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**Abstract:** Correspondence, reports, bulletins, and photographs relating to social conditions in Poland and the Soviet Union and to American Friends Service Committee relief work.  
**Physical Location:** Hoover Institution Archives  
**Creator:** Hamilton, Henry W.  

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**Biographical Note**  
Henry W. Hamilton was a Quaker (Society of Friends) from Aux Vasse, Missouri and an American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) relief worker in Poland and the Soviet Union from 1923 to 1924. This was along the old “Eastern Battle Front,” where, as chief of an out-post with 32 Russian workers and 160 horses, he directed housing and agricultural reconstruction in an area burned out by the Russians in their “scorched earth” policy. For a time, he was on the Kirgiz Steppes in Russian Siberia, where 60% of the population starved to death in the great famine of 1919 to 1923.  
After the end of the war in 1918, AFSCs began working in Russia, Serbia, and Poland with orphans and with the victims of famine and disease, and in Germany and Austria, where they set up kitchens to feed hungry children.  
Hamilton published a book, *The Aftermath of War: Experiences of a Quaker Relief Officer on the Polish-Russian border, 1923-1924*, detailing his experiences as a relief worker for the AFSC in post-World War I Poland, Germany, and Russia, using correspondence and photographs included in the collection.  

**Scope and Contents note**  
The Henry W. Hamilton papers include correspondence, reports, bulletins, photographs, and a map relating to Hamilton’s time working for the American Friends Service Committee between 1923 to 1924 as a Relief Officer in Horodec, Poland; teaching agricultural farming to orphans in Kolpin, Poland; and doing relief work on the Kirgiz Steppes in Russia.  

**Subjects and Indexing Terms**  
American Friends Service Committee.  
International relief.  
Poland--Social conditions.  
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Henry W. Hamilton

Scope and Contents note
This series includes writings and letters sent home during H. W. Hamilton’s time abroad. Kramer would later use these writings to write his book. The original arrangement of the material has been preserved.

Box/Folder 1 : 7 Letters and writings 1924-1928

Letters Received
Scope and Contents note
This series includes letters received after Henry W. Hamilton’s time abroad. The series has been alphabetized by last name. The letter’s authors include: Florence M. Barrow, Harry R. Bunkenbrug, Sir Paul H. Dukes, Forely, Anna R. Fry, Anna H. Hamilton, Leon Kameratoff, Männliche Diakonie, Mr & Mrs James G. Newlin, Andy Pavloff, and Richard T. between 1924 and 1926. Most letters received have dates included on the letter, however for letters without dates have been dated using their postage stamp.

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American Friends Service Committee File 1924-1930

Scope and Contents note
This series includes annual AFSC reports, minutes, bulletins, and news letters between 1924 and 1930. Original arrangement has been preserved.

Box/Folder 1 : 19 Reports 1924-1925, 1928-1930
Box/Folder 1 : 20 Reports 1924-1927
Box/Folder 1 : 21 Reports 1928-1929

Map case

Scope and Contents note
One map ("Westliches Russland Mit den Deutschen, Oserreichisch-Ungarischen Und Russichen Grenzgebieten") of West Russia before World War I, showing no Poland. Originally housed in Box/Folder 1 : 22.

Photographs 1923-1924

Scope and Contents note
This series includes 351 photographs taken by Henry W. Hamilton during his time abroad, both originals, original negatives, and copies. The photographs reflect famine stricken times in Poland, Germany, and Russia after World War I, the relief work Kramer was involved in, the people he worked and lived with throughout Poland, Germany, and Russia.

Box/Folder 1 : 23 Photocopies of original envelopes
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