Every Man A King, the Autobiography of Huey P. Long*
- 5 10 "Tin," "Share Our Wealth buttons"

