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O'Brien, Susan. Research Files on Camilla Hall, 1967-1976.

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ABSTRACT:

The Susan O'Brien collection contains materials collected during her research of Camilla Hall and the Symbionese Liberation Army (SLA). This includes correspondence from both O'Brien and Camilla Hall. There are also copies of the news wire during the Patricia Hearst trial, claims for damages from the estate of William Wolf, statements and press releases pertaining to the shootout in Los Angeles on 17 May 1974, a few photographs, and some brief writings by O'Brien.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE:

Susan O'Brien decided to write a book about her high school friend Camilla Hall after learning that Hall was killed during a shootout between Los Angeles police and the Symbionese Liberation Army (SLA) on 17 May 1974.

Camilla Hall was born in St. Peter, Minnesota during March 1945. She graduated from Washburn High School in Minneapolis in 1963 and attended Gustavus Adolphus College for her first year subsequently transferring to the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities. She graduated with a degree in humanities during 1967 and went on to work as a social worker in Duluth and Minneapolis, Minnesota prior to moving to California. On the west coast, Hall immersed herself in a variety of social movements and developed relationships with some individuals who eventually became active in the Symbionese Liberation Army (SLA). Hall's life ended on 17 May 1974 when she and several members of the SLA died during a gun battle with officers from the Los Angeles Police Department.

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COLLECTION CITATION:

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ACQUISITION:

The University of Minnesota, Duluth, Northeast Minnesota Historical Center donated this collection during July 2009.

PROCESSED BY:

Adrianna Darden processed this collection and developed the finding aid during March 2010.

RELATED COLLECTIONS IN THE ARCHIVES:

Hall Family. Papers Concerning Camilla Hall and George F. and Lorena Hall, 1938-1995. CAMC Collection 13.

Hanel, Rachael. “Camilla Hall’s Place in the Symbionese Liberation Army” (Master’s Thesis), December 2004. CAMC Collection 108.

DIGITAL CONTENT:

Portions of this collection have been digitized and are available online through our [digital collections](#).

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

- O’Brien, Susan.
- Hall, Camilla Christine, 1945-1974.
- Symbionese Liberation Army.
- Left-wing extremists--California.
- Radicals--California.

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“A Statement by Dr. Ralph David Abernathy, President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference,” undated; “Questions Raised by Events of May 17, 1974,” undated; “Remarks of Samuel L. Williams, President, Board of Police Commissioners, City of Los Angeles,” 19 July 1974	1	1
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