

Mineral Bluff Industrial School for Mountain Girls records

Descriptive Summary

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Biographical/Historical Note

The Mineral Bluff Industrial School for Mountain Girls, which opened its doors on September 18, 1911, was located in Fannin County, Georgia, eight miles from the Tennessee border. Mineral Bluff was a small industrial town with a population of approximately three hundred when the school began. The school was the idea of Miss Helen Gray. A journalist by profession, Gray founded the Southern Mountain Education Association. This association, headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia supported the Mineral Bluff Industrial School for Mountain Girls.

The school, which was a boarding school, was in session eight months a year. Tuition was fifty dollars per year. The school was designed to combine industrial training with a literary education. One half of the day was dedicated to school and study and the other half to industrial training. The object of the program was to improve the condition of mountain girls by teaching them to develop and profit from the natural resources of their region.

Scope and Content Note

This collection consists mainly of Mineral Bluff Industrial School for Mountain Girls records documenting its formation and early years. There is a publication which outlines the plans for the school and solicits funds. There are also several letters that speak of the school, as well as a pamphlet titled "Plan of Operation" and another pamphlet that describes the course of the school. Several copies of newspaper clippings about the school or Helen Gray are included. Additionally, there are some miscellaneous items pertaining to Helen Gray.

Index Terms

Boarding schools.
Clippings (information artifacts)
Economic development.
Education--Georgia--Mineral Bluff.
Fannin County (Ga.)
Gray, Helen.
Letters (correspondence)
Manual training--Georgia--Mineral Bluff.
Mineral Bluff (Ga.)
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Natural resources.
Pamphlets.
Single-sex schools.
Women--Education.

Administrative Information

Custodial History

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2 Correspondence

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3 Pamphlets

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4 Clippings

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5 Miscellaneous