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Summary:

Title: Amy Hudok Collection

Span Dates: 1973-2000

Creator: Various

Repository: Marshall University Special Collections, Morrow Library (Huntington, WV)

Processed by: Elizabeth James, 2019

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Date Completed: November, 2019

Access to Collection: Open

Extent: 0.25 feet

Donor: Amy Hudok

Search Terms:

Appalachian life

Appalachian culture

Biographical Notes:

Edwina Sheppard Pepper (1893-1988) was raised in Huntington, West Virginia for part of her childhood and adulthood. In the 1940s Pepper moved to a plot of land near Marrowbone Creek and created her homestead, known as "The Knob", and dedicated her life to preserving Appalachian land and culture. She founded "The Mountain Call", a monthly newsletter which ran from 1973-1979, a journal of mountain lore and life. "The Mountain Call" included editorials from readers, articles on mining, pollution, and farming, and columns such as the "Mountaineer of the Month" which featured interviews with individuals of local note. She accumulated land to form the John A. Sheppard Memorial Ecological Reservation, a land trust which enables families to return home and which preserves land from development. In 1976, she enlisted teachers to create Big Laurel School, which sought to create a community-based education for local children steeped in Appalachian heritage, closing in 1988. That institution became the Big Laurel Learning Center, which seeks to teach Appalachian traditions to people of all ages.

Scope and Content:

This collection is composed of Amy Hudok's collected materials about Edwina Pepper, principally, scanned copies of "The Mountain Call" on CD and a manuscript titled, "Writings of Edwina Pepper" about her experiences in Appalachia. included in the collection is a clipping on Edwina S. Pepper from the "West Virginia Hillbilly" and research notes listing contacts that knew Pepper.

Processing Notes:

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