



Finding aid for the Ruth K. Graves papers

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Summary Information

Repository:	Bentley Historical Library
Creator:	Graves, Ruth K.
Title:	Ruth K. Graves papers
ID:	2017055
Date [inclusive]:	1972-2007
Physical Description:	1.4 linear feet
Language of the Material:	English
Language of the Material:	The material is in English
Abstract:	Ruth K. Graves is a Quaker and high school chemistry teacher from Ypsilanti, Michigan. In 1969, Graves and her husband, Bruce, began withholding taxes contributing to the military before being taken to the Supreme Court by the IRS in 1975. The collection consists of newsletters and reports from the World Peace Tax Fund and local organizations and correspondence between the Graves and Michigan Senators, Carl Levin and Donald Riegle. Audio and video recordings of the public access show, <i>Peace InSight</i> and other programs about social issues are also found within the collection.

Preferred Citation

[item], folder, box, Ruth K. Graves papers, Bentley Historical Library, University of Michigan.
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Biographical / Historical

Ruth K. Graves is a Quaker and high school chemistry teacher from Ypsilanti, Michigan. During the 1960s, Graves and her husband, Bruce, became involved with the National Council for the World Peace Tax Fund and began withholding taxes that contributed to the military.

In 1975 the IRS served the Graves a notice of deficiency over their 1973 tax return. The Graves appealed the dispute, eventually bringing the case to the Supreme Court. While the court ultimately dismissed the Graves' case, it drew local and statewide attention to the World Peace Tax Fund efforts.

In addition to her work with the National Council for World Peace Tax Fund, Ruth Graves has also been active in other local organizations such as the Ann Arbor Friends, the Gray Panthers of Huron Valley, and the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom.

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Scope and Contents

The Ruth K. Graves papers document Graves' objection to military taxation during the 1970s. The collection primarily contains reports and meeting minutes of the National Council for the World Peace Tax Fund, as well as newspaper clippings and journal articles about Ruth and her husband, Bruce, Graves' involvement with the organization. Also included is personal correspondence, most notably between the Graves and Michigan Senators, Carl Levin and Donald Riegle, discussing a World Peace Tax Fund. Organizational records of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, Ann Arbor Friends, and other local organizations can be found within the collection.

A substantial portion of the collection includes video and audio programs from the public access series, *Peace InSight*, amongst other television programs covering social issues.

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Administrative Information

Publication Statement

Bentley Historical Library

Conditions Governing Access

This collection is open without restriction.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Donated by Ruth K. Graves (donor no. 9855) in five accessions between 2012 and 2017.

Conditions Governing Use

Donor(s) have transferred any applicable copyright to the Regents of the University of Michigan but the collection may contain third-party materials for which copyright was not transferred. Patrons are responsible for determining the appropriate use or reuse of materials.

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Related Materials

Related Materials

The Bentley Historical Library houses the following related collections: Gray Panthers of Huron Valley Records

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Controlled Access Headings

- War tax resistance -- United States.
- Quakers -- Michigan -- Ypsilanti.
- Audiocassettes.
- Videocassettes.
- Pacifism.
- Graves, Ruth K.
- Graves, Bruce.
- Graves, Bruce.
- Levin, Carl, 1934-
- Riegler, Donald W., 1938-
- National Council for a World Peace Tax Fund.

Collection Inventory

Ruth K. Graves papers, 1972-2007

Date [inclusive]: 1972-2007

<u>Physical Description</u> : 1.4 linear feet	
Title/Description	Instances
War Tax Resistance and Organizational Records, 1972-1987 <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1972-1987 <u>Physical Description</u> : 9 folders, 1 expandable folders	Box 1
Peace InSight Television Program	
"Nicaragua: Children and their Friends", October 4, 1988 <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : October 4, 1988 <u>Physical Description</u> : 1 videocassettes (U-matic)	Box 2
"Nicaragua Graphics", undated <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : undated <u>Physical Description</u> : 1 videocassettes (U-matic)	Box 2
"Sister City Education Delegation", 1989 <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1989 <u>Physical Description</u> : 1 videocassettes (U-matic)	Box 2
"Sister City Medical Connection", December 6, 1988 <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : December 6, 1988 <u>Physical Description</u> : 1 videocassettes (U-matic)	Box 2
"Sister City Delegation", June 13, 1989 <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : June 13, 1989 <u>Physical Description</u> : 1 videocassettes (U-matic)	Box 2
"The Beginning of a New Era in Global Security", February 19, 1989 <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : February 19, 1989 <u>Physical Description</u> : 1 videocassettes (U-matic)	Box 2
"Rights of Passage", 1997 <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : 1997 <u>Physical Description</u> : 1 videocassettes (VHS)	Box 2
"The Living Wage", undated <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : undated <u>Physical Description</u> : 1 videocassettes (VHS)	Box 2
"The Middle East Forum"	
Part 1, undated <u>Date [inclusive]</u> : undated <u>Physical Description</u> : 1 videocassettes (VHS)	Box 2
Part 2, undated	Box 2

Date [inclusive]: undated

Physical Description: 1 videocassettes (VHS)

"A Call for Justice in the Global Economy", undated	Box 2
<u>Date [inclusive]</u> : undated	
<u>Physical Description</u> : 1 videocassettes (VHS)	
"Ban Landmines Bus Program", undated	Box 2
<u>Date [inclusive]</u> : undated	
<u>Physical Description</u> : 1 videocassettes (VHS)	
"Landmines: Overcoming a Lethal Legacy", undated	Box 2
<u>Date [inclusive]</u> : undated	
<u>Physical Description</u> : 1 videocassettes (VHS)	
"Nuclear Free Middle East", undated	Box 2
<u>Date [inclusive]</u> : undated	
<u>Physical Description</u> : 1 videocassettes (VHS)	
"Are We There for Our Children", undated	Box 2
<u>Date [inclusive]</u> : undated	
<u>Physical Description</u> : 1 videocassettes (VHS)	
"Privatization: An Attack on Social Democracy", undated	Box 2
<u>Date [inclusive]</u> : undated	
<u>Physical Description</u> : 1 videocassettes (VHS)	
"Hiroshima Day 1997", August 4, 1998	Box 2
<u>Date [inclusive]</u> : August 4, 1998	
<u>Physical Description</u> : 1 videocassettes (VHS)	
"NAFTA Superhighways", January 13, 1998	Box 2
<u>Date [inclusive]</u> : January 13, 1998	
<u>Physical Description</u> : 1 videocassettes (VHS)	
"Women + Children: Lives on the Edge", undated	Box 2
<u>Date [inclusive]</u> : undated	
<u>Physical Description</u> : 1 videocassettes (VHS)	
"The Chiapas Media Project", undated	Box 2
<u>Date [inclusive]</u> : undated	
<u>Physical Description</u> : 1 videocassettes (VHS)	
"The Justice Gap", June 9, 1998	Box 2
<u>Date [inclusive]</u> : June 9, 1998	
<u>Physical Description</u> : 1 videocassettes (VHS)	
"Iraq Sanctions Challenge", undated	

Date [inclusive]: undated Box 2

Physical Description: 1 videocassettes (VHS)

Miscellaneous Programs

"Compelled By Conscience: Why We need a Peace Tax Fund" Box 2

Physical Description: 1 videocassettes (VHS)

"The Peace Tax Fund", undated Box 2

Date [inclusive]: undated

Physical Description: 1 videocassettes (VHS)

"Conscience and War Taxes" Box 2

Physical Description: 1 audiocassettes

"Countering the Threat of the Far Right", undated Box 2

Date [inclusive]: undated

Physical Description: 1 videocassettes (VHS)

"Organizing Across Borders: Sweatshops in U.S. and Canada", undated Box 2

Date [inclusive]: undated

Physical Description: 1 videocassettes (VHS)

"Education in Crisis", April 7, 2007 Box 2

Date [inclusive]: April 7, 2007

Physical Description: 1 videocassettes (VHS)

"Ann Arbor's Sister City", undated Box 2

Date [inclusive]: undated

Physical Description: 1 videocassettes (VHS)

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