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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION

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| Title | Regional Study Tour Collection, 1951-1963. |
| Extent | 3 linear feet. 7 boxes. |
| Arrangement | The Regional Study Tour material came to the University Archives in separate binders and albums. The archives staff organized the information into series by tour date. Each study tour's material was divided into sections and placed in folders in the same order in which it was received. Items in the collections have been photocopied to protect the originals. These are filed with the original material. |
| Provenance | Unknown. |
| Finding Aid | Printed finding aid available in repository. Electronic version: http://ecsu.archives.s3-website-us-east-1.amazonaws.com/ |
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| Access points | School field trips. Willimantic State Teachers College Willimantic State College |
| Restrictions | None. |
| Document types | Correspondence. Photographs. Reports Brochures, programs and publications Miscellaneous memorabilia |

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE:

This collection offers a information on a series of nine study tours offered between 1950 and 1963. The collection includes correspondence, itineraries, written reports, brochures, photographs and memorabilia. Since the documentation for each tour is unique and was compiled separately, the following series descriptions offer more detail about the arrangement, scope and content of each tour's collection.

SERIES DESCRIPTION:

Series I - Canada, 1951

This tour included 22 Willimantic State Teachers College sophomore students, all members of the Class of 1953, with two leaders. The two leaders were Robert K. Wickware, Professor of Science and Math and Harriet Patterson, Assistant Professor and Coordinator of Senior Program. The group made stops in New York, Montreal, Quebec, and New Hampshire. In preparation for the tour, committees were established to research the various aspects of the trip and to make the necessary contacts and arrangements. An exceptionally detailed account of the preparations is included. They also kept a description and some memorabilia from the trip.

Series II – Canada, 1952

The group included 2 faculty advisors: E. Juanita White, Assoc. Professor of Science and Donald Mattoon, Assoc. Professor and Principal of the Laboratory School. There were 22 students in the group. The group made stops in New Hampshire, Vermont and Canada. In preparation for the tour, committees were established to research the various aspects of the trip and to make the necessary contacts and arrangements. A very detailed account of the preparations is included. There is also a daily diary of each day's events, along with some memorabilia.

Series III – Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 1953

This tour took place April 8-14, 1953. It included 17 students. Dr. Nelson Palmer acted as faculty advisor to the group and Ms. Esther Cohen, Asst. Professor of Art accompanied them on the trip. The places and institutions that they visited varied from historical and educational to local entertainment. There is some record of the planning involved and reports of their experiences while in Philadelphia.

Series IV - Connecticut/Massachusetts/New York/New Jersey, 1953

This series includes materials gathered at stops though four northeastern states. The collection is dedicated to Dr. William Forbes by the "Short Trip Seminar Group". The trips took place between March and May of 1953. No information is offered about the size of the group. This material includes little narrative information but offers several trip itineraries and memorabilia.

Series V - Canada, 1955

This group included 31 students and two faculty advisors (Mertelle Larcomb, Assistant Instructor, and C. Francis Willey, Associate Professor of Social Science). In preparation for the trip, the group met and formed committees to research the various subjects that they intended to study while in Canada. On their return, they produced a very detailed account, arranged by chapter for each area studied. There was no memorabilia included.

Series VI - New York, 1956

This series offers limited narrative information about the group but does include an itinerary, correspondence and memorabilia from the trip.

Series VII - Washington, D.C., 1957

This series offers a detailed report of the members of the class of 1958 who participated in the tour. The tour also included stops in Philadelphia, Gettysburg and the Amish Country of Pennsylvania. They visited a number of important historical sites, sampled the local cuisine, studied the agriculture and customs of the Amish people and spent several days in Washington D. C.

Series VIII - Mexico/Cuba, 1957

This series offers a detailed itinerary and photographs of students and faculty who participated.

Series IX - Jamaica, 1963

This series offers only a brief outline and itinerary of the trip.

RELATED COLLECTIONS:

Further information about study tours may be found in the C. Francis Willey Collection, Alumni Affairs/Gift Collections, Photographs/Willimantic State College, and in the following publications: *Campus Lantern* and *Alumni Bulletin*.

The University Archives has a substantial collection of university archives material and also houses the Connecticut Studies Collection. For more detailed information on these collections please speak with a staff member, call 860-465-5563 or visit the Smith Library Archives & Special Collections online at <http://ecs.u.archives.s3-website-us-east-1.amazonaws.com/>

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| | 2 | Introduction; correspondence | 3-29 May 1951 |
| | 3 | Itinerary; correspondence; research | 3-29 May 1951 |
| | 4 | Correspondence | 23 April-22 May 1951 |
| | 5 | Correspondence, Prep. Materials | 27 April-22 May 1951 |
| | 6 | Description and memorabilia | 1-3 June 1951 |
| | 7 | Description and memorabilia | 4-8 June 1951 |
| Series II - Regional Study Tour - Canada | | 24 May -1 June 1952 | |
| 2 | 1 | Photos of participants | 1952 |
| | 2 | Introduction | 1952 |
| | 3 | Correspondence | 1 April- 22 May 1952 |
| | 4 | Correspondence & 1st day | 24 May 1952 |
| | 5 | Reports & memorabilia | 25-30 May 1952 |
| | 6 | Reports & memorabilia; evaluation & discussion | 31 May-8 June 1952 |
| Series III - Philadelphia, Pennsylvania | | 8-14 April 1953 | |
| 3 | 1 | Title Page, Purpose of trip; participants | 1953 |
| | 1a | Photos of participants | 1953 |
| | 2 | Notes of group meetings | 1953 |
| | 3 | Correspondence -- City of Philadelphia | 9 March 1953 |
| | 4 | Correspondence -- Philadelphia Crime Prevention Association | 16 March 1953 |
| | 5 | Correspondence -- Bethlehem Steel Company | 18 March 1953 |
| | 6 | Correspondence -- Haverford College | 31 March 1953 |
| | 7 | Correspondence -- Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce | 10 February 1953 |
| | 8 | Correspondence -- Temple University | 10 March 1953 |
| | 9 | Correspondence -- American Friends Service Comm., Inc. | 13 March 1953 |
| | 10 | Correspondence and Rooming List, St. James Hotel | 10-26 March 1953 |
| | 11 | Memo re: Permission slips | 30 March 1953 |
| | 12 | Itinerary -- Philadelphia Tour | 8-14 April 1953 |
| | 13 | Daily Journal and Memorabilia | 9 April 1953 |
| | 14 | Program -- [<i>The Philadelphia Orchestra -- 1952-1953</i>] | 1953 |
| | 15 | Daily Journal and Memorabilia -- Bethlehem Steel Plant | 10 April 1953 |
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| | 17 | Post Cards | 1953 |
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| Series III - Philadelphia, Pennsylvania | | 8-14 April 1953 |
| 3 | 19 Brochure -- Independence National Historical Park Project | 1953 |
| | 20 Daily Journal -- <i>The Planetarium</i> | 1953 |
| | 21 Brochure -- <i>The Franklin Institute</i> | 1953 |
| | 22 Daily Journals | 1953 |
| | 23 Brochure -- <i>Crime Prevention in 1951</i> | 1953 |
| | 24 Group Evaluation of Philadelphia Trip (4 pages) | 1953 |
| | 25 Borrower's card and date due form from bound report | 1953 |
| Series IV - Connecticut/Massachusetts/New York/New Jersey | | March-May 1953 |
| 4 | 1 Dedication | 1953 |
| | 1a Participants (photos taken from the 1953 Yearbook) | 1953 |
| | 2 Map of Tour (4 Connecticut tours) | 1953 |
| | 3 Itinerary | 1953 |
| | 4 Tour of American Thermos – Norwich, CT | 1953 |
| | 5 Thermos Brand Vacuum Ware -- Brochure | 1953 |
| | 6 Work Schedules and Map | 9 March 1953 |
| | 7 Thermos News – Vol. 9, May 1951, # 5 | 1953 |
| | 8 Thermos Welcome – (to new employees) | 1953 |
| | 9 Thermos Etiquette | 1953 |
| | 10 Thermos News – Vol. 10, May/June 1952, # 3 | 1953 |
| | 11 Thermos Foremen | 1953 |
| | 12 Short Trip Tour Group – Dow Chemical Company | 1953 |
| | 13 Samples of Styron – Dow Chemical Company | 1953 |
| | 14 Devil's Hopyard (2 pages) | 7 April 1953 |
| | 15 Rules and Regulations – State Park and Forest Commission | 1953 |
| | 16 Photo – Devil's Hopyard | 1953 |
| | 17 Photo – Devil's Hopyard | 1953 |
| | 18 Suggestion for Observations – Devil's Hopyard | 1953 |
| | 19 Boston Tour, Itinerary, etc. | 31 March 1953 |
| | 20 Boston Tour, Memorabilia | 31 March 1953 |
| | 21 New York/New Jersey Tour, Itinerary etc. | 15-16 April 1953 |
| | 22 New York/New Jersey Tour, Ford | 8 April 1953 |
| | 23 New York/New Jersey Tour, – Church of St. John the Divine | 1953 |
| | 24 New York/New Jersey Tour, – The Bowery | 1953 |
| | 25 New York/New Jersey Tour, memorabilia, misc. | 1953 |
| | 26 New England Conservation Tour – Palmer, MA State Fish Hatchery | 1953 |
| | 27 Nantucket Island Tour | 30 April 1953 |

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| 4 | 28 Lederle Laboratories Division of American Cyanamid Tour | 19 May 1953 |
| | 29 Library Due Slip | 1953 |
| Series V - Canada | | 14-20 April 1955 |
| 5 | 1 Cover of Report (including check-out information) | 1955 |
| | 2 List of participants and dedication to C. Francis Willey | 1955 |
| | 2a Photographs of participants | 1955 |
| | 3 Preface | 1955 |
| | 4 Acknowledgments | 1955 |
| | 5 Introduction by C. Francis Willey | 1955 |
| | 6 Table of Contents | 1955 |
| | 7 Chapter I -- The Geography of Canada (8 pages) | 1955 |
| | 8 Chapter II -- The History of Canada (7 pages) | 1955 |
| | 9 Chapter III -- The Government of Canada (24 pages) | 1955 |
| | 10 Chapter IV -- Canadian Industry (17 pages) | 1955 |
| | 11 Chapter V -- Agriculture of Canada (6 pages) | 1955 |
| | 12 Chapter VI -- Canadian Education (6 pages) | 1955 |
| | 13 Chapter VII -- Social Problems of Canada (11 pages) | 1955 |
| | 14 Chapter VIII -- Arts and Literature (8 pages) | 1955 |
| | 15 Chapter IX -- International Relations (16 pages) | 1955 |
| | 16 Chapter X -- Canadian Aviation and the I.C.A.O. (7 pages) | 1955 |
| Series VI - New York | | 11-12 January 1956 |
| 5 | 1 Participants | 11-12 January 1956 |
| | 2 Arrangements | 1956 |
| | 3 Itinerary | 1956 |
| | 4 Financial Statements | 1956 |
| | 5 Letter - Hotel Knickerbocker | 1956 |
| | 6 Rooming Arrangements | 1956 |
| | 7 Brochure - Riverside Community House, Inc. | 1956 |
| | 8 American Museum of Natural History | 1956 |
| | 9 Questions for American Museum of Natural History | 1956 |
| | 10 Broadway Theatre | 1956 |
| | 11 Cue Magazine - December 31, 1955 | 1956 |
| Series VII - Washington, D.C./Pennsylvania | | 5-18 April 1957 |
| 6 | 1 Photos of Faculty Advisors and participants | 1957 |
| | 2 Title Page | 1957 |

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| Series VII - Washington, D.C./Pennsylvania | | 5-18 April 1957 |
| 6 | 3 Itinerary (3 page) | 5-18 April 1957 |
| | 4 Introduction | 1957 |
| | 5 Newspaper Articles | 1957 |
| | 6 Permission Form | 21 March 1957 |
| | 7 Sandy's Charcoal Hearth Restaurant | 5 April 1957 |
| | 8 The <i>Giles</i> Home (2 pages) | 1957 |
| | 9 Lancaster County – Amish customs (6 pages) | 6 April 1957 |
| | 10 Menus – Amish Restaurants | 1957 |
| | 11 Points of Interest, Lancaster City and County | 1957 |
| | 12 Brochure – <i>Ephrata Cloister</i> | 1957 |
| | 13 Pennsylvania Dutch | 1957 |
| | 14 Pennsylvania Historical Properties | 1957 |
| | 15 Photographs and Postcards | 1957 |
| | 16 Farmers' Market/Restaurants | 1957 |
| | 17 Gettysburg | 1957 |
| | 18 Agriculture | 1957 |
| | 19 Washington D. C. (5 pages) | 1957 |
| | 20 Washington D. C. map, postcards | 1957 |
| | 21 Howard University | 1957 |
| | 22 Congressional Visit | 1957 |
| | 23 Russian Embassy (3 pages) | 1957 |
| | 24 National Symphony Orchestra | 1957 |
| | 25 National Gallery of Art | 1957 |
| | 26 District of Columbia Teachers College (3 pages) | 1957 |
| | 27 National Education Association – NEA | 1957 |
| | 28 Indian Embassy | 1957 |
| | 29 Postcard – Seven Wonders of the World | 1957 |
| | 30 Washington Housing | 1957 |
| | 31 Pakistan Embassy | 1957 |
| | 32 The World Health Organization (5 pages) | 1957 |
| | 33 Brochure – “Pan American Union” | 1957 |
| | 34 American League Baseball | 1957 |
| | 35 The “Maury School” | 1957 |
| | 36 Hampton Institute | 12 April 1957 |
| | 37 Photograph – Tour Group | 1957 |
| | 38 Brochure – Yorktown Battlefield | 1957 |
| | 39 Jamestown/Yorktown/Williamsburg (3 pages) | 1957 |
| | 40 Mount Vernon | 1957 |
| | 41 Program – National Gallery of Art | 14 April 1957 |
| | 42 American Federation of Labor (AFL/CIO) | 1957 |
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| | 44 Independence Hall-National Historical Park (brochure) | 1957 |
| | 45 Philadelphia | 1957 |

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| Series VIII - Mexico/Cuba | | 7-28 April 1957 |
| 7 | 1 Itinerary (17 pages) | 7-28 April 1957 |
| | 2 Photographs of participants (identified - yearbook) | 1958 |
| | 3 Photographs of trip (yearbook) | 1958 |
| Series IX - Jamaica | | 17-27 May 1963 |
| 7 | 1 Participants | 1963 |
| | 2 Hotel Assignments | 1963 |
| | 3 Itinerary | 1963 |