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Collection Overview

Repository: Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title: Earl Shaffer Papers
Identifier: NMAH.AC.0828
Date: (bulk 1803 - 2007, undated)
Extent: 16 Cubic feet (50 boxes, 15 map folders)
Creator: Shaffer, Earl V., 1918-2002
Language: Collection text is in English.
Summary: This collection contains the trail diaries, papers, photographs and slides, and writings of Earl V. Shaffer, the man credited with being the first person to hike the entire Appalachian Trail (AT). His complete trail hikes took place in 1948, 1965, and 1998. He was also a hiking and nature enthusiast and advocate.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information
The collection was donated to the Archives Center, National Museum of American History, Smithsonian in April 2003 by John Shaffer, Earl V. Shaffer's brother.

Separated Materials

Materials at the National Museum of American History

The Division of Culture and the Arts (now Division of Cultural and Community Life) contain the following:

Accession#: 2002.0195

Kodak camera used by Earl Shaffer on his first thru-hike of the Appalachian Trail in 1948 and the flannel shirt, cotton trousers, leather hiking books, knit cap, and canvas backpack he used for his 1998 hike.

Accession#: 1999.0189

Backpack, boots, pith helmet, head net, poncho, and a cook-set, all used by Earl Shaffer on two of his hikes of the Appalachian Trail, 1948 and 1965.

Available Formats
Select diaries in Series 3 digitized in 2014.
Biographical / Historical

Earl Victor Shaffer (1918-2002) is credited as the first person to hike the entire Appalachian Trail (AT) from Georgia to Maine. Shaffer was born on November 8th, 1918 in York, Pennsylvania to Daniel and Frances Gallagher Shaffer. One of his most influential childhood friends was Walter Winemiller. Shaffer termed Winemiller, "...the most capable outdoorsman I had ever known." They grew up together in and around York. When WWII broke out Shaffer joined the Army and Winemiller joined the Marines. Shaffer served in the Army Signal Corps from April 15, 1941 to September 17, 1945. Three years and three months of his service was in the Pacific Theatre based in Hawaii but for a good amount of time on detached service on various outposts and combat islands. Winemiller died in the assault on Iwo Jima and Shaffer's decision to hike the AT in 1948 was in his own words a testament to his friend and "...to eradicate as much as possible the lingering effects of that wartime service in the tropics." He wrote that when he was in the army the three books he had with him were the Bible, an Oxford English Dictionary and a volume of Rudyard Kipling's poems. It was during his time in the army that his love of writing poetry manifested itself.

Shaffer hiked the entire AT for the first time in 1948 traveling south to north. This trek is detailed in his book Walking With Spring. For the rest of his life Shaffer was a trail enthusiast and participated in local and national hiking clubs and events. In 1951 Shaffer was named corresponding secretary for the Appalachian Trail Conference (ATC). Shaffer hiked the AT north to south in 1965. Shaffer lived his entire life in and around York, Pennsylvania. He wanted to purchase property for a permanent home near the Appalachian Trail. This dream almost became a reality in the 1980s when Shaffer purchased a small parcel of land near the trail. With the ramifications of the 1968 National Trails System Act and the land purchasing policies of the National Park Service conflicting with his desires Shaffer sold his land near the trail to the National Park Service and broke ties with the ATC over their handling of the affair.

Shaffer continued writing poetry throughout his life. He wrote prose almost always centered on his experiences in the army or while hiking. He self published Walking With Spring in 1981. In 1983, the ATC published the work with Shaffer donating his share of the proceeds to the ATC. In 1998, Shaffer decided to undertake a 50th Anniversary hike commemorating his 1948 hike of the entire AT. He was seventy-nine years old. He completed the hike in October 1998 and gained much national notoriety for it. Shaffer was a carpenter and beekeeper. He also refinished and repaired furniture. Shaffer never married but maintained
ties to a large, extended, and supportive family. Shaffer's health gradually deteriorated after his last AT hike and he died on May 5, 2002. The Earl Shaffer Foundation was founded in his honor and is based in York, Pennsylvania.

Scope and Contents

The collection contains correspondence, trail diaries (including those from Shaffer's 1948, 1965 and 1998 hikes of the Appalachian Trail), maps and trail guides, writings (most notably drafts of Walking With Spring), galley proofs from his final book Calling Me Back to the Hills, and printed material from hiking and environmental organizations. The collection contains items relating to Shaffer's early life and education, such as diplomas, a baptismal certificate, papers from his years in elementary school, and materials relating to his Army service. One extremely important item found in Series 5 is an article by Benton MacKaye (founder of the AT) that is inscribed to Earl from the author. The bulk of the collection spans the years 1903-2002. There is one item from 1803 (a land deed) and one item each, compact discs, from 2004 and 2007. The collection is divided into five series. Addendums were donated in 2004, 2007, 2008, and 2012 consisting of additional letters and poetry, and a book of poetry entitled South of the Sunset.

Arrangement

This collection is divided into five series.

Series 1: Biographical information, 1803-2006
Subseries 1.1: Shaffer Family Papers, 1873-1998
Subseries 1.2: Education, 1918-1980, undated
Subseries 1.3: Army, 1940-1948, undated
Subseries 1.4: Personal Documents, 1803-2006, undated
Subseries 1.5: Correspondence, 1945-2005, undated

Series 2: Materials Related to Hiking, 1935-2002
Subseries 2.1: Trail Notes, Diaries and General Information, 1935-1998, undated
Subseries 2.2: Photographs and Slides, 1940-2001, undated
Subseries 2.3: Maps and Plats, 1936-1998, undated

Series 3: Writing and Related Materials, 1910-2007, undated


Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:
Sports
Trails

Geographic Names:
Appalachian Trail
Geography -- Maine
Maryland
Pennsylvania
Tennessee
Virginia
West Virginia -- Trails and roads
Container Listing

Series 1: Biographical Information, 1803-2006, undated

This series contains materials relating to the Shaffer family as well as Earl Shaffer. This series is divided into five subseries: Subseries 1.1: Shaffer Family Papers, 1873-1998; Subseries 1.2: Education, 1918-1980; Subseries 1.3: Army, 1940-1948, undated; Subseries 1.4: Personal Documents, 1903-2006, undated and Subseries 1.5: Correspondence, 1945-2005. All series are arranged chronologically.

Subseries 1.1: Shaffer Family Papers, 1873-1998, undated

This subseries contains papers relating to the Shaffer family of York, Pennsylvania. There is minimal correspondence, some farming related documents, recipes and items pertaining to ship building at Hog Island, Pennsylvania and programs from YMCA events. There are religious tracts as well as school documents for some of the Shaffer children. There is one item dated 1873, a diploma for R. S. Seitz.

Box 37, Folder 7  Iron City College, diploma, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, 1873
Box 1, Folder 1  Family papers, 1903-1936
Box 1, Folder 2  Family papers, 1944-1974, undated
Box 1, Folder 3  Correspondence, 1933-1998, undated
Box 1, Folder 4  Recipes, 1910, undated

Subseries 1.2: Education, 1918-1980

Subseries B, Education, 1918-1980 contain biographical material and papers relating to Earl Shaffer's school life from grade school through high school. This series contains report cards, school composition notebooks and diplomas. This series contains Shaffer's high school yearbook and a program from the 45th reunion, the one item from 1980.

Box 35, Folder 1  Vital records (baptismal certificates, diplomas), 1918-1935
Box 1, Folder 5  School papers, 1924-1935, undated
Box 1, Folder 6  Report cards, 1924-1933
Box 1, Folder 7  English composition notebook (6th Grade), 1929-1930
Box 1, Folder 8  Spelling composition notebook (6th Grade), 1929-1930
Box 1, Folder 9  Junior High School Diploma, 1932
Box 1, Folder 10  Art composition notebook, undated
Box 1, Folder 11  Health composition notebook, undated
Box 1, Folder 12  History composition notebook, undated
Box 1, Folder 13  Music composition notebook, undated
Box 1, Folder 14  Poetry composition notebook, undated
Box 41, Folder 1  Programs, 1929-1945
Box 41, Folder 2  "The Tatler", school newspaper, 1935
Box 49, Folder 15  "York County Annual Spelling Contest No. 11 1000 Words", 1935
Box 41, Folder 3  45th Reunion William Penn Senior High, York, Pennsylvania, 1980

Subseries 1.3: Army, 1940-1948, undated
This subseries contains military orders, correspondence, and various other materials relating to Shaffer's army life.

Box 1, Folder 15  Papers, 1940-1948, undated
Box 38, Folder 1  Papers, 1943-1945, undated
Box 1, Folder 16  Orders, 1942-1945
Box 41, Folder 4  Correspondence, 1941-1945
Box 1, Folder 17  Correspondence, 1942-1945
Box 1, Folder 18  Newsletters, Ernie Pyle article, 1943-1944, undated
Box 1, Folder 19  Mementos and papers, 1943-1948, undated
Box 1, Folder 20  Church programs, 1944-1945
Box 2, Folder 1  Discharge papers, 1945
Box 2, Folder 2  Veterans papers, 1946-1948
Box 2, Folder 3  Map of New Caledonia, undated

Box 41, Folder 5  German idioms, undated
    Germanic languages.

Box 40  Army photographs, 1940-1948, undated

Subseries 1.4: Personal Documents, 1803-2006, undated

This subseries contains documents of a personal and business nature. There is a biography and poetry written by Shaffer about and inspired by close friend Walter Winemiller. This series contains Shaffer's tax, medical records, material relating to Shaffer's land purchases and a program from his memorial service in 2002. This series also contains materials relating to the settlement of Shaffer's estate.

Box 2, Folder 4  Business and financial papers, 1942-1997

Box 2, Folder 5  Newspaper and magazine articles, 1946-2000

Box 49, Folder 17  News clippings, 1952-1998, undated

Box 41, Folder 6  News clippings, 1955-2006, undated

Box 2, Folder 6  Publishing and writing, 1954-1955, undated

Box 2, Folder 7  Mailing addresses, 1962-1972, undated

Box 2, Folder 8  Environmental legislation, 1963-1990

Box 2, Folder 9  Medical documents, 1967-2001

Box 2, Folder 10  Dogs incident, legal, 1976-1977

Box 2, Folder 11  Tax documents, 1977-1992, undated

Box 2, Folder 12  Land tract 368-20 South Middleton, Pennsylvania, 1982-1985

Box 2, Folder 13  Lecture and appearance material, 1998, undated

Box 2, Folder 14  Media information for the 1998 AT hike, 1998

Box 2, Folder 15  Awards and certificates, 1999

Box 2, Folder 16  Shaffer, Earl V. memorial service, program, 2002
Box 3, Folder 1  Winemuller, Walter, biography and poetry, undated
Box 3, Folder 2  Nature images, undated
Box 3, Folder 3  Diary, 1948
Box 3, Folder 4  Song list, undated
Box 3, Folder 5  Business cards, undated
Box 40  Business cards Appalachian Trail Conference badge, and driver's license, 1975-1994, undated
Box 37, Folder 8  Peach Glen Meadows, 1984
Box 38, Folder 5  Greb property, settlement sheet, 1980
Box 50, Folder 1  Car accident, 1988-07-30
Box 49, Folder 12  Financial, 1990-1996
Box 41, Folder 7  Financial, 1990-2003, undated
Box 41, Folder 8  Veteran's Administration, health, 1995-2001
Box 37, Folder 1  Deeds, 1803-1980
Box 41, Folder 9  Certificate, 1999
Box 49, Folder 13  Advance Medical Directive, 2002
Box 41, Folder 10  Shaffer, Earl V., obituaries, 2002
Box 41, Folder 11  Shaffer, Earl V. estate documents, 2002-2004, undated
Box 49, Folder 14  Estate and estate sale, 2002
Box 50, Folder 2  Shaffer, John, sympathy cards, letters received, 2002
Box 41, Folder 12  Inventory of auction items, undated
Box 41, Folder 13  Hall of Fame, application, undated
"A Token of Your Confirmation", undated

Subseries 1.5: Correspondence, 1940-2005, undated
This subseries contains correspondence of a personal and business nature, received and written by Shaffer. The bulk of this subseries is undated. There is some correspondence written by other family members.

Box 3, Folder 6 Correspondence, 1940-1949, undated
Box 49, Folder 9 Correspondence written while in U.S. Army, 1941-1945, undated
Box 49, Folder 8 Correspondence, 1943-1996, undated
Box 49, Folder 10 Letter from Walter E. Winemiller, 1944
Box 42, Folder 1 Correspondence, 1945-2005, undated
Box 6, Folder 2 Correspondence, Appalachian Trail Conference, 1948-2000, undated
Box 42, Folder 2 Correspondence, 1949-2003, undated
Box 3, Folder 7 Correspondence, 1950-1959, undated
Box 3, Folder 8 Correspondence received, Papendick, Martin D., 1951-1954
Box 3, Folder 9 Correspondence, 1960-1969, undated
Box 3, Folder 10 Correspondence, 1970-1979, undated
Box 5, Folder 8 Correspondence written, 1972-1995, undated
Box 4, Folder 1 Correspondence, 1980-1983
Box 37, Folder 2 Oversize Correspondence, 1983-1998, undated
Box 4, Folder 2 Correspondence, 1984-1989
Box 4, Folder 3 Correspondence, 1990-1997
Box 4, Folder 4 Correspondence received, 1998
Box 4, Folder 5 E-mail correspondence, 1998 AT hike, 1998
Box 43, Folder 1  E-mail correspondence, 1998 AT Hike, 1998

Box 49, Folder 11  Westcliffe Publishers, 1999-2002, undated

Box 5, Folder 1  Correspondence received, 1999

Box 5, Folder 2  Correspondence "Along the Appalachian Trail", 1999-2000

Box 5, Folder 3  Correspondence received, 2000

Box 5, Folder 4  Correspondence received, 2001

Box 5, Folder 5  Correspondence, 2002

Box 5, Folder 6  Correspondence, 2002

Box 5, Folder 7  Correspondence, 2002

Box 6, Folder 1  Correspondence, undated

Box 38, Folder 6  Correspondence, undated

Subseries 6: Photographs and slides, 1942-2002, undated

This subseries contains a mix of photographs and slides relating to Shaffer's time in the U.S. Army, his hiking, and personal life. Photograph negatives were unidentified and in no apparent groupings. They were processed into archival envelopes in the groups in which they came to the Archives Center.

Box 34, Folder 8  Photographs, various subjects, 1981-2001, undated

Box 46  Photographs, various subjects, 1998-2002, undated

Binder 47, Folder 1  Photographic negatives, unidentified subjects, undated

Binder 47, Folder 2  Photographic negatives, unidentified subjects, undated

Binder 47, Folder 3  Photographic negatives, unidentified subjects, undated

Binder 47, Folder 4  Photographic negatives, unidentified subjects, undated

Binder 47, Folder 5  Photographic negatives, unidentified subjects, undated

Binder 47, Folder 6  Photographic negatives, unidentified subjects, undated
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<td>California, photographs, 1942</td>
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<td>Photographic slides, 1977-1987</td>
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<td>Binder 47</td>
<td>Photographs and letter by Brent Anslinger to John Shaffer, 1998</td>
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This subseries is arranged with Shaffer's trail diaries in chronological order, state informational files are arranged alphabetically and contain general information about the state and occasionally about trails located in the state. The diaries found in this series are reference copies of the original diaries. The original diaries remain intact and can be found in box 39 but due to preservation concerns they are not available for research.

Box 6, Folder 3; Box 39

[Appalachian Trail hike diary], 1948
1 item (5.5" x 4.0").

Image(s): Trail diary

Digital Content
Shaffer, Earl V., 1918-2002, Author
English.
Trail diary written Shaffer during the first hike to cover the entire length of the Appalachian Trail.

In Box 39.

Ink on paper.

Topic: Hiking, Trails

Place: Appalachian Trail

Genre/Form: Diaries -- 20th century

Box 6, Folder 4

Slide identification (AT hike), 1948

Box 6, Folder 5

AT hike, reference notes, 1948

Box 44

Lecture Slides, AT hike, 1948

Box 6, Folder 6

"The Long Cruise" (typescript notes), 1949

Box 6, Folder 7

AT trail hike Boy Scouts of America Troop #94, 1959

Box 6, Folder 8; Box 39

[Cascade Crest Trail hike diary], 1963 24 June
1 item (4.7" x 6.6").

Image(s): Cascade Crest, trail diary

Shaffer, Earl V., 1918-2002, Author
English.
Yellow covered trail diary written by Shaffer on hike of the Casscade Crest Trail.

In Box 39.
Ink on paper.

Topic: Hiking
Trails
Place: Appalachian Trail
Genre/Form: Diaries -- 20th century

Box 6, Folder 9
Tennessee hike, trail diary (reference copy), 1964
Image(s)

Box 39
[Appalachian Trail hike diary], 1964
1 Item (4.2" x 6.1")
Shaffer, Earl V., 1918-2002, Author
English.
1964 trail diary written by Shaffer on hike of the Appalachian Trail.
In Box 39.
Ink on paper.
Local Numbers
AC0828-0000032
Topic: Hiking
Trails
Place: Appalachian Trail
Genre/Form: Diaries -- 20th century

Box 6, Folder 10;
Box 39
[Appalachian Trail hike diary], 1965
1 Item (4.7" x 6.7")
Image(s): AT hike, trail diary
Shaffer, Earl V., 1918-2002, Author
English.
1965 trail diary written by Shaffer on hike of the Appalachian Trail.
In Box 39.
Ink on paper.

Box 6, Folder 11
ATC conference trip, diary, 1975

Box 6, Folder 12
Pinchot Trail data, 1981, undated
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| Box 6, Folder 14; Box 39 | The Long Cruise, 50th Anniversary AT hike, trail diary, book 1 [Appalachian Trail hike diary], 1998  
1 Item (8.8” x 7.1”.)  
Image(s): The Long Cruise, 50th Anniversary AT hike, trail diary, book 1  
Shaffer, Earl V., 1918-2002, Author  
English.  
Trail diary written Shaffer during 1998 hike of the Appalachian Trail.  
In Box 39.  
Ink on paper.  
  Topic: Hiking  
  Trails  
  Place: Appalachian Trail  
  Genre/Form: Diaries -- 20th century |
| Box 6, Folder 15; Box 39 | The Long Cruise, 50th Anniversary AT hike, trail diary, book 2, 1998 |
| Box 6, Folder 16; Box 39 | The Long Cruise, 50th Anniversary AT hike, trail diary, book 3 [50th Anniversary Trail Diary], 1998  
1 Item (5.4” x 7.0”).  
Image(s): The Long Cruise, 50th Anniversary AT hike, trail diary, book 3  
Shaffer, Earl V., 1918-2002, Author  
English.  
Diary of 50th anniversary Appalachian Trail hike by Earl Shaffer.  
In Box 39.  
Ink on paper.  
  Topic: Hiking  
  Genre/Form: Diaries -- 20th century |
| Box 6, Folder 17; Box 39 | The Long Cruise, 50th Anniversary AT hike, trail diary, book 4 [Appalachian Trail hike diary], 1998, undated  
1 Item (4.6” x 6.5”).  
Image(s): The Long Cruise, 50th Anniversary AT hike, trail diary, book 4  
Shaffer, Earl V., 1918-2002, Author  
English.  
Light blue covered trail diary written by Shaffer on hike of the Appalachian Trail.  
In Box 39. |
Ink on paper.

Topic: Hiking Trails
Place: Appalachian Trail
Genre/Form: Diaries -- 20th century

Box 50, Folder 7-8  1998 thru hike, writings and materials, 1998

Box 6, Folder 18  [Appalachian Trail hike diary], undated
1 Item (4.9" x 6.7").
Image(s): Trail diary
Shaffer, Earl V., 1918-2002, Author
English.
Trail diary written Shaffer during the 50th anniversary hike to cover the entire length of the Appalachian Trail.

In Box 39.

Ink on paper.

Topic: Hiking Trails
Place: Appalachian Trail
Genre/Form: Diaries -- 20th century

Box 7, Folder 1  The Long Cruise, 50th Anniversary AT hike, 1998

Box 7, Folder 2  Tour guides and brochures, 1939-1971, undated

Box 7, Folder 3  Supply and outfitters, 1940-1985

Box 7, Folder 4  Native American, 1957, undated

Box 7, Folder 5; Box 39  Trail diary, undated

Box 7, Folder 6; Box 39  Trail diary, undated

Box 7, Folder 7  Trail notes, undated

Box 7, Folder 8  Trail recommendations Cumberland Valley, undated

Box 7, Folder 9  Trail guides, Northeast, undated
Box 7, Folder 10  Hiking supply lists
Box 7, Folder 11  Maine, 1992-1998, undated
Box 7, Folder 12  Maryland, undated
Box 7, Folder 13  New Jersey, undated
Box 7, Folder 14  New York, 1943, undated
Box 7, Folder 15  North Carolina, undated
Box 7, Folder 16  Ohio, undated
Box 7, Folder 17  Pennsylvania, 1957-1988, undated
Box 7, Folder 18  Vermont, 1947
Box 7, Folder 19  Virginia, 1935-1949, undated
Box 7, Folder 20  West Virginia, 1982-1984
Box 50, Folder 5  Trail related materials, 1950-1998, undated
Box 38, Folder 7  Hiking materials, 1982, undated
Box 50, Folder 6  Mason Dixon Trail ribbon cutting (ribbon segment and photographic negatives), 1985-10-27
Box 39  Original trail diaries, 1948-1998
Box 42, Folder 3  Switzerland Excursions in the Jungfrau Region, undated

Subseries 2.2: Photographs and Slides, 1940-2002, undated, undated
This subseries contains the original slides taken by Shaffer on his initial 1948 hike and subsequently used for his lectures. There are also photo prints taken from the slides and photographs sent to Shaffer from correspondents and friends. This subseries is arranged by subject.

Box 34, Folder 1-3  Appalachian Trail, slides, 1948
Image(s)
Box 34, Folder 4-6  Appalachian Trail, photographs, 1948, undated
Subseries 2.3: Maps and Plats, 1936-1998

This subseries is arranged according to geographic location and size. This series contains maps collected by Shaffer, some used in his hiking. Some maps are annotated in Shaffer's hand. This series also contains land plats for various real estate parcels that Shaffer either purchased or had an interest in.

Box 7, Folder 21 Allegheny Trail, undated
Box 7, Folder 22 Appalachian Trail, Ashby Gap, 1935
Box 7, Folder 23 Baxter State Park, 1978
Box 7, Folder 24 Michaux State Forest Mount Alto State Forest, 1941
Box 7, Folder 25 Pacific Crest Trail, undated
Box 7, Folder 26 Pennsylvania, 1947, undated
Map-folder 1 Appalachian National Scenic Trail Plats Segment 368, 1980-1985
Map-folder 2 Illinois, 1976
Map-folder 2 Indiana, 1977
Map-folder 3 Alaska, 1975
Map-folder 3 Washington State, 1961
Map-folder 4 Delaware, Maryland, and Virginia, 1952-1975
Map-folder 4 Shenandoah National Park, 1996-1997
Map-folder 5 Pennsylvania, 1964-1977
Map-folder 6 North Carolina and South Carolina, 1976
Map-folder 7  Benton McKay, undated
Map-folder 7  Chesapeake Bay, 1957
Map-folder 7  Central United States, 1977
Map-folder 7  Maryland, 1979-1980
Map-folder 7  Missouri, undated
Map-folder 7  National Capital Region, 1956
Map-folder 7  North Carolina, 1942
Map-folder 7  Ohio, undated
Map-folder 8  Maine, 1979-1993
Map-folder 8  New Hampshire, 1941
Map-folder 8  New York, undated
Map-folder 8  Northeastern United States, 1941
Map-folder 9  Pennsylvania, 1936-1998
Map-folder 10  Pennsylvania, 1956-1974
Map-folder 11  Atlantic Ocean, 1955
Map-folder 11  Canada, 1936
Map-folder 11  Europe, 1943
Map-folder 11  North Africa, 1954
Map-folder 11  Southeast Asia, 1955
Map-folder 11  South America, 1958
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<td>Appalachian Trail maps, 1938, undated</td>
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<td>Assorted maps, 1941-1996, undated</td>
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Series 4: Hiking Associations and Clubs, 1937-2002

This series is arranged alphabetically by organizational name and then chronologically within that organization. Materials found in this series are newsletters, some correspondence, magazines and informational materials relating to the listed hiking and trail organizations. This series also contains ATC guidebooks and publications.

Box 12, Folder 10-11  Adirondack Mountain Club, 1939-1943
Box 12, Folder 12  Alpine Club, 1959-1960
Box 12, Folder 13-16  Appalachian Long Distance Hikers Association, 1996-1999
Box 13, Folder 1-3  Appalachian Long Distance Hikers Association, 2000-2002
Box 13, Folder 4-5  Appalachian Mountain Club, 1960-1999, undated
Box 13, Folder 6  Appalachian Trail Conference (ATC) Guidebooks Southern Appalachians, 1937-1938
Box 13, Folder 7  ATC Guidebook Western North Carolina, 1938
Box 13, Folder 8  ATC pamphlets, 1939-2001
Box 13, Folder 9  ATC guides, 1973-1985
Box 13, Folder 10  ATC databooks, 1998, undated
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