

## Greenfield Peace Center Records

1959-1973

1 box (.5 linear ft.)

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Formed in 1963, the Greenfield Peace Center viewed itself as an educational organization teaching about and advocating for world peace. Their activities included organizing peace marches, warning against the dangers of nuclear war, conducting teach-ins, campaigning against war toys, and counseling on the alternatives to the draft.

Correspondence, administrative documents, and news clippings relating to peace activism and advocacy centered in Greenfield, Massachusetts, and in the upper Pioneer Valley, especially by the Peace Center, William Hefner, and Turn Toward Peace.

### Background on Greenfield (Mass.) Peace Center

An educational organization that taught about and advocated for world peace, the Greenfield Peace Center was founded in 1963, in part by William K. Hefner, a radical pacifist who ran unsuccessfully for Congress in the 1st Massachusetts district three times from 1960 to 1964. Seeking to educate the community about peace-related issues both global and local, the group was active in Greenfield and throughout the Pioneer Valley into the early 1970s, organizing peace marches, warning against the dangers of nuclear war, conducting teach-ins, campaigning against war toys, and counseling on alternatives to the draft. Collaboration with other peace-centered organizations, like Turn Toward Peace, the Franklin County League for Political Action, and Political Action for Peace (PAX), was a regular part of the the Greenfield Peace Center's work in promoting and advocating for a more peaceful foreign policy for the United States.

## Scope of collection

The Greenfield Peace Center Records contain correspondence and administrative documents relating to peace activism centered in Greenfield, Massachusetts, and in the upper Pioneer Valley, especially by the Peace Center, William Hefner, and Turn Toward Peace. The collection also contains a large number of news clippings and letters to the editor from the Greenfield Recorder-Gazette relating to peace advocacy in the area and including some dissenting voices. A small grouping of academic anti-war articles are also included.

## Inventory

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Advertisements and informational materials

undated

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Correspondence

1962 Aug-1964

Box 1: 2

"Don't Quit" poem

undated

Box 1: 3

Emergency Peace Campaign sample resolution

undated

Box 1: 4

Feiffer, Jules: "Boom"

1957

Box 1: 5

Franklin County League for Peace Action Forum schedules

1965(?)

Box 1: 6

Greenfield Community Council member list and meeting agenda

1963 June

Box 1: 7

Greenfield Recorder-Gazette Letters to the Editor

1963

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Greenfield Recorder-Gazette Letters to the Editor

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Hefner, William K.: notes  
1965 Nov-1969 Nov  
Box 1: 16  
Hefner, William K.: platform statement  
1962 Sep  
Box 1: 17  
Mumford, Lewis: "The Morals of Extermination"  
1959 Oct  
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News clippings  
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Political Action for Peace (PAX): advertisement  
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Political Action for Peace (PAX): public statements  
1965 Feb-Mar  
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Proposed programs and budgets  
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Turn Toward Peace: policy framework  
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Warburg, James: "Farewell to the Postwar Period"  
1962 Sep  
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"10 Minutes for Peace" survey  
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## **Administrative information**

### **Access**

The collection is open for research.

### **Provenance**

From Irmarie Jones, 1986.

### **Processing Information**

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## Related Material

See also:

**William K. Hefner Papers**

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English

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## Search terms

### Subjects

Peace movements--Massachusetts

Vietnam War, 1961-1975--Protest movements--Massachusetts

### Contributors

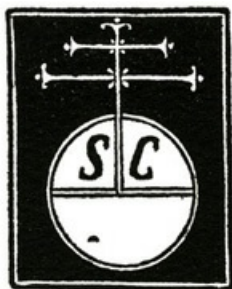
Greenfield (Mass.) Peace Center **[main entry]**

Hefner, William K.

### Genres and formats

Clippings (information artifacts)

Letters to the editor



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