

# **Guide to the Field Work Records RG 3.4.4**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	Sarah Lawrence College Archives
<b>Title</b>	Field Work Records
<b>Date [bulk]</b>	Bulk, 1938-1955
<b>Date [inclusive]</b>	undated, 1938-1998
<b>Extent</b>	1.0 linear feet 2 document boxes
<b>Language</b>	English
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## Historical note

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Field work at Sarah Lawrence College started in the 1930s with such projects as the housing surveys of the surrounding neighborhoods of Tuckahoe, Mount Vernon, and Yonkers. First described in the 1930-1931 catalog, field work offered students a way to interact with their surrounding communities. The catalog description read: "The nearness to New York makes it possible to use the city as an educational laboratory. Unusual community facilities are available also in Westchester County. In addition to sustained work in various libraries, museums, and other organizations, field trips are planned by which the students, with instructors, take advantage of the numberless opportunities which the vicinity affords for the enrichment of the education program." Some of the first field trips were to the Alexander Smith Carpet Factory and the Otis Elevator Company in Yonkers as part of Jean Carroll Trepp's economics class, so that students could see how a real business functioned. Field work soon became a standard part of most social science courses. During the depression, the Yonkers and Tuckahoe Housing Authorities asked Sarah Lawrence students to assist in four or five week housing surveys of the two communities to provide the authorities with information that meant to improve housing conditions. In addition to field work such as the surveys, students participated in field trips to Puerto Rico, Canada, the Tennessee Valley Authority, and Costa Rica in order to experience different cultures. Details of each of these activities can be found in the papers written by students as well as the Director of Field Work's reports contained in the records.

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## Scope and Contents note

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The records consist of correspondence, reports, and subject files on the various aspects of field work, mostly from the late 1930s through the 1950s. Most of the correspondence is with Edward Solomon, Director of Field Work. Although the files go through 1998, the bulk of the material is from the 1930s to the 1950s with an emphasis on the housing surveys of Tuckahoe, Mount Vernon, and Yonkers and the papers written by students and staff on the various field work projects. Also included are Field Work Committee meeting minutes and Director of Field Work Reports. Arranged alphabetically by folder title.

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## Arrangement note

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Arranged alphabetically by folder title.

## Administrative Information

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### Terms of Use

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## Controlled Access Headings

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### Corporate Name(s)

- Tennessee Valley Authority.
- Textile Workers Union of America.

### Genre(s)

- Correspondence
- Surveys (Documents)

### Personal Name(s)

- Blatt, Penny Rechtman
- Franklin, Margery B.
- Grant, Madeleine P., 1895-1981
- Hill, Jean
- Krauthoff, Terry Turner

- Reik, Cynthia West
- Solomon, Edward Crawford
- Stackhouse, Patricia Lowrey
- Thomas, Deborah Choate
- Wasson, Jane Edmondson

**Subject(s)**

- Fieldwork (Educational method)

## Collection Inventory

	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Budgets 1967-1969	1	1
Cottage Place Housing Project Study (Yonkers) 1943-1946	1	2
Director of Field Work Reports 1946-1963	1	3
Field Trips – Canada 1955-1962	1	4
Field Trips – Costa Rica 1984	1	5
Field Trips – Miscellaneous 1952-1959	1	6
Field Trips – Puerto Rico 1957-1963, 1969	1	7
Field Trips – Tennessee Valley Authority 1951-1955	1	8
Field Work Committee on Forums 1945	1	9
Field Work Committee Meetings 1945-1946	1	10
Field Work Log 1945-1949	1	11
Miscellaneous undated, 1945-1970	1	12

Mount Vernon Housing Survey 1949-1950, 1954	1	13
Papers – Report on a Housing Survey in Yonkers 1938	1	14
Papers – A Survey of Housing in Tuckahoe by Terry Turner and Jean Hill 1939	1	15
Papers – Tabulation of Housing Survey, Village of Tuckahoe Under Direction of Mrs. A. Glavin 1939	2	1
Papers – Child Care Survey: Area Study Made for the Foster Day Care Committee of the Yonkers Family Service Society and Yonkers War Council 1943	2	2
Papers – Industrial Problems in Wartime As Seen by Students in a Work-Study Course 1944	2	3
Papers – Eligibility and Relocation Study of Cottage Place Gardens Area – Prepared by Students for the Municipal Housing Authority of Yonkers 1946	2	4
Papers – Alexander Smith and Sons Carpet Company and Textile Workers Union of America – CIO – Study of Labor Relations 1946-1947	2	5
Papers – Economics Contract – Business Practices by J. Walter 1946-1947	2	6
Papers – Functions of the Individual Commercial Bank by J. Gridley 1946-1947	2	7



Papers – Interview with Foreign Born – Mr. Mike Rizzolla (Italian) by Florence Martineau 1946-1947	2	8
Papers – Interviews with Foreign Born – Kristen Kristensen, The Piano Tuner by Jane Edmondson 1946-1947	2	9
Papers – Scandinavian Survey by Pat Firstenwald 1946-1947	2	10
Papers – Study of the Scots of Yonkers 1946-1947	2	11
Papers – Study of Some Aspects of Immigration to the U.S. and Their Implications by Deborah Choate 1946-1947	2	12
Papers – Report on the Senior Evaluation of Field Work Study at Sarah Lawrence College by Penny Rechtman 1947	2	13
Papers – Mount Vernon Housing Survey 1950	2	14
Papers – A Study of Bronxville by Cynthia West 1950	2	15
Papers – Cancer Education in Westchester County High Schools – Under Direction of Madeleine Grant 1951	2	16
Papers – The Government of the City of Yonkers, New York by Patricia Stackhouse 1951	2	17
Papers – The Schools of Yonkers by Patricia Stackhouse 1951	2	18

Papers – Education in Context: Field Work Experience in a Service Learning Seminar – Margery Franklin, Teacher 1998	2	19
Students and Labor circa 1945	2	20
Sub-Committee on Field Work Abroad undated, 1949	2	21
Summer Opportunities undated, 1948-1949	2	21a
Survey of Hospital Facilities in Yonkers 1949	2	22
Surveys 1961-1968	2	23
Tuckahoe Housing Survey 1939	2	24
Yonkers Housing Survey 1938	2	25