Guide to the Earl Shaffer Papers

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Collection Overview

Repository: Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Creator: Shaffer, Earl V., 1918-
Title: Earl Shaffer Papers
Dates: 1803-2007
Quantity: 16 cubic feet, 44 boxes, 14 oversize folders
Abstract: 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.
Language: Collection text is in English.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information
The collection was donated to the Archives Center, NMAH, 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 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.

Processing Information
Processed by Franklin A. Robinson, Jr., April 2005.
Restrictions on Access

Collection is open for research. Use reference copies of diaries.

Ownership & Literary Rights

Copyrights to all donated materials, both printed and photographic, are retained exclusively by the Earl Shaffer Foundation.

Accruals

Addenda were donated by John Shaffer in 2004 and 2003; Earl Shaffer Foundation in 2007, 2008, 2009, and 2012; and David Shaffer in 2014.

Biographical Note

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 Content Note

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**

**Series 4: Hiking Associations and Clubs, 1937-2002, undated**

**Series 5: Collected Publications, 1910-1999, 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
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, no date; 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
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 (Other)

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 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 41, Folder 6  News clippings, 1955-2006, undated
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 41, Folder 10  Shaffer, Earl V., obituaries, 2002
Box 41, Folder 11  Shaffer, Earl V. estate documents, 2002-2004, undated
Box 41, Folder 12  Inventory of auction items, undated
Subseries 1.5: Correspondence, 1945-2005, 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, 1945-1949, 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 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 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 5, Folder 8  Correspondence written, 1972-1995, undated
Box 6, Folder 1  Correspondence, undated
Box 6, Folder 2  Correspondence, Appalachian Trail Conference, 1948-2000, undated
Box 38, Folder 6  Correspondence, undated
Box 42, Folder 1  Correspondence, 1945-2005, undated
Box 42, Folder 2  Correspondence, 1949-2003, undated


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; Trail diary, 1948
Box 39 View Digitized Material

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; Cascade Crest, trail diary, 1963
Box 39 View Digitized Material

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

Box 6, Folder 10; AT hike, trail diary, 1965
Box 39 View Digitized Material

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

Box 6, Folder 12 Pinchot Trail data, 1981, undated

Box 6, Folder 13 Other hikers, 1985-1998

Box 6, Folder 14; The Long Cruise, 50th Anniversary AT hike, trail diary, book 1, 1998
Box 39 View Digitized Material

Box 6, Folder 15; The Long Cruise, 50th Anniversary AT hike, trail diary, book 2, 1998
Box 39 View Digitized Material

Box 6, Folder 16; The Long Cruise, 50th Anniversary AT hike, trail diary, book 3, 1998
Box 39 View Digitized Material

Box 6, Folder 17; The Long Cruise, 50th Anniversary AT hike, trail diary, book 4, 1998
Box 39 View Digitized Material

Box 6, Folder 18 Trail diary, undated

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 38, Folder 7  Hiking materials, 1982, undated
Box 39  Original trail diaries, 1948-1998
Box 42, Folder 3  Switzerland Excursions in the Jungfrau Region, undated

Subseries 2.2: Photographs and Slides, 1940-2001, 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 40  Army photographs, 1940-1948, undated
Box 34, Folder 1-3  Appalachian Trail, slides, 1948
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 McKaye, 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
Map-folder 11  The World, 1949-1957
Map-folder 11  United States, 1976
Map-folder 12  Pennsylvania, 1947-1969
Map-folder 13  National Parks and National Forests, 1941-1958
Map-folder 14  York York County Pennsylvania, 1947-1958
Box 37, Folder 3  Miscellaneous, Undated
Box 37, Folder 4  Appalachian Trail maps, 1938, undated
Box 37, Folder 5  State forests (multiple states), undated
Box 37, Folder 6  Pennsylvania, 1876, undated
Box 37, Folder 9  Maine, 1935
Box 37, Folder 10  Appalachian Trail maps, 1937-1943
Box 37, Folder 11  National Forest maps, 1939-1962
Box 37, Folder 12  Eastern United States, multiple states, 1950-1955
Box 37, Folder 13  Pennsylvania, 1920-1946, undated
Box 37, Folder 14  Pennsylvania, 1956-1962
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<td>North America, undated</td>
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<td>South West Pacific, undated</td>
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Series 3: Writing and Related Materials, 1910-2007, undated

This series contains Shaffer's writings both prose and poetry. His lifelong passion for writing was inspired by his mother. Of interest are Shaffer's writings covering his army years and his later Appalachian writings. This series is arranged chronologically and topically. This series contains the page proofs for Shaffer's last book, Calling Me Back to the Hills. There is one compact disc of songs by Takoma Tedd based on poetry by Shaffer and a compact disc of Shaffer singing, Trail of the Tropic Moon. The bulk of this series is undated. The compact discs are the only two items for the years 2004 and 2007.

Box 8, Folder 2  “On the Appalachian Trail”, 1949
Box 8, Folder 3  Walking With Spring, notes, undated
Box 8, Folder 4-8  Walking With Spring, draft manuscripts, undated
Box 9, Folder 41644  Walking With Spring, draft manuscripts, undated
Box 9, Folder 6  Walking With Spring, editor's notes, undated
Box 9, Folder 7  Walking With Spring, draft manuscripts, circa 1981
Box 10, Folder 1  Walking With Spring, draft manuscripts, circa 1981
Box 10, Folder 2  Walking With Spring, 1981
Box 10, Folder 3  Writing notebook, 1990
Box 10, Folder 4  The National Library of Poetry, 1996
Box 10, Folder 5  “Appalachian Trails”, permissions, 2000
Box 10, Folder 6  Calling Me Back to the Hills, press materials, 2002
Box 10, Folder 7  Writings, United States Army years, undated
Box 10, Folder 8  Writings, United States Army years, prose, undated
Box 10, Folder 9  “Poems of a Pacific Soldier”, undated
Box 10, Folder 10  “Doughboy Odyssey”, undated
Box 10, Folder 11  Writings, United States Army years, poetry, undated
Box 38, Folder 2  Writings, United States Army life, undated
Box 11, Folder 1  Writings, poetry, 1954, undated
Box 11, Folder 2-6  Writings, poetry, undated
Box 11, Folder 7  Writings, Appalachian, undated
Box 12, Folder 1  Writings, Appalachian Trail, undated
Box 12, Folder 2  Writings, “Shenandoah”, undated
Box 12, Folder 3  Writings, “The Lure of the Long High Trail”, undated
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<td>&quot;Ode 2&quot;, 2000</td>
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<td><em>Calling Me Back to the Hills</em>, Shaffer corrections, 2001</td>
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<td>&quot;Ode 2&quot;, unrevised, 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
Box 13, Folder 11  ATC, 1955-2001
Box 13, Folder 12  ATC, Trail Conference Programs, 1948-1979
Box 13, Folder 13  ATC, "The Appalachian Trail", publication #5, 1948-1950
Box 13, Folder 14  ATC, "Manual of Technique for Appalachian Trail Guidebooks and Amateur Map Making", publication #14, 1948
Box 13, Folder 15  ATC, "Suggestions for Appalachian Trail Users", publication #15, 1949
Box 13, Folder 16  ATC, "The Appalachian Trail", publication #17, 1949-1950
Box 13, Folder 17  ATC, "Trail Manual for the Appalachian Trail", publication #1, 1951
Box 13, Folder 18  ATC, "The Philosopher’s Guide to the Appalachian Trail" 1983
Box 13, Folder 19  ATC, "Plans for an Appalachian Trail Lean-To" undated
Box 14, Folder 1-23  ATC, "Appalachian Trailway News" 1948-1977
Box 14, Folder 24  ATC, "The Register" 1978
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