A collection of newspaper clippings, manuscripts, and publications from 1937-2012 regarding the Alphadelphian Society and their commune. Headed by Dr. H. R. Shetterly, the society purchased land in Toland’s Prairie (also known as Tolland’s Prairie or Paragon Prairie) in Comstock along the Galesburg border and lived there between 1844 and 1848. The community based their lives of the teachings of utopian socialist Francois Charles Fourier, and eventually failed after four years due to community infighting.

Important Subjects in the Collection:

The Alphadelphian Society aka Alphadelphia Association
Socialism
Utopianism
Fourierism
Toland’s (Sometimes Tolland) Prairie
Paragon Prairie
Fourier, Francois Charles

Important Correspondents in the Collection:

Shetterly, Dr. H. R.
Knight, John Allen
Bowman, Philander H.

Physical Assets:

Box 1

1. Alphadelphia Association News Clippings:
   a. A collection of newspaper clippings from the Kalamazoo Gazette and the Galesburg Argus regarding the Association.

2. Alphadelphia Association Manuscripts and Publications:
Digital Assets:

1. 20191101_01 - Alphadelphia Association News Clippings 1937-1987
2. 20191101_02 - Alphadelphia Association Manuscripts and Publications