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**Organization Questionnaires**

Box 1

Organizations in the United States, A-L (by state)

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Organizations in the United States, M-Z (by state)

Global Organizations (by country)

Additional Questionnaires

    Organizations in the United States (mostly blank)

    Global Organizations (mostly blank)

    Unclassified Organizations (mostly blank)

        Includes blank questionnaires and notes about colonies outside of current scope, including nudist colonies, Irish "tuath" (tribes), "beggar" colonies, vegetarian colonies, etc.

**Correspondence**

Box 3

1918-1933

    Ed Elliott (Eldorado, Kansas), to Gobe Ork, June 2, 1918. 2 pages.

    Ernest S. Wooster (Leesville, Louisiana), to William Wood (Colonia Cosme, Paraguay), May 2, 1924. 1 page.

Harold E. Waite (London, England), to Ernest S. Wooster (Commonwealth Community, Ink, Arkansas), February 28, 1925. 1 page.

Bob Brown (Atlantic Highlands, New Jersey), to Marvin Sanford (Newllano, Louisiana), November 18, 1933. 3 pages.

Florence Hamel (Newllano, Louisiana), to Bob Brown (Atlantic Highlands, New Jersey), November 23, 1933. 1 page.

Marie (Newllano, Louisiana) to Bob Brown (Atlantic Highlands, New Jersey), December 5, 1933. 1 page.

Esther Allen (Newllano, Louisiana), to Bob Brown (Atlantic Highlands, New Jersey), December 6, 1933. 1 page.

Chauncey Duproz (Newllano, Louisiana), to Bob Brown (Atlantic Highlands, New Jersey), December 12, 1933. 1 page.

Esther Allen (Newllano, Louisiana), to Bob Brown (Atlantic Highlands, New Jersey), December 14, 1933. 1 page.

Stuckey (Roanoke, Virginia), to Bob Brown, December 16, 1933. 1 page.

Stuckey (Roanoke, Virginia), to Bob Brown, December 22, 1933. 2 pages.

George T. Pickett (Newllano, Louisiana), to Bob Brown (Atlantic Highlands, New Jersey), December 22, 1933. 2 pages.

Bob Brown (Atlantic Highlands, New Jersey), to Esther Allen, Marvin Sanford, George T. Pickett, and Chauncey Duproz (Newllano, Louisiana), December 23, 1933. 3 pages.

#### January-February 1934

Bob Brown (Newllano, Louisiana), to John Farrar (New York, New York), February 1. 1 page.

The Cooperative League (New York, New York), to Bob Brown (Newllano, Louisiana), February 9. 1 page.

H. A. Lipsky (Daily Jewish Courier Inc., Chicago, Illinois), to Bob Brown (Newllano, Louisiana), February 15. 1 page.

C. McCarthy (Farmers Union State Exchange, Omaha, Nebraska), to Bob Brown (Newllano, Louisiana), February 16. 1 page.

L. S. Herron (Farmers Educational and Co-operative State Union of Nebraska, Omaha, Nebraska), to Bob Brown (Newllano, Louisiana), February 23. 1 page.

Eunice S. Weidman (Library of the University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin), to Bob Brown (Newllano, Louisiana), February 23. 1 page.

Agnes Inglis (Ann Arbor, Michigan), to Bob Brown (Newllano, Louisiana), February 27. 1 page.

J. A. Randall, to Bob Brown (Newllano, Louisiana), February. 1 page.

#### March 1934

Bob Brown (Newllano, Louisiana), to James A. Randall (Brent Knoll, London), March 1. 2 pages.

Bob Brown (Newllano, Louisiana) to Upton Sinclair, March 1. 2 pages.

Stuart Rose (Little, Brown & Company, New York, New York), to Bob Brown (Newllano, Louisiana), March 2. 1 page.

British Consulate General (New Orleans, Louisiana) to Robert Brown (Newllano, Louisiana), March 2. 1 page.

Gerald Geraldson (New York, New York), to Bob Brown, March 4. 1 page.

- C. M. Maxwell (Leesville, Louisiana), to Bob Brown, March 4. 1 page.
- John Farrar (New York, New York), to Bob Brown, March 6. 1 page.
- Bob Brown (Newllano, Louisiana), to M. A. Brattland (Ada, Minnesota), March 7. 1 page.
- F. G. Cottrell (Washington, D.C.), to Bob Brown (Newllano, Louisiana), March 10. 2 pages.
- Walter M. Wood (Greenfield, New Hampshire), to Bob Brown (Newllano, Louisiana), March 12. 1 page.
- British Library of Information (New York, New York), to Robert Brown (Newllano, Louisiana), March 12. 1 page.
- George Keen (The Co-operative Union of Canada, Brantford, Ontario), to Bob Brown (Newllano, Louisiana), March 14. 1 page.
- Susana Dewolf (Alliance, Ohio), to Bob Brown, March 15. 2 pages.
- Helen E. Wagstaff (Bureau of General Information, University of Kansas, Lawrence Kansas), to Bob Brown (Newllano, Louisiana), March 16. 1 page.
- A. B. Moore (University of Alabama, University, Alabama), to Bob Brown (Newllano, Louisiana), March 16. 1 page.
- S. V. Kennison (Charleston, South Carolina), to Bob Brown (Newllano, Louisiana), March 16. 3 pages.
- Herschel Sonner (Twin Falls, Idaho), to Bob Brown (Newllano, Louisiana), March 16. 3 pages.
- Agnes Inglis (Ann Arbor, Michigan), to Bob Brown, March 17. 2 pages (incomplete).
- Dunbar Rowland (Department of Archives and History, Jackson, Mississippi), to Bob Brown (Newllano, Louisiana), March 19. 1 page.
- E. E. Dale (University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma), to Bob Brown (Newllano, Louisiana), March 19. 1 page.
- C. M. Maxwell (Leesville, Louisiana), to Bob Brown (Newllano, Louisiana), March 20. 1 page.
- Thomas M. Owen (Department of Archives and History, Montgomery, Alabama) to Bob Brown (Newllano, Louisiana), March 20. 1 page.
- Floyd C. Shoemaker (State Historical Society of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri), to Bob Brown (Newllano, Louisiana), March 21. 1 page.
- Charles D. Raymer (Seattle, Washington), to Bob Brown (Newllano, Louisiana), March 22. 1 page.
- E. E. Erickson (University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah), to Robert Brown (Newllano, Louisiana), March 22. 1 page.
- Gabriel Davidson (The Jewish Agricultural Society, New York, New York), to Bob Brown (Newllano, Louisiana), March 22. 1 page.
- Arthur C. Bining (University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania), to Bob Brown (Newllano, Louisiana), March 22. 1 page.
- Herschel Sonner (Twin Falls, Idaho), to Bob Brown (Newllano, Louisiana), March 23. 1 page.
- A. William Lund (Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Salt Lake City, Utah) to Bob Brown (Newllano, Louisiana), March 24. 1 page.
- James A. Randall (Malden Surry, London), to Bob Brown (Llano Colony, Louisiana), March 25. 2 pages.

- Bob Brown (Newllano, Louisiana), to Edward P. Hulse (New York, New York), March 25. 1 page.
- Bob Brown (Newllano, Louisiana), to Department of Publications (U. S. Senate, Washington, D.C.), March 25. 1 page.
- Elizabeth Toohey (Arizona State Historian, Phoenix, Arizona), to Bob Brown (Newllano, Louisiana), March 26. 2 pages.
- LeRoy R. Hafen (The State Historical Society of Colorado, Denver, Colorado), to Bob Brown (Newllano, Louisiana), March 26. 1 page.
- Bill (Washington, D.C.), to Bob Brown, March 26. 1 page.
- Strafanstalt Witzwil (Colonie Pénitentiare, Bern, Switzerland), to Bob Brown (Newllano, Louisiana), March 27. 1 page (typed in German).
- Margaret Burke (Wyoming State Library, Cheyenne, Wyoming), to Bob Brown (Newllano, Louisiana), March 27. 1 page.
- R. D. Brody [?] (The University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia), to Bob Brown (Newllano, Louisiana), March 27. 1 page.
- Luther McIntyre (Ashley, West Virginia), to Bob Brown (Newllano, Louisiana), March 29. 1 page.
- Williams Donnally (West Los Angeles, California), to Bob Brown (Commonwealth College, Mena, Arkansas), March 29. 1 page.
- Charles D. Raymer (Seattle, Washington), to Bob Brown, March 30. 1 page.

#### April 1934

- M. Pierrot (Paris, France) to Bob Brown, April 1. 1 page (in French).
- Desmond Flanagan (The Co-operative Union, Manchester, England), to Bob Brown (Newllano, Louisiana), April 3. 1 page.
- Helen M. McFarland (Kansas State Historical Society, Topeka, Kansas), to Bob Brown (Newllano, Louisiana), April 3. 2 pages.
- Agnes Inglis (Ann Arbor, Michigan), to Bob Brown, April 4. 1 page.
- A. J. Dadisman, to Dr. T. L. Harris (Campus), April 5, 1934. 2 pages.
- Esther Allen (Newllano, Louisiana), to Mr. Woodruff, April 7. 1 page.
- Charles W. Smith (University of Washington Library, Seattle, Washington), to Bob Brown (Newllano, Louisiana), April 9. 1 page.
- Winifred ver Nooy (The University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois), to Bob Brown (Newllano, Louisiana), April 9. 1 page.
- R. H. Elsworth (Farm Credit Administration, Washington, D.C.), to Bob Brown (Newllano, Louisiana), April 10. 2 pages.
- James F. Willard (Boulder, Colorado), to Bob Brown, April 10. 1 page.
- Harlow Lindley (The Ohio State Archaeological Society, Columbus, Ohio), to Bob Brown (Newllano, Louisiana), April 10. 2 pages.
- Marguerite H. Anderson (Indiana State Library, Indianapolis, Indiana), to Bob Brown (Newllano, Louisiana), April 11. 1 page.
- George S. Godard (Connecticut State Library, Hartford, Connecticut), to Bob Brown (Newllano, Louisiana), April 11. 1 page.
- Mary E. Baker (The University of Tennessee Library, Knoxville, Tennessee), to Bob Brown (Newllano, Louisiana), April 12. 1 page.
- A. R. Newsome (The North Carolina Historical Commission, Raleigh, North Carolina), to Bob Brown (Newllano, Louisiana), April 12. 1 page.

- M. L. Wilson (U.S. Department of the Interior, Washington, D.C.), to Bob Brown (Newllano, Louisiana), April 13. 1 page.
- Bertha F. Johnson (Troy, Pennsylvania), to Bob Brown, April 13. 1 page.
- R. J. Hendricks (Salem, Oregon), to Bob Brown (Newllano, Louisiana), April 14. 1 page.
- Edward H. Goodwin (The Jewish Agricultural Society, New York, New York), to Bob Brown (Newllano, Louisiana), April 17. 1 page.
- R. A. Palmer (The Co-operative Union, Manchester, England), to Bob Brown (Newllano, Louisiana), April 17. 1 page.
- A. J. Muste (Conference for Progressive Labor Action, New York, New York), to Bob Brown (Newllano, Louisiana), April 19. 1 page.
- R. G. Shoemaker (Llano Co-operative Colony, Gila, New Mexico), to Bob Brown (Newllano, Louisiana), April 23. 4 pages.
- Paul M. Angle (Illinois State Historical Society, Springfield, Illinois), to Bob Brown (Newllano, Louisiana), April 23. 1 page.
- Helen M. McFarland (Kansas State Historical Society, Topeka, Kansas), to Bob Brown (Newllano, Louisiana), April 24. 1 page.
- Agnes Inglis (Ann Arbor, Michigan), to Bob Brown, April 24. 1 page.
- George S. Godard (Connecticut State Library, Hartford, Connecticut), to Bob Brown (Newllano, Louisiana), April 25. 1 page.
- S. Liberty (Plainfield, New Jersey), to Bob Brown (Newllano, Louisiana), April 25. 1 page.
- T. L. Harris (West Virginia University, Morgantown, West Virginia), to Bob Brown, April 25. 1 page.
- A. C. Dickinson (University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan), to Bob Brown (Newllano, Louisiana), April 26. 1 page.
- Frank C. Murphy (Oklahoma City, Oklahoma) to Bob Brown, April 29. 5 pages.
- Sophie Walsh (Anacortes, Washington), to Bob Brown (Newllano, Louisiana), April 29. 2 pages.
- P. B. Cowdery (Berkeley, California), to Bob Brown (Newllano, Louisiana), April 29. 1 page.
- Lew Ruth (New York, New York) to Robert Brown (Newllano Louisiana), April 30. 1 page.

#### May-December 1934

- R. C. Clark (University of Oregon, Eugene, Oregon), to Bob Brown (Newllano, Louisiana), May 5. 1 page.
- Shri Vishwanath Keskar [?], (India), to Bob Brown, May 5. 1 page.
- R. H. Elsworth (Farm Credit Administration, Washington, D.C.), to Bob Brown (Newllano, Louisiana), May 19. 1 page.
- Roy Nash (Berkeley, California), to Rose and Bob Brown, May 20. 1 page.
- M. Catherine White (University of Montana, Missoula), to Bob Brown (Newllano, Louisiana), May 21. 1 page.
- Charles D. Raymer (Seattle Washington), to Bob Brown (Newllano, Louisiana), May 31. 1 page.
- N. M. Harris (Beaumont, Texas), to Bob Brown (Newllano, Louisiana), June 9. 1 page.

- N. G. Marlatt (Dearborn, Michigan), to Bob Brown (Newllano, Louisiana), June 19. 1 page.
- Harold Matson (New York, New York), to Bob Brown (Newllano, Louisiana), June 26. 1 page.
- Virginia McIlwain (New York, New York), to Bob Brown (Newllano, Louisiana), June 26. 1 page.
- Edward Weeks (The Atlantic Press, Boston, Massachusetts), to Bob Brown (Newllano, Louisiana), June 27. 1 page.
- Celia Bushvick (Crompond, New York) to Robert Brown (Llano Colony, Louisiana), June 30. 1 page.
- Fred Rivers (Berkeley, California), to Bob Brown, July 7. 1 page.
- Florence H. Davis (State Historical Society of North Dakota, Bismarck, North Dakota), to Bob Brown (Newllano, Louisiana), July 13. 1 page.
- M. P. Long (Alamosa, Colorado), to Bob Brown (Newllano, Louisiana), July 17. 1 page.
- Albert Orth (Charleston, South Carolina), to Bob Brown (Newllano, Louisiana), July 21. 1 page.
- Z. Luft (General Federation of Jewish Labour Agricultural Workers' Organization, Tel-Aviv, Palestine), to Pat Brown (Newllano, Louisiana), August 3. 2 pages.
- Bob Brown (Newllano, Louisiana), to John Farrar, August 6. 2 pages.
- John Farrar (New York, New York), to Bob Brown (Newllano, Louisiana), August 14. 2 pages.
- A. L. Fellman (The Jewish Agency for Palestine, Jerusalem), to Pat Brown (Newllano, Louisiana), August 22. 1 page.
- James A. Randall (London, England), to Bob Brown (Newllano, Louisiana), August 24. 2 pages.
- Siegfried Ameringer (Oklahoma City, Oklahoma), to Bob Brown (Newllano, Louisiana), October 9. 1 page.

#### 1935-1939

- Charles D. Raymer (Seattle, Washington), to Bob Brown, January 28, 1935. 1 page.
- Charles E. Stuckler (Red Leon, Pennsylvania), to Bob Brown (New York, New York), March 11, 1936. 2 pages.
- E. O. Jones (Newllano, Louisiana), to Bob Brown and all, August 25, 1937. 1 page.
- Phil Kaplan (Brooklyn, New York), to Bob Brown (Staten Island, New York), November 21, 1939. 1 page.
- Ed Joynes (Newllano, Louisiana), to R. C. Brown (Staten Island, New York), December 6, 1939. 1 page.
- Stuckey (Washington, D.C.), to Bob Brown, December 14, 1939. 1 page.
- Fred Lucknow [?] (Glenview, Illinois), to Bob Brown, December 29, 1939. 2 pages.

#### 1940-1942

- Ed Joynes (Newllano, Louisiana), to Bob Brown (Staten Island, New York), January 2, 1940. 1 page.
- A. V. Bragg (North Sacramento, California), to Bob Brown (Staten Island, New York), January 2, 1940. 1 page.
- Ed Merrill (Patterson, Louisiana), to Bob Brown, January 5, 1940. 1 page.

Ed Joynes (Newllano, Louisiana), to Bob Brown (Staten Island, New York),  
January 8, 1940. 1 page.

Bob Brown (Staten Island, New York) to P. H. Philips (Houston, Texas). 1 page.

Unknown sender to Bob Brown (Staten Island, New York), January 19, [1940?].  
1 page.

Unknown sender (Hermosa, California), to Bob and Rose Brown, January 10,  
1940. 7 pages.

Gertrude E. Mackenzie (Washington, D.C.), to Bob Brown (Staten Island, New  
York), January 18, 1940. 1 page.

Bob Brown (Staten Island, New York), to P. H. Phillips (Denton, Texas), January  
22, 1940. 1 page.

Sid Young (Inglewood, California), to Bob Brown (Staten Island, New York),  
January 22, 1940. 1 page.

Gustav Schulz (Butte, Montana), to Bob Brown (Staten Island, New York),  
January 25, 1940. 1 page.

Ann Tabb and Sons, to Bob and Rose Brown, January 28, 1940. 2 pages.

Sid Young (Inglewood, California), to Rose Brown (Staten Island, New York),  
January 30, 1940. 1 page.

Charles Browne (Princeton, New Jersey), to Robert Brown (Staten Island, New  
York), February 3, 1940. 1 page.

Norval G. Marlatt (Dearborn, Michigan), to Bob Brown (Staten Island, New  
York), February 3, 1940. 1 page.

S. Liberty (Plainfield, New Jersey), to Bob Brown (Staten Island, New York),  
February 5, 1940. 1 page.

Ed Merrill (Patterson, Louisiana), to Bob Brown, February 6, 1940. 2 pages.

Z. C. Dickinson (University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan), to Bob Brown  
(Staten Island, New York), February 14, 1940. 1 page.

Unknown sender (Seattle, Washington), to Bob Brown (Staten Island, New York),  
February 14, 1940. 1 page (incomplete).

Bob Brown, to Ben Haggland, February 14, [1940]. 2 pages.

David C. Barton (Jacksonville, Florida), to Bob and Rose Brown, February 15,  
1940. 1 page plus enclosure.

Gertrude E. Mackenzie (U.S. Department of the Interior, Washington, D.C.), to  
Bob Brown (Staten Island, New York), February 20, 1940. 2 pages.

Francie and Pamela Fay (Norfolk, Massachusetts), to Bob Brown, February 21,  
1940. 2 pages.

Albert Orth (Charleston, South Carolina), to Bob Brown (Staten Island, New  
York), February 23, 1940. 1 page.

David C. Barton (Jacksonville, Florida), to Bob Brown (Staten Island, New York),  
February 27, 1940. 1 page.

Mrs. John Fromer (New York, New York), to Bob Brown (Staten Island, New  
York), March 4, 1940. 1 page.

H. W. Bottomstone (Lewistown, Pennsylvania), to Bob Brown (Staten Island,  
New York), March 5, 1940. 1 page plus enclosure.

Gustav Schulz (Butte, Montana), to Bob Brown, March 7, 1940. 2 pages.

W. D. McGehee, to Bob Brown (New York, New York), March 12, 1940. 1 page  
plus enclosure.



J. E. Merrill (Patterson, Louisiana), to Bob Brown, March 30, 1940. 2 pages.  
 Albert Orth (Charleston, South Carolina), to Bob Brown (Staten Island, New York), April 1, 1940. 1 page.  
 Esther Allen (Newllano, Louisiana), to W. D. McGehee, April 30, 1940. 2 pages.  
 Esther Allen (Newllano, Louisiana), to Bob and Rose Brown, May 1, 1940. 2 pages.  
 DeForest Sanford (Newllano, Louisiana), to Bob and Rose Brown, May 9, 1940. 1 page.  
 Ward H. Cann (Staten Island Cooperative Society, Brown Inc., Staten Island, New York), to Robert Brown (Staten Island, New York), June 1, 1940. 1 page.  
 Gertrude E. Mackenzie (U.S. Department of the Interior, Washington, D.C.), to Bob Brown (Staten Island, New York), July 5, 1940. 2 pages.  
 Claude (Migratory labor camp, Hebron, Maryland), to Bob and Rose Brown, July 23, 1940. 4 pages.  
 John Alton (Shady Acres, Leesville, Louisiana), to Bob and Rose Brown, September 24, 1940. 1 page.

#### Undated

Letter from Papa Bobby and Mummy Ros[e]. 1 page (incomplete).  
 Letter from H. C. Walker [?]. 2 pages (incomplete).  
 Letter from F. D. Linkletter. 1 page (incomplete).  
 Esther [Allen] (Newllano, Louisiana), to Bobs. 1 page.  
 Bob Brown to Ed, October 2. 1 page.  
 Charles G. Lefteller, to Rose Brown. 1 page.  
 P. J. Pratt (Victoria, Australia), to Bob Brown. 1 page.  
 [?] to Bob Brown. 1 page.  
 Stuckey (Roanoke), to Bob Brown. 1 page.  
 Virginia and Claude, to Bob and Rose Brown. 4 pages.  
 Unknown sender, to Comrades, December 15. 1 page.  
 George T. Pickett, to Robert Carlton Brown. 1 page.  
 Agnes Inglis to unknown receiver. 1 page (incomplete).  
 Bob Brown (Newllano, Louisiana), to Bert. 1 page.  
 Bill (Washington [?]), to Bob and Rose Brown. 1 page.  
 Ernest S. Wooster (Santa Ana, California), to Bob Brown. 1 page.  
 Unknown sender (possibly Ernest S. Wooster), to Bob Brown. 1 page.  
 Bridge [?] to Bob Brown. 1 page.  
 Owen Woodruff (Washington, D.C.), to Bob Brown (Newllano, Louisiana), [1934?]. 1 page.

Box 3, cont.

#### Manuscript Drafts

##### Bob Brown

Loose writings on co-operative colonies, circa 1930s  
 Early chapter drafts for *Can We Co-operate?*, circa 1930s  
 Additional chapter and article drafts, circa 1930s-1940s  
 Includes chapter drafts for unfinished second book, *Co-op Colonies*, as well as article drafts, including an article on Brown's "reading machine."

George T. Pickett, circa 1934

Ernest S. Wooster, 1924

### **Notes and Ephemera**

Bibliographies (lists of colonies, co-operative movements, utopian thinkers, journal articles), circa 1930

Pamphlets, bulletins, newspapers, advertisements, circa 1880s-1940, most circa 1930-1940

Order forms for *Can We Co-operate?* (1940)

Clippings, circa 1887-1950

Photographs and postcards, 1931 and undated