

THE RAYMOND AND CHARLOTTE MOSKOWITZ KOCH COLLECTION

Papers, 1925-1982

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Raymond and Charlotte Moskowitz Koch deposited their papers with the Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs in August of 1980. The papers were made available for research in June of 1982.

Raymond Koch was born in 1909. In 1925, his family moved from Redland, Oregon to Polk County, Arkansas and Raymond Koch became a student at Commonwealth College at age 16. During his twelve-year stay at Commonwealth, Raymond Koch filled various posts including industrial manager, office manager and instructor in trade union problems.

Charlotte Moskowitz arrived at Commonwealth College in the fall of 1927. Already possessing two years of college credit from Syracuse University she completed her college degree at Commonwealth. In 1927 or 1928 she became executive secretary of Commonwealth. In 1934 she took on the additional duties of treasurer of the college.

Raymond Koch and Charlotte Moskowitz were married on December 21, 1930. They left Commonwealth College in August of 1937 to work in the field of trade union education in St. Louis.

The papers of Raymond and Charlotte Koch reflect their work at Commonwealth College and their later work in labor education.

Important subjects covered in this collection are:

Arkansas: labor conditions	Labor songs
: politics	O'Hare, Kate Richards
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Sub-Series IIIA, Commonwealth College Published Material, 1925-1940; Box 3

Material published by Commonwealth College. Contains an almost complete set of the college newspaper and a few pamphlets and newsletters.



Sub-Series IIIB, General Published and Manuscript Material, Boxes 3-6

Published and manuscript material that relates to Commonwealth College, or to the cooperative and labor movements. Includes several working copies of Raymond and Charlotte Kochs' book, Educational Commune: The Story of Commonwealth College.

Non-Manuscript Material

Photographs of Commonwealth College have been placed in the Archives Audio-Visual Collections. Two books have been placed in the Archives Library.

Series I
Cooperative and Labor Colleges
Box 1

The material in Series I pertains to cooperative and labor colleges. Series I is divided into two subseries. Series IA contains material from and relating to Commonwealth College. Series IB contains material from and relating to other cooperative and labor schools.

Sub-Series IA
Commonwealth College, 1931-1975
Box 1

Material from and relating to Commonwealth College. Commonwealth College catalogues from 1934-1939, newspaper clippings, status reports from department heads, histories of the college, and Commonwealth's 1932 constitution and amendments. Also, material pertaining to accusations that Commonwealth was a college for communists. Included in this material are transcripts of the Arkansas State Legislature's investigation of Commonwealth College in 1935. The material is arranged alphabetically by subject or type of material, and chronologically within each topic. This series covers the period from 1931-1975, with the majority of the material falling within the 1930s.

Box 1

1. Admission Applications, Commonwealth College
2. Campus Bluff, 19 Jan 1939
3. Catalogues, Fall 1934-Summer 1937
4. Catalogues, Fall 1937-1939
5. Clippings, 1935-1937
6. Clippings, 1938, 1975
7. Commonwealth College Association Annual Meeting; Agenda, 1939
8. Commonwealth College Association Annual Meeting; Education Director's Report, 1939
9. Commonwealth College Association Annual Meeting; Executive Secretary Report, 1939
10. Commonwealth College Association Annual Meeting; Industrial Manager Report, 1939
11. Commonwealth College Association Annual Meeting; Librarian's Report, 1939
12. Commonwealth College Association Annual Meeting; Planning Committee Report, 1939
13. Communism; Accusation of, 1935-1937
14. Communism, Testimony of H. Brown in the case of Harry Bridges
15. Communism, Testimony of W. Thompson in the case of Harry Bridges
16. Constitution; adopted 26 Mar 1932, amended 18 Jan 1933
17. Constitution; amended, 10 Nov 1936
18. Constitution, adopted 30 Aug 1937
19. Constitution, proposed changes

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20. Directory and Closing Program, Jun 1938
21. Faubus, J.S.;,correspondence to Sam Sandberg, Sep-Oct 1932
22. Faubus, Orval; clippings, 1958-1970
23. Field Program; report, 1931-1935, 1939
24. Financial Reports, 1931-1935, 1939
25. Fulks, Clay; gubernatorial campaign material,1932
26. Guides to Commonwealth College, 1923 and 1932
27. Hall, Covington (Govami), poem
28. Hall, Covington, "A Short History of Commonwealth College"
29. Investigation of Commonwealth; Arkansas State Legislature Transcripts, 1935
29. Library; Bulletin No. Three, Feb 1937
30. Library; Bulletin No. Four, May 1939
32. Moskowitz; Charlotte's "Dear Commoners", 1935-1936
33. Publicity, promotional flyers
34. Rules of Organization and Procedure
35. Stationary, Commonwealth College letterhead
36. Zeuch, William Edward, biographical information
37. Zeuch, William Edward, "Notes on Commonwealth College"
38. Zeuch, William Edward, poetry

Sub-Series IB
Other Cooperative and Labor Schools
Box 1

Material from and relating to other cooperative and labor schools. Including histories, personal accounts, proceedings, guides and pamphlets. This series contains both published and unpublished material. The material is arranged alphabetically by topic or title, and chronologically within each topic.

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39. Communities of the Past and Present; by Llano Colonist, 1924
40. Highlander Folk School, pamphlets
41. The Llano Co-operative Colony, by James McDonald
42. "Llano Colony History"; by Walter Millsap, 1963
43. Llano Del Rio Company of Nevada; Bulletin No. 2, 28 Jun 1968
44. The Llano Reporter; Vol. 1, No. 2, Apr-May 1963
45. New Harmony, Indiana, guides
46. New Harmony Memorial; Proceedings of First Forum, 19 Mar 1932
47. Newllano Colony, Arkansas, personal accounts
48. Newllano Theatre; program, 14 Sep 1924
49. Southern Resident Labor Colleges; newsletter
50. Southern Tenant Farmers Union; leaflet, Mar 1940

Series II
Correspondence, 1942-1982
Box 2

A collection of the Kochs' personal correspondence after they left Commonwealth College. Including Raymond Koch's World War II letters to Charlotte Moskowitz Koch, letters to former students and administrators of Commonwealth College, and letters to researchers and publishers. This series is arranged alphabetically by the name or category of the correspondent and then chronologically. The series covers the period from 1942-1980, with the majority of the material falling within the 1960s and 1970s.

Box 2

1. Brown, Walter L., 1973
2. Commoners, Dec 1971-Feb 1972
3. Commoners, Sep 1972-77
4. Coy, Harold and Mildred
- 5-12. "Friends and Relations," (c. 1961-1982)
13. Goodhue, F.M., Oct 1965
14. Koch; WW II letters from Raymond to Charlotte, Introduction
15. , United States
- 16-18. , North Africa
- 19-21. , Sardinia
22. , Corsica
- 23-25. , France
- 26-27. , Germany
28. Libraries, 1972-1973
29. Publishers, May-Aug 1971
30. Publishers, Aug-Sep 1971
31. Researchers and Scholars, 1972-1973
32. Researchers and Scholars, 1973-1980
33. Williams, Claude and Joyce, Mar 1970-1972
34. , Nov-Dec 1972
35. , 1973
36. , 1974
37. , 1975
38. , Jan-May 1976
39. , Jul-Nov 1976
40. Williams, Claude, 1977
41. Jul 1978-Jul 1979
42. Zeuch, William Edward, 1963-1965

Series III
Published and Manuscript Material
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Published and manuscript material. Series III is divided into two subseries. Series IIIA contains material published by Commonwealth College. Series IIIB contains published and manuscript material that is about or relates to Commonwealth College, or to the cooperative and labor movements.

Sub-Series IIIA
Commonwealth College Published Material, 1925-1940
Box 3

Material published by Commonwealth College. This series contains an almost complete set of the college newspaper, some newsletters, and a number of pamphlets. The college newspaper began in April of 1925 as the Commonwealth Newsletter. It was a biweekly publication. During September of 1925 it was known as The lodestar. In the fall of 1925 the name was changed to the Commonwealth College Fortnightly. In May of 1938 the Commonwealth College Fortnightly became The Commoner. The Commoner was a monthly publication. Commonwealth also published and printed pamphlets. Some of these were for instructional use at the college. Other pamphlets contained labor songs and plays. The material dates from 1925 to 1940 and is arranged in the order of college newspaper, newsletters, and pamphlets.

Box 3

1. Commonwealth News-letter; Vol. I, No. 1-9, Apr-Aug 1925
2. The Lodestar; Vol. I, No. 10-11, Sep 1925
3. Commonwealth College Fortnightly; Vol. I, No. 13-15, Nov-Dec 1925
4. Vol. II, No. 1-13, 15-24, 1926
5. Vol. III, No. 1-20, Jan-Oct 1927
6. Vol. III, No. 21-23, Nov-Dec 1927
7. Vol. IV, No. 1-22, 1928
8. Vol. V, No. 1-18, 1929
9. Vol. VI, No. 1-11, 1930
10. Vol. VII, No. 1, 5-6, 9, 1931
11. Vol. VIII, No. 1, 6-19, 1932
12. Vol. IX, No. 1-24, 1933
13. Vol. X, No. 1-2, 5-24, 1934
14. Vol. XI, No. 1-2, 5-15, 19, 21-24, 1935
15. Vol. XII, No. 1-24, 1936
16. Vol. XIII, No. 1-22, 1937
17. Vol. XIV, No. 1-5, Jan-Mar 1938
18. The Commoner; Vol. I, No. 1-6, May-Nov 1938
19. 1939
20. 1940

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21. Commonwealth College Newsletter, Mar-Sep 1939
22. Newsletters; miscellaneous, 1929, 1934, 1938
23. Handbook of Mimeograph Techniques, by Bill Stencil
24. Labor Plays, Jul 1934
25. Labor Songs, by Agnes Cunningham
26. Labor Songs: Collection of Old and New, 1938
27. A Story in Pictures: By James Schlecker, May 1940

Sub-Series IIIB

General Published and Manuscript Material
Boxes 3-6

Published and manuscript material that relates to Commonwealth College, or to the cooperative and labor movements. Including, books, journal articles, and several working copies of Raymond and Charlotte Kochs' book, Educational Commune: The Story of Commonwealth College. The material is arranged alphabetically by title or subject.

Box 3

28. The Arkansas Historical Quarterly; Vol. XXIII, Number 2, Summer 1964

Box 4

1. The Arkansas Historical Quarterly; Vol. XXV, Number 4, Winter 1966
2. The Arkansas Historical Quarterly; Vol. XXXII, Number 2, Summer 1973
3. A Century of the Common Man: by H.A. Wallace, 8 May 1942
- 4-5. Commonwealth College; A History; masters thesis by W.H. Cobb, 1963
6. Diary; author unknown, 1961
7. Educational Commune; by Raymond and Charlotte Koch, galley proofs
8. ; Introduction by R.J. Havinhurst, 1972
- 9-10. ; version A
11. ; early version B, pt. 1

Box 5

1. Educational Commune; early versian B, pt 2
2. ; proofs
3. ; reviews, 1972
4. ; reviews, 1973
5. ; reviews, 1974
6. ; quotations, sources of
- 7-8. ; working copy A
9. ; working copy B, pt.1

Box 6

1. Educational Commune; working copy B, pt. 2
2. "From the Water Tower," composition
3. The Looking Glass; Vol. 3, No. 6, Sep 1977
4. The Mena Star; Special 75th Anniversary Edition, 19 Aug 1971
5. Southern Exposure; Vol. 1, No. 3 and 4, Winter 1974
6. Time Bomb; The Faubus Revolt; by John F. Wells, 1962
7. "A Tramp's Philosophy," by Will B. Field
8. "Utopian Afternoon"; by Ralph Peterson, 1942
9. What Say What: Ten Poems for a Gift; by I.L. Sworan, 1938
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