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YVL Partnering to Present Christian Cooperative Colony Collection

Yakima, WA- Yakima Valley Libraries is excited to partner with Washington Rural Heritage and the Sunnyside Historical Museum to present the Christian Cooperative Colony Collection. The Collection is an assembly of historically significant materials that are held by the Sunnyside Historical Museum.

In the 1890's three men made plans to build a utopian community based on Christian principles in a decade commonly remembered as the "Naughty 90's". Now known as Sunnyside, Washington the Christian Cooperative Colony was a success in a region that was known as the "Wild West".

The plans, successes, failures and achievements of the colony were documented through written correspondence between these founding members. This correspondence as well as other materials has been preserved digitally as a collaborative 2013-2014 project of the Sunnyside Historical Museum and Yakima Valley Libraries, making them accessible to a global audience.

The digital collection will be available at www.yvl.org/yakimacountyheritage.

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