



**Eugène Gaspard Marin Papers
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Creator Marin, Eugène Gaspard

Period 1905-1964

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Language of Material English, French

Context

Biographical Note

Born in Boitsfort, Belgium 1883, died 1969; born in a well-to-do Walloon Belgian family; in 1905 he became acquainted with the anarchist commune of Emile Chapelier, which was located in Stockel-Bois from 3 April of that same year and later transferred to Boitsfort, both near Brussels; the commune, named 'L'Expérience' (the Experiment) and with the parole 'Nous n'avons ni dieu ni maître' (We have neither God nor master), was dedicated to the principles of common property, free love, vegetarianism, anti-militarism and anti-colonialism; those who joined later included Dutch deserters; in February 1908 the colony fell apart as a result of internal tensions and external opposition; Marin fled to England and joined the anarchist-Tolstoyan Whiteway Colony near Gloucestershire; he lived there until his death.

Content and Structure

Content

Photocopies of a handwritten diary including a report by Emile Chapelier and Gassy Marin on the communist-libertarian colony near Brussels 1905-1908; proposal for experimental cooperative communities in Mexico 1923; food distribution ration books 1939-1954; some documentation 1911-1964.

Subjects

Geographic Names

United Kingdom

Belgium

Persons

Chapelier, Emile

Themes

Anarchist movements

Communist movements and parties

Pacifism/Peace movements

Colonial question/Anti-colonialist movements

Material Type

Archival material

Access and Use

Access

Not restricted

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