

Townsend National Recovery Plan, Inc. records, 1934-1960

Overview of the Collection

Creator	Townsend Plan, Inc
Title	Townsend National Recovery Plan, Inc. records
Dates	1934-1960 (inclusive) 1934 1960
Quantity	7.5 linear feet, (6 containers) : 5 record storage boxes, 1 volume
Collection Number	Bx 115
Summary	The Townsend Plan was an old-age pension plan idea proposed by California physician Francis E. Townsend in 1934, prior to the enactment of Social Security. The collection contains records of the Townsend National Headquarters in Ohio and includes Board of Director's minutes, Townsend Foundation Trustees minutes and resolutions, financial papers, correspondence, National Convention materials including audio recordings, materials of other pension organizations, literature and publications, Francis E. Townsend interviews, a scrapbook, and photographs.
Repository	University of Oregon Libraries, Special Collections and University Archives. UO Libraries--SCUA 1299 University of Oregon Eugene OR 97403-1299 Telephone: 541-346-3068 spcarref@uoregon.edu
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Additional Reference Guides	Paper finding aid with additional information is available in Special Collections & University Archives. See the Current Collection Guide for detailed description and requesting options.
Languages	English
Sponsor	Funding for production of this finding aid was provided through a grant awarded by the National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC).

Historical Note

The Townsend Plan (founded in 1933 as Old Age Revolving Pensions and called the Townsend National Recovery Plan from 1936 to ca. 1952) was an old-age pension plan idea proposed by California physician Francis E. Townsend in 1934, prior to the enactment of Social Security. Townsend located his national headquarters in Cleveland, Ohio from 1946-1956.

Source: Encyclopedia of Cleveland History: <http://ech.case.edu/ech-cgi/article.pl?id=TP1>

Administrative Information

Detailed Description of the Collection

Description

[Guide to the Townsend National Recovery Plan, Inc. Records](#)

Names and Subjects

Subject Terms :

Old age pensions--United States
Older people--United States--Economic conditions
Social security--United States

Personal Names :

Townsend, Francis E. (Francis Everett), 1867-1960

Corporate Names :

Old Age Revolving Pensions, Ltd.--Records and correspondence
Townsend National Recovery Plan, Inc
Townsend Plan, Inc

Form or Genre Terms :

Correspondence
Interviews
Sound recordings

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