

## Guide to the **Ithaca HOURS Collection**

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See also:

Ithaca HOURS Photograph Collection – FBO-0125.1-49  
Video – WCNY Documentary on Ithaca HOURS in Video Collection

### COLLECTION DESCRIPTION

This collection contains information regarding the Ithaca HOURS monetary system from its inception in 1991 to 2001. Created by a former Ithaca resident, Paul Glover, this bartering system utilized scrip that represented an hour of work as the equivalent of \$10. The effects of this system were extensive. Millions of dollars of transactions have taken place without any national currency having to be used, thereby keeping the financial benefit local. This system was created to promote cooperation, not competition, in the local economy.

This collection contains information regarding the daily operations of the HOURS organization, such as financial tracking and requests to accept this system. The production of the money is detailed through sketches by creator Paul Glover and samples of all HOUR denominations from the 1/8 HOUR to the 2 1/2 HOUR. Also contained are the lists displaying participating businesses and residents, as well as extensive internal and external correspondence. The collection also includes information on the grants and loans given by the HOURS organization over the course of this ten-year period.

The collection includes thousands of local, national and international newspaper clippings, magazine articles and journal publications mentioning the HOURS. There are also transcripts of radio segments and television broadcasts, as well as several scholarly works utilizing Ithaca HOURS as a case study for research on local monetary systems. Finally, this collection features information about the spread of local monetary systems inspired by Ithaca HOURS. Since the beginning of the Ithaca HOURS in 1991, over 80

cities in North America and as far away as China and Japan have embraced this system of keeping money and talents local.

## CONTAINER LIST

### **Box 1**

1991-1992

Offers and Requests, Participants	Folder 1
Offers and Requests, Participants	Folder 2
Correspondence; Ads for Businesses accepting HOURS	Folder 3
National and Local Newspaper Clippings; Magazine Articles	Folder 4
Grant Requests, Receipts and Thanks	Folder 5

### **Box 2**

1993

Information on Operation of HOURS; Copy of "How to Make Money"	Folder 1
Ads of Participants	Folder 2
Correspondence	Folder 3
National and Local Newspaper Clippings, Magazine Articles	Folder 4
Grant Requests, Receipts and Thanks	Folder 5

### **Box 3**

1994

Information of Operation of HOURS; Ads of Participants	Folder 1
Alternate Federal Credit Union Newsletters, Correspondence	Folder 2
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Local Newspaper Clippings, Magazine Articles	Folder 4
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### **Box 4**

1995

Information on Operation of HOURS; Ads of Participants	Folder 1
Alternate Federal Credit Union Newsletters and Correspondence	Folder 2
Correspondence	Folder 3
National and Local Newspaper coverage	Folder 4
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National Newsletters; Excerpts from larger works mentioning HOURS	Folder 6
International Newspaper Clippings, Magazine Articles	Folder 7

Grant Requests, Receipts and Thanks Folder 8

**Box 5**

1996

Information on Operation of HOURS; Ads of Participants Folder 1  
Alternate Federal Credit Union Newsletters; Awards to HOURS Folder 2  
Correspondence Folder 3  
Local and National Newspaper Clippings Folder 4  
National Magazines Folder 5  
Scholarly Works; Extended Articles Regarding HOURS Folder 6  
International Newspaper Clippings, Magazine Articles Folder 7  
Grant Requests, Receipts and Thanks Folder 8

**Box 6**

1997

Information on Operation of HOURS; Ads of Participants Folder 1  
Alternate Federal Credit Union Newsletters, Operations Folder 2  
Correspondence (January 1997- July 1997) Folder 3  
Correspondence (August 1997- December 1997) Folder 4  
Local Newspaper Clippings, Magazine Articles Folder 5  
National Newspaper Clippings, Magazine Articles Folder 6  
International Newspaper Clippings, Magazine Articles Folder 7  
Grant Requests, Receipts and Thanks Folder 8

**Box 7**

1998

Information on Operation of HOURS; Ads of Participants; Folder 1  
Advisory Board Minutes  
Correspondence Folder 2  
Local Newspaper Clippings, Magazine Articles Folder 3  
National Newspaper Clippings, Magazine Articles Folder 4  
International Newspaper Clippings, Magazine Articles Folder 5  
Complete Magazines Folder 6  
Grant Requests, Receipts and Thanks Folder 7

**Box 8**

1999

Information on Operation of HOURS; Advisory Board Information; Folder 1  
HOURS Circulation Reports

Correspondence (January 1999- June 1999)	Folder 2
Correspondence (July 1999- December 1999)	Folder 3
Local Newspaper Clippings, Magazine Articles	Folder 4
National Newspaper Clippings, Magazine Articles	Folder 5
International Newspaper Clippings, Magazine Articles	Folder 6
Grant Requests, Receipts and Thanks	Folder 7

**Box 9**

2000

Information of Operations of HOURS; Board of Directors Minutes; Financial Tracking	Folder 1
Correspondence (January 2000- June 2000)	Folder 2
Correspondence (July 2000- December 2000)	Folder 3
Local Newspaper Clippings, Magazine Articles	Folder 4
National and International Newspaper Clippings, Magazine Articles	Folder 5
Masters Thesis of Tony Saudie on Alternate Currency System; Frederic Hontschoote's Article "Local Currency and the Creation of Social Capital: The Example of Ithaca HOURS"	Folder 6

**Box 10**

2001

Information on Operation of HOURS; Advisory Board Minutes; Website Management	Folder 1
Media Contacts; Ads of Participants; Extensive Records of Ad Sales	Folder 2
Correspondence (January 2001- May 2001)	Folder 3
Correspondence (June 2001- December 2001)	Folder 4
Local Newspaper Clippings	Folder 5
National Newspaper Clippings, Magazine Articles, Websites	Folder 6
International Newspaper Clippings, Magazine Articles	Folder 7
Sociology Article by Robert R. Blain Regarding HOURS	Folder 8
Information on Impending Documentary about Money	

**Box 11**

Samples of HOURS Currency; Paul Glover Sketches

Samples of Currency	Folder 1
The Design Process (¼- 2 HOURS)	Folder 2
Sketches; templates; correspondence regarding production	
The Design Process (Malcolm X and Mammoth HOURS, Trolley Bond)	Folder 3
Sketches; templates; correspondence regarding production	
Beverly J. Martin HOUR Samples; design; correspondence	Folder 4
Sketches for "Ithaca Money" 1992-1996	Folder 5

Sketches for "HOUR Town" 1997-2001

Folder 6

**Box 12**

"Ithaca Money"/ "HOUR Town;" Hometown Money Kits

Ithaca Money Duplicates (see bound edition also)

Folder 1

"HOUR Town" Issues #48-51 (August 1999- Spring 2000)

Folder 2

Hometown Money Kits

Folder 3

**Box 13**

Local Currency Systems in areas other than Ithaca: A- Ma

41 Folders with information on systems modeled after HOURS in regions such as Nova Scotia, Brooklyn, Atlanta, Detroit, Austin, Berkeley, K'au, Hawaii and Japan

**Box 14**

Local Currency Systems in Areas Other than Ithaca: Mi-Z

30 Folders with information on systems modeled after HOURS in regions such as Massachusetts, Columbus, Philadelphia, New Orleans, Utah, Mexico City and Argentina

**Box 15**

Paul Glover's Personal/ Political Causes Other than the HOURS

Ithaca Health Fund Ads and Information

Folder 1

Ithaca Health Fund Newspaper Clippings (All Local)

Folder 2

Ithaca Health Fund Correspondence

Folder 3

Sustainable City Planning

Folder 4

Information on "Ithaca Power" Organization

Political/ Green Party, Responses to Election 2000

Folder 5

Urging Green Party Involvement in Ithaca

2003 *Glover for Mayor* Drafts for Speeches, Press Releases

Folder 6

2003 *Glover for Mayor* Campaign Financial Information

Folder 7

2003 *Glover for Mayor* Newspaper Clippings

Folder 8

Associations with Cornell; Anti Incinerator; Pro-Student Activism;

Folder 9

Work as Guest Speaker

Anti Big Business; Anti-Wal-Mart; Anti Southwest Development;

Folder 10

Anti Inlet Island Plan

Ithaca Community News (January 2001- August 2002)

Folder 11

Ithaca Community News (August 2002- February 2005)

Folder 12

Bike Path; Y2K; Glover Resume

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**Box 16**

Additional HOURS materials from Board members

HOURS By-Laws and Organizational information

Directories and sample bills

Media reports on Ithaca Hours and other local currencies

Folder 1

Folder 2

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