
Labor Archives in the United States and Canada

A Directory

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This directory updates work done in the early 1990s by the Wagner Labor Archives in New York City. A survey then conducted identified "archivists, librarians, and labor union staff who are collecting manuscripts, audio-visual materials, and artifacts that document the history of the trade union movement in the United States." Similarly, this directory includes repositories with partial holdings relating to labor and workers, as well as repositories whose entire holdings pertain to labor. The most recent updates were made in 2011; previously known updates were made in 2002.

The directory is organized by state, then by repository, with Canadian repositories listed last. Please contact officers of the Labor Archives Roundtable, Society of American Archivists, if you have additions, comments, corrections, or questions.

Alabama

Alabama Labor Archives

<http://www.alabama-lah.org>

The Alabama Labor Archives and History is a private not-for-profit corporation that began in 2002 when the Alabama AFL-CIO recognized the need for a labor archives and history museum that showed the progress of organized labor in Alabama. The mission of the Alabama Labor Archives and History is to identify, evaluate, collect, preserve, and provide access to material of labor significance in Alabama.

Birmingham Public Library, Archives Department

<http://www.bplonline.org/locations/central/archives/>

The collection includes charters, records, scrapbooks and other material relating to various Birmingham, Alabama, labor unions, papers of individuals involved in the labor movement, oral history interviews, research files, and photographs.

Arizona

Department of Archives and Special Collections, Hayden Library, Arizona State University

<http://www.asu.edu/lib/archives/>

This repository holds the records and collections of labor unions in Arizona.

California

Anne Rand Memorial Library, International Longshore and Warehouse Union

<http://www.ilwu.org/>

Contains the records of the ILWU, 1937-present, occupying 1,500 linear feet. 1,200 linear feet of vertical files documents subjects of interest to the ILWU, policy formation, and collective bargaining. The collection also contains a modest book collection of 4,000 volumes.

California Northcoast Labor/Community Archives Project Humboldt State University Library

<http://library.humboldt.edu/>

Documents of terminated labor organizations in Northwestern California, the Redwood District Council of Lumber and Sawmill Workers, United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America. The records span the years 1917-1985 with the bulk of the material from 1958-1985. Collection includes some photographs, memorabilia, and oral histories.

Labor Archives and Research Center, San Francisco State University

www.library.sfsu.edu/larc

The Labor Archives and Research Center (LARC) collection documents the labor movement in the nine counties of the San Francisco Bay Area and Northern California. More than 6,000 feet of primary source material, primarily from the 20th century, is available for research (note: a portion of the collection is stored off-site and may take one to two days to retrieve). In addition to the records of the San Francisco, San Mateo and Alameda County Central Labor Councils, the collection includes material from the Bay Area Typographical Union Local 21 (San Francisco's oldest union local), Hotel Employees Restaurant Employees Local 2 and its predecessor locals, International Ladies Garment Workers Union Bay Area locals, Teamsters Local 70, United Food and Commercial Workers Local 101, the Order of Repeatermen and Toll Testboardmen (independent telephone industry union), California Labor Federation, California Labor School, Maritime Federation of the Pacific, California Agricultural Labor Relations Board, Union W.A.G.E., and organizing efforts at the Lusty Lady (the nation's first unionized exotic dance hall).

LARC also has significant legal case files and arbitration records. Of note are the Norman Leonard Collection (this firm represented ILWU, UCAPAWA/FTA and other CIO unions, California Smith Act defendants, and Harry Bridges during his deportation trials), Tom Mooney defense case files, Sam Kagel Collection (arbitrations and mediations for West Coast companies), and Institute of Industrial Relations, University of California, Berkeley arbitration collections (contains the National Longshoremen's Board full transcript of hearings in relation to the Pacific Coast Maritime Strike and San Francisco General Strike of 1934).

In addition to print material, the Labor Archives has over 10,000 photographs, including the photo morgues of The People's World (1932-1984), the CIO's Labor Herald (1937-1950), and Union W.A.G.E., as well as a significant collection from photographer and film-maker Rick Tejada-Flores documenting the UFW in the early 1970s. Other graphic materials include several thousand union and social movement posters, buttons and badges, as well as early 20th century union banners. LARC's oral history project contains dozens of interviews documenting Golden Gate Bridge workers, faculty leaders of the 1968-1969 San Francisco State Strike, and Bay Area union and civil rights leaders.

Southern California Library for Social Studies and Research

<http://www.socallib.org/>

250 linear feet of manuscript holdings; 8,000 pamphlets. Non-print holdings include 25 documentary films on labor. Concentration on labor in California, including twentieth-century labor activists, legal and defense committee records documenting harassment of immigrant labor activists, the Los Angeles CIO, local unions, the IWW in San Pedro (1920s), and Harry Bridges' fight to avoid deportation.

Colorado

Denver Area Labor Federation, AFL-CIO

<http://www.denverlabor.org/>

72 linear feet of manuscript holdings. Non-print holdings include 30 oral history interviews and music performances, 6 linear feet films. Concentration on the labor movement in Colorado. Includes the Great Coal wars, the 1958 Colorado Right-to-Work battle, and the 1977 Coors Boycott.

Western Historical Collections, University of Colorado at Boulder

<http://ucblibraries.colorado.edu/specialcollections/index.htm>

15,000 linear feet of manuscript holdings; non-print holdings include 150,000 photographs and negatives, 6,200 maps, and 1,000 audio tapes. Concentration on the history of western America, specifically Colorado, 1850's-present. Includes labor history, political history, women's history, environmental and local history. Collections include the papers of the Colorado State Federation of Labor, the Colorado Labor Council, the Western Federation of Miners, and the International Union of Mine, Mill, and Smelter Workers, the National Farmers Union, the Oil, Chemical and Atomic Workers Union, and the papers of Josephine Riche (United Mine Workers) and James G. Patton (National Farmers Union).

Connecticut

Greater New Haven Labor History Research Center

<http://www.laborhistory.org/>

The mission of the Greater New Haven Labor History Association is to collect, preserve, and share the history of working people in the Greater New Haven Area. Collections include AFSCME Local 1939, Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America Local 125, the International Ladies Garment Workers Union Local 151, New Haven Typographical Union No. 47, International Association of Machinists Local Lodge 609, United Electrical, Radio, and Machine Workers of America Local 299.

Thomas J. Dodd Research Center, Archives and Special Collections, University of Connecticut

<http://doddcenter.uconn.edu/>

Manuscript holdings and vertical file material (includes newsletters, contracts, convention proceedings), concentrating on Connecticut since 1850. Includes materials documenting local unions, labor organizations and associations, with a particular interest in collecting the papers of labor leaders and union officials. Includes the 1960 Pratt and Whitney Aircraft Company strike.

District of Columbia

Archives, Manuscripts, and Museum Collections, Catholic University of America

<http://archives.lib.cua.edu/bib.cfm>

The Department of Archives, Manuscripts, and Museum Collections maintains 8,000 linear feet of manuscripts, photographs, and film. Approximately 900 linear feet of the collection relate to labor unions, the Catholic Church's role in organized labor, and working-class Catholics more generally. This includes late 19th century and early 20th century labor union collections like the papers of Knights of Labor leaders Terrence Powderly and John Hayes and United Mine Worker President John Mitchell. The CUA Archives also includes CIO and New Deal related collections like the papers of John Brophy and Philip Murray and the Congress of Industrial Organizations Records. The Archives is especially strong in collections that document the Catholic Church and the labor movement, such as the papers of John A. Ryan, Francis J. Haas, and George G. Higgins, and the Records of the Social Action Department of the National Catholic Welfare Conference. The finding aids to a number of these and other manuscript collections are available at the CUA Archives website.

International Brotherhood of Teamsters Labor History Research Center, Gelman Library, George Washington University

<http://www.gelman.gwu.edu/collections/teamsters-labor-history-research-center>

The International Brotherhood of Teamsters Labor History Research Center maintains and provides access to the archives of the one of the largest and most occupationally diverse labor unions in North America, the International Brotherhood of Teamsters (IBT).

The Teamsters archives include IBT publications, convention proceedings, documentary materials from the various IBT departments, trade divisions and area conferences, photographs, films, and video/audio tape reels and cassettes. The microfilm collection holds the historic administrative record of the union.

A general labor publications collection is available to supplement the Teamsters materials. This includes a comprehensive collection of books on general labor history, American labor biography and labor and industrial relations spanning the years 1856 to the present.

J.A. Beirne Memorial Archive, Communications Workers of America

This collection was donated to the Tamiment Library/Robert F. Wagner Archives, New York University, in 1995. Please see the Tamiment's listing under New York repositories.

Library of Congress

<http://www.loc.gov/>

For a description of the labor-related holdings at the Library of Congress, please see: [Special Collections in the Library of Congress: Business, Economic, and Labor History](#).

"The special collections listed below contain materials of interest to researchers in a variety of disciplines, including U.S. business and labor history. Types of materials within each collection that may be of particular interest to the business/labor history researcher have been noted. Other business and labor related materials may also be located by searching the Prints and Photographs Division online catalog, the American Memory Collections, and A Guide to the Microform Collections in the Humanities and Social Sciences Division of the Library of Congress."

Georgia

Southern Labor Archives, Georgia State University Library

<http://www.library.gsu.edu/spcoll/labor>

The Southern Labor Archives documents working people and their trade unions, professional associations and political organizations. The largest accumulation of labor records in the Southeast, the Archives comprises pamphlets, periodicals, personal papers of labor leaders, oral histories, collective bargaining agreements, constitutions and bylaws, and convention proceedings from 1888 to the present. It is the official repository for the records of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, the United Garment Workers of America, the United Furniture Workers of America, the Professional Air Traffic Controllers Organization and several state federations of labor. Holdings are particularly strong in the areas of textiles; clothing; furniture and wood products; machinery and aerospace; nursing; communication industry; airline industry; and AFL-CIO administrative offices in the Southeast. Individuals whose careers are chronicled in the holdings include Paul Christopher, Carey Haigler, Joseph Jacobs, John Jervis, E.T. Kehrer, Carmen Lucia, Eula McGill, Claude Ramsay, John Ramsay, Mike Ross, Stanton E. Smith, E. Leon Stamey, and W. J. Usery, Jr.

Hawai'i

Priscilla Shishido Library, International Longshore and Warehouse Union, Local 142

<http://www.ilwulocal142.org/new159/index.php>

The Priscilla Shishido Library of the International Longshore and Warehouse Union, Local 142, provides access to historical records of the ILWU in Hawai'i to authorized persons and researchers with written permission. The collection consists mainly of ILWU records on paper and other media, from the mid-1930s on. Materials include ILWU newspapers and publications (primarily in English), photographs, union artifacts, and a founder's book and reference collection. The Atkinson Drive headquarters is the site of a three-panel buon fresco mural by Pablo O'Higgins, *Solidaridad Sindical*, depicting the history of the ILWU in Hawai'i.

Center for Labor Education & Research Labor History Archive, University of Hawai'i, West Oahu

<http://clear.uhwo.hawaii.edu>

The labor history archive contains a video archive of materials used in the production of the *Rice & Roses* Hawai'i Public Television series produced since 1971. Videos of the programs produced in the last 20 years are available for borrowing within the State of Hawai'i pursuant to our "Borrowing Policy" which may be found on our webpage. Scripts and research files are also available for reference use at the Center by serious scholars.

In addition the Center maintains clipping file on each local union in Hawai'i as well as an ever-growing collection of contracts, union newsletters, books and pamphlets focusing on Hawai'i's labor history. Among the most highly prized components of this collection are the *Honolulu Record*, the correspondence file of the Hawai'i office of the AFL-CIO from 1940 to 1982, the files of the Honolulu Central Labor Council, production files and tapes from our Special Research Projects (*The Great Hawai'i Dock Strike 1946* and *The Great Hawai'i Sugar Strike*), authors' notes and research files for CLEAR's publications: Edward Beechert's *Aupuni i La'au: A History of Hawai'i's Carpenters Union, Local 745* (1993), William Puette's *The Hilo Massacre: Hawai'i's Bloody Monday August 1st, 1938* (1988), Bernard Stern's *Rutledge Unionism: Labor Relations in the Honolulu Transit Industry* (1986) and *The Aloha Trade: Labor Relations in Hawai'i's Hotel Industry 1941-1987* (1989)

Idaho

Special Collections and Archives, University of Idaho Library

<http://www.lib.uidaho.edu/special-collections/>

Books, manuscript material and photographs concentrating on mining and lumbering, 1860 to the present.

Indiana

Rare Books/Special Collections, Cunningham Memorial Library, Indiana State University

<http://library.indstate.edu/about/units/rbsc/>

Holdings include several thousand items of Eugene Debs correspondence, manuscripts, pamphlets, photographs, and memorabilia, 1834-1945. Also include materials documenting the Pullman Strike.

IU South Bend Archives, Franklin D. Schurz Library, Indiana University South Bend

<http://library.iusb.edu/archives/index.shtml>

Holdings include the IU South Bend Division of Labor Studies Records, which contains records from local labor unions and their struggles and other activity with area industries. Contains oral history transcripts, union constitutions, bylaws, contracts, correspondence, dues books, and grievances.

The IUSB Archives also contains the Torrington Company Collection, which chronicles the United Automobile Workers Local 590, representing workers of the Torrington Company, an area heavy bearings company. This collection contains labor agreements, grievances, contracts, correspondence, and pension materials.

Illinois

Manuscript Section, Illinois State Historical Library

<http://www.state.il.us/hpa/lib/default.htm>

Papers and records of labor organizers and unions, government officials and citizens documenting both union and non-union labor activities in Illinois. Audio-visual materials also available for some collections.

Maryland

Baltimore Museum of Industry Archives

<http://www.thebmi.org/page/archives>

The collections in the Research Center document the history and development of business and industry in Baltimore and throughout Maryland from the mid-nineteenth century to the present. Mostly corporate records, also included are union contracts and constitutions.

Archives and Manuscripts Department, Hornbake Library, University of Maryland

<http://www.lib.umd.edu/HBK/>

Available are records of the Industrial Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers of America; the Bakery, Confectionery and Tobacco Workers International Union; the Tobacco Workers International Union; the Cigar Makers International Union; the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America; and the International Union of Siderographers (1860s - present). These archival collections are complemented by several personal and family papers documenting labor history.

For more information on Historical Manuscript Collections in certain subject areas, please view the online resource guide: [Labor in America](#).

George Meany Memorial Archives

<http://www.nlc.edu/archives/home.html>

The George Meany Memorial Archives preserves records of the American Federation of Labor (AFL), selected records of the Congress of Industrial Organizations (CIO), and the merged American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO), including administrative and staff departments, constitutional trade and industrial departments, and some affiliated groups. The archives does not preserve the records of national affiliated unions or local unions (except for directly affiliated local unions), state federations or central labor councils. Dating from the establishment of the AFL (1881), and offering almost complete records from the founding of the AFL-CIO (1955), the records provide rich resources for the exploration of economic, political and social issues relevant to workers in America and internationally.

Massachusetts

Special Collections and Archives, University of Massachusetts Amherst

<http://www.library.umass.edu/spcoll/>

Labor-related manuscripts and photographs with a concentration on Massachusetts, including the Granite Cutters international Association, the rise of the CIO in western Massachusetts, and the organization of the Shirtmakers (ACWA) in New England, 1903. Papers of J. William Belanger (TWUA), Solomon Barkin (TWUA), and Joseph Salerma (ACWA).

American Textile History Museum (formerly Merrimac Valley Textile Museum)

www.athm.org

Organizational records and personal papers of people and companies associated with the textile industry, 17th century to the present. Includes mills, trade associations, machinery manufacturers, water companies, consulting firms, labor organizations, inventors, and educators. There is also material documenting the lives of early New England mill workers, chiefly women. Non-print items include textiles, tools, machines, photographs, and oral history interviews. There are approximately 40,001 photographs, prints, paintings, audio-visual materials and memorabilia. Emphasis is on New England, but there are also some materials documenting the textile industry in Canada. Union records include the Textile Workers Union of America, accounts of strikes, including the Lawrence, Massachusetts, strike of 1912, and reactions of workers to industrialization in New England.

Michigan

Labadie Collection, University of Michigan

www.lib.umich.edu/labadie-collection

Jo Labadie, founder of the Labadie Collection was the chosen agent for unionizing Michigan, and his contributions reflect his mission for the Knights of Labor and his switch to the American Federation of Labor in the 1880s. He became the first president of the Michigan Federation of Labor in 1889. Although his anarchist convictions kept him from later official ties, he retained a lifelong interest in the objectives of labor unions and corresponded with many leaders, notably Samuel Gompers. The first Curator of the Collection, Agnes Inglis, was a supporter of the Industrial Workers of the World, and collected as much as possible connected with the Wobblies. The industrial union strategy of the C.I.O. interested Inglis, who collected many convention reports and other documents. She searched for records of industrial strife in all periods.

The collection covers predominately American labor struggles from the late 19th and early 20th century, into the 1930s. Post WWII materials concentrate mostly on protests against union leadership, democratic caucuses, and radical organizations of black workers. British labor materials cover chiefly the General Strike of 1926 and the National Minority Movement, a Communist effort to infiltrate the British Unions, as well as a collection of materials on the workers in the British coal mining industry in the 1970s and 80s.

The collection consists of monographs, serials, pamphlets, microfilm, sound recordings (in LP, audio cassette and CD format), song books, photographs, flyers, leaflets, broadsides, posters, newspaper clippings, notices of meetings, and union ephemera, such as buttons, badges and banners.

Walter P. Reuther Library, Wayne State University

<http://www.reuther.wayne.edu/>

Manuscripts, photographs, films, oral history interviews, audio tapes, and memorabilia items documenting the American labor movement and related social, economic, and political reform movements, and twentieth-century urban America, 1890's-present (predominantly 1932-present). Official repository of the United Auto Workers; American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees; The Newspaper Guild; the American Federation of Teachers; the United Farm Workers; Service Employees International Union; Air Line Pilots Association; Association of Flight Attendants; and the Industrial Workers of the World. Holdings include records of the Coalition of Labor Union Women, the Workers Defense League, and the Association for Union Democracy. Records document major strikes, negotiations, and other union activities. In all cases records date from the beginnings of the organizations to the present and document the work of important leaders, rank and file members, and significant events.

Minnesota

Minnesota Historical Society Division of Library and Archives

<http://www.mnhs.org/index.html>

The manuscript collections include a great variety of materials pertaining to working people, from diaries and account books of sod-busting farmers in the first half of the 19th century to the records of the Region 12 office of the AFL-CIO at the end of the 20th century; from domestic workers to railroad workers. Included are diaries, correspondence, minutes, reports, newsletters, speeches, scrapbooks, bargaining files and administrative files of local, state and national unions, political parties, union and party leaders, "activists," individual working people, and businesses. Includes the 1934 Minneapolis "truck drivers" strike. Non-print holdings include photographs and oral histories.

Immigration History Research Center, University of Minnesota

<http://www1.umn.edu/ihrc/>

Manuscript and non-print holdings (photographs, audio and video tapes, and phonograph recordings) documenting the experiences of immigrant groups from Eastern, Central and Southern Europe, and the Near East. Significant holdings include groups associated with the Great Migration of the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Includes significant holdings on the IWW, the ILGWU, and various episodes of unrest in which immigrants played a key role, i.e., the Haymarket Riot, the Ludlow Massacre, the Lawrence, Massachusetts strikes of 1912 and 1919, the Paterson strike of 1913, and May Day celebrations. Also, the papers of Carlo Tresca, Anthony Capraro, Angela Bambace, Howard Molisani, and Anthony Bimba.

Missouri

Western Historical Manuscript Collection, University of Missouri-Columbia

<http://www.umkc.edu/whmckc/>

Established in 1943, combines with the State Historical Society of Missouri in 1963. Branches in Kansas City, Rolla, and St. Louis include labor-related holdings. Manuscript and non-print holdings (photographs, oral history interviews, video-tapes and films, and memorabilia, including union buttons, primarily 20th century, and the button collection of Harry Von Romer, 1880-1981). Sources document the professions, ethnicity, social movements, the economy, the labor movement in Missouri, African-American and women's history. Includes records of local chapters of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, District 9 (1901-1965), significant strikes such as the St. Louis Gas House Workers Union strike against Laclede Gas in 1879 and the St. Louis General Strike of 1877, papers of David T. Burbank, editor of the 1935 Gas House Workers strike bulletin, Ernest Calloway, 1930s and 1940's union organizer in the South and Chicago, and president of the St. Louis NAACP, 1955-1959, Winifred Lippman, ILGWU leader and first female member of the St. Louis Labor Council executive board, and other significant labor and civil rights leaders in Missouri.

Ozarks Labor Union Archives, Missouri State University

<http://library.missouristate.edu/archives>

The Ozarks Labor Union Archives (OLUA) is Missouri's leading repository of records documenting labor union history in the Ozarks. OLUA contains over 1,500 linear feet of records including union constitutions, bylaws, contracts, correspondence, financial records, dues books, grievances, and apprentice programs. The collection also holds photographs, oral histories, and ephemeral items. Most of the documents are unique and record important activities of various labor unions in Southwest Missouri.

Montana

Butte-Silver Bow Public Archives

<http://www.buttearchives.org/>

Documents national and state labor information, the bulk of which is associated with the mining industry. Significant holdings contain documentation on the hanging of Frank Little, activity of Pinkerton agents, and the arrest of William (Big Bill) Haywood. Collections date from 1866 through the 1990's, and consists of local newspapers, memorabilia, and limited photograph collection.

Montana Historical Society

<http://www.montanahistoricalsociety.org/>

Labor collections date from the 1880s to 1987, concentrating on Montana and the Pacific Northwest region with Montana as an active participant in the regional group or activity. Includes records of the Department of Labor and Industry, local unions, and state federations. Records document significant Montana industries such as mining, smelting and reduction. Non-print items include 300 oral history interviews produced by the Montanans at Work project and 82 interviews produced by the Metals Manufacturing project, photograph's of labor union activities, celebrations, people at work; memorabilia include ribbons, pins buttons, banners, and membership cards.

Nevada

Nevada State Library and Archives

<http://dmla.clan.lib.nv.us/docs/NSLA/>

Sources of labor history in the Nevada State Archives include executive, legislative, and judicial branch records that document work, workers, and the history of the labor movement in Nevada. Particularly rich sources can be found in the records of the office of the State Labor Commissioner, created in 1915 which include documentation of labor relations in the state, ethnicity, working conditions, wages, apprenticeships, and reports on disputes between workers and employers that contain descriptions of government interventions and the Labor Commissioner's role as mediator or arbitrator. The records of the Office of Inspector of Mines, created in 1901, contain documentation of accidents, wages, nationality of the workers, working conditions, and company compliance with recommended improvements. Court records include docket books, transcripts, and opinions documenting important Nevada labor cases. Also included are *L.C. Branson vs. the IWW*, 1908, testing the concept of conspiracy in a Wobbly boycott of local newspapers, and *State of Nevada vs. M.R. Preston and Joseph Smith*, 1908, relating to manslaughter convictions stemming from the Goldfield labor crisis of 1907. There is also documentation on the Western Federation of Miners, the American Railway Union strike of 1894, the Right-to-Work campaign and labor's opposition to the Right-to-Work law of 1952. The records of the State Councils of Defense for World Wars I and II include documentation of the treatment of radicals, enemy aliens, and Japanese-Americans.

New Jersey

Special Collections and University Archives, Alexander Library, Rutgers University

<http://www.libraries.rutgers.edu/rulib/spcol/spcol.htm>

Although the major focus of the Rutgers collection has been New Jersey and its history, significant collections document the consumer movement, social welfare policy, and women's history. The collection holdings also contain records of trade unions, political organizations, and the resources of the library at the Institute of Management and Labor Relations. The Rutgers library serves as the depository for the archives of the International Union of Electrical Workers, including the early papers of the United Electrical, Radio, and Machine Workers of America. The library also holds the records of the National Maritime Union of America (1936-1980), as well as the records of several New Jersey local chapters of national unions, such as the Amalgamated Food and Allied Workers Union and the Scholarship Fund of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters. Civil Rights issues in the labor movement are documented in the papers of Ernest Thompson, which include files relating to his service on the National Negro Labor Council (1951-1956) and the UE Fair Practices Committee (1944-1958).

New York

M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections and Archives, University at Albany, SUNY

<http://library.albany.edu/speccoll/>

See finding aids for labor-related collections at: <http://library.albany.edu/speccoll/labor.htm>

Joint Board of the Electrical Industry Archives, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 3

<http://www.jibei.org/>

Contains the papers of Local 3, IBEW, which document the electrical industry of the New York metropolitan region and Long Island, the papers of Harry Van Arsdale, Jr., and general records of all aspects of the electrical manufacturing, construction and related industry. A media collection contains 1500 videos and reel to reel tapes and 1,200 audio cassettes from union and staff meetings and union special events.

Kheel Center for Labor-Management Documentation and Archives, School of Industrial and Labor Relations, Cornell University

<http://www.ilr.cornell.edu/library/kheel/>

Holdings include personal and institutional records, oral history interviews, rare pamphlets and union Constitutions, collective bargaining agreements, and historical photographs and negatives dating from the late 19th century to the present. Non-print items include audio tapes of labor music, oral history interviews, and union buttons or ritual items. Bulk of collections are in New York State labor and industrial relations in the public and private sector, the garment industry, labor arbitration and mediation, labor education, labor legislation, and management theory. Includes some materials relating to Canadian locals of international unions and microfilm collections relating to British Labor. Key manuscript collections include the Amalgamated Clothing Workers, of America, the International Fur and Leather Workers Union, the Joint Board of Fur, Leather and Machine Workers, and the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union. These records contain the papers of Dorothy Bellanca, David Dubinsky, Bessie Hillman, Sidney Hillman, Jacob Potofsky, Joseph Schlossberg, Abraham Feinglass, Ben Gold, Morris Kaufman, Pietro Lucchi, Sam Burt, Henry Foner, and Leon Strauss. Public sector unionism and New York State labor history are documented by the records of the American Federation of Teachers, Local 2, the Assembly of Governmental Employees, the Drug and Hospital Workers Union, New York State AFL-CIO Central Labor Council, the New York State Public Employment Relations Board, and the U.S. National Labor Relations Board-Oral History Project.

Tamiment Library/Robert F. Wagner Labor Archives

<http://www.nyu.edu/library/bobst/research/tam/>

The Wagner Labor Archives holds extensive collections of records and papers, including records of individual unions, city-wide, regional, and national bodies, papers of labor leaders, rank-and-file activists, arbitrators, labor lawyers and labor historians, and records of organizing campaigns, union democracy struggles and other collective efforts. In addition to manuscript collections, there are substantial holdings of audio-visual material in all formats, and artifacts such as buttons, T-shirts, bumper stickers, etc. And the Tamiment Library is currently implementing a project that archives labor-related web sites (as of 2009). The core collections document the history of labor in New York City, and the bulk of the material is post-1930, with a few collections dating to the era of the Knights of Labor and the early American Federation of Labor. Areas of concentration include performing arts, retail workers, public employee unionism, and the history of central bodies/coalitions -- for example, the New York State AFL-CIO, the New York City Central Labor Council, the Union Label Trades of Greater New York (from 1911), and the Jewish Labor Committee (from 1934). Official repository of the Transport Workers Union, Actors' Equity Association, American Guild of Variety Artists, United Federation of Teachers Local 2 AFT, the Professional staff Congress, AFSCME District Councils 37 and 1707. District 65 UAW, Associated Actors and Artists of America and many other unions and organizations. Subject strengths include women and labor, labor and civil rights, ethnic succession, and work process and employment structure changes in New York City. The

archival collections are supported by Tamiment Library collections of related books, serials, pamphlets and printed ephemera.

YIVO Institute for Jewish Research, Archives/Library

<http://www.yivoinstitute.org/>

Manuscripts and photographs documenting Jewish history and culture, including the labor movement, dating from the 15th century to the present, with emphasis on the 20th century. Holdings documenting labor include the records of the United Hebrew Trades, the Hebrew-American Typographical Union, including the papers of its president Mayer Kastoff, minute books of several ILGWU locals, records of Jewish labor fraternal orders, the Workmen's Circle, the Labor Zionist Alliance, Yiddish labor theater groups, the Folksbiene, and the ARTEFC (the Workers Theater Alliance). There are also records and copies of the Jewish Daily Forward, including papers of its editors Abraham Cahan, Mendel Osherowitch, Hillel Rogoff, Zukunft, and the papers of its editors including Abraham Liessin; the Morning Freiheit and papers of its editor Paul Novick. Also publications documenting Jewish socialist movements in Europe. In 1992 the Yivo institute receive complete Bund Archives, covering about 800 linear feet, which includes the Records of the Jewish Labor Bund, in its illegal underground period in the 1890s through 1917 and its subsequent existence in Poland and elsewhere. The Bund Archives also includes sizeable documentation on many topics relating to the history of socialism and the labor movement throughout the world.

North Carolina

Rare Book, Manuscript, and Special Collections Library, Duke University

<http://scriptorium.lib.duke.edu>

The Manuscripts Division includes material related to the Southern textile industry, CIO records ("Operation Dixie," available on microfilm). Documents organizing efforts in North and South Carolina, Virginia, and Tennessee, 1940-1954; includes papers of Lacy Randolph Mason. Papers of Frank DeVyver and Boyd E. Payton, and records of many textile mills (Cannon, Erwin, for example) are also held by the department.

North Dakota

State Historical Society of North Dakota, North Dakota Heritage Center

<http://www.state.nd.us/hist/hcenter.htm>

Materials document the history of the labor movement in North Dakota. Includes North Dakota AFL-CIO (1911-1981), International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Warehousemen and Helpers of America, Locals 74 and 123, the papers of William Langer, William Lemke, and Usher Burdick (Local 74), and United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, Local 1091 (1938-1981). Non-print holdings include audiotapes, photographs, and memorabilia.

Ohio

Archives/Library, Ohio Historical Society

<http://www.ohiohistory.org/resource/archlib/>

Labor-related manuscript holdings, microfilmed labor collections (including the papers of William Green), and union newspapers. Non-print holdings include oral history interviews, sound recordings, photographs documenting working conditions, strikes, conventions, and memorabilia, including buttons, bumper stickers, and posters. Includes the Little Steel Strike of 1937, the Ohio Right-to-Work Campaign of 1958, and the papers of George DeNucci and Leland Beard.

The Sylvis Society, Cincinnati Historical Society

<http://library.cincymuseum.org/>

Focuses on the history of the foundry industry, and includes The Molders Journal, 1863-1988, Molders convention proceedings, 1859-1988, minute books and financial records of expired locals. Non-print holdings include badges and anniversary mementos. Materials document the 1866 and 1886 3-hour day campaigns and the producer and consumer cooperative movement revival.

Pennsylvania

America's Industrial Heritage Project, Special Collections and Archives, Indiana University of Pennsylvania

<http://www.lib.iup.edu/depts/speccol/>

Manuscript and non-print holdings, including oral history tapes, the bulk of which are interviews with Western Pennsylvania coal miners and their families, working women in Indiana County, McCreary Tire and-Rubber personnel, and World War II veterans. Approximately 350 photographs and slides. Collection spans the late nineteenth century through the 1980's, documenting the industrial history of Southwestern Pennsylvania with special emphasis on the coal industry. Key manuscript collections include papers of Districts 2, 3, and 5 of the United Mine Workers of America, 1896-1980, records of the Rochester and Pittsburgh Coal Company, 1881-1970, The Coal Mining Institute of America records and publications, 1911-1980), and papers of the steelworkers and electrical workers locals in this region. The collection contains papers documenting significant events such as the strikes of 1919, 1922, and 1928, the years of strife between John Brophy and John L. Lewis and the struggle and demise of the steel industry in Pittsburgh.

Historical Collections and Labor Archives, Special Collections Library, Pennsylvania State University

<http://www.libraries.psu.edu/crsweb/speccol/labor.htm>

Manuscript holdings and non-print items, including photographs, sound recordings, films, and oral histories. Concentration on the iron and steel industries, in Pennsylvania. Includes United Steelworkers and antecedents, the Pennsylvania State AFL-CIO and antecedents, formation of the Steelworkers Organizing Committee, the CIO, the Little Steel Strike of 1937, steel strike's during the late 1940's, 1952, and 1959, the Abel-McDonald election, the 1936 national presidential election, and the papers of Philip Murray, Clint Golden, William Mitchell, and I.W. Abel.

University of Pittsburgh, Archives Service Center

<http://www.library.pitt.edu/libraries/archives/archives.html>

The Archives Service Center serves as the depository for the records of the United Electrical, Radio, and Machine Workers of America (UE) union and also focuses on steelworker, service employee, teacher, and white collar worker unions, as well as the papers of grassroots organizations and labor activists in western Pennsylvania. Records relating to work, the work place, and working conditions provide historians with glimpses at group identity, solidarity, and interest.

Tennessee

United Paperworkers International Union

3340 Perimeter Hill Drive; P.O. Box 1475

Nashville, Tennessee 37202

(615) 834-8590

Hours: Monday-Friday, 8 AM-4:30 PM

Correspondence, minutes, and proceedings; 28 audio and 19 video cassettes of the United Paperworkers International Union and its antecedent organizations. Includes material about the manufacture of paper.

Texas

Houston Metropolitan Research Collection, Houston Public Library

<http://www2.houstonlibrary.org/hmrc/>

The Houston Metropolitan Research Collection includes a small selection of labor-related collections, including those of the Houston Type Setters Union, Local 84, and of the Colored Trainmen of America. Finding aids can be accessed on the Texas Archival Resources Online website (<http://www.lib.utexas.edu/taro/index.html>).

Texas Labor Archives, the University of Texas at Arlington

<http://library.uta.edu/spco/>

Contains archival material from hundreds of union locals and labor councils, statewide labor organizations, union political groups, district and regional offices of international unions, and legal firms specializing in labor law, as well as the personal papers of union officials. Collections range in date from 1870 to the present. Augmenting the archival collections are oral history interviews with more than 150 men and women union leaders or labor activists.

Vermont

Special Collections, Bailey/Howe Library, University of Vermont

<http://library.uvm.edu/sc/>

Manuscript materials, photographs, and oral history tapes, including the Archives of the United Stone and Allied Producers of America. Includes documentation of the Vermont marble strike, 1934-1936, the papers of John Lawson, John Spargo, Robert Maisel, William Kemsley (UAW), Ralph Williams (Director of the Vermont Council, AFL-CIO, 1962-1974).

Barre Museum, Archives of Barre History

<http://www.aldrich.lib.vt.us/museum.htm>

Manuscript and non-print holdings include photographs and oral history interviews focusing on the history of Barre City and environs, 1780-present. Concentration on the granite, pitch fork, dairy farm and processing, and tool and die industries. Includes records of the Granite Cutters International, the Cigar Makers Union, the Quarry Workers' Association, the Clerical Workers Union, the AFL-CIO in Vermont, and contemporary National Education Association material, papers pertaining to Samuel Gompers, Clyde Fussill (Local Teachers' Union), and Fred Snitor, (AFL-CIO in Vermont).

Washington

Labor Archives of Washington State, University of Washington Libraries

<http://www.lib.washington.edu/specialcoll/laws>

The Labor Archives of Washington State (LAWS) includes more than 200 separate collections of labor related materials. Labor related manuscript holdings emphasize trades indigenous to the State of Washington and the Pacific Northwest including lumber, woodworking, mining, maritime, and fisheries trades.

The collection is comprised of the following categories of materials of interest to labor historians:

Labor union collections: Many unions have made the Labor Archives the official repository for their historical records -- minutes, office correspondence, membership files, publications and contracts. The collections include the records of the Washington State Federation of Labor, the Washington State Labor Council, and the Central Labor Councils of the most populous counties in the state. Other union collections include: the Industrial Workers of the World, the Inland Boatmen's Union of the Pacific, the Cannery Workers and Farm Laborers Union, the International Longshore and Warehouse Union, and the Office and Professional Employees International Union. The collection also includes materials relating to teachers' unions and nurses' associations. The earliest records are from locals of the Typographers' Union, dating from 1882. Other holdings include records documenting the Everett Massacre of 1916 and the Seattle General Strike of 1919. As well, LAWS' holdings include the personal papers of labor leaders, attorneys, activists, and rank-and-file workers, as well as labor rights supporters.

In addition, related collections in the University of Washington Libraries Special Collections include pro-labor, radical and social justice organizations that supported organized labor, worker's rights, and civil rights. Occupational and professional associations which articulated the interests of workers of different professions are another component of the holdings. As well, the organizational and personal records of labor critics and opponents offer insights into the strategies and motivations of the individuals and organizations against which unions and workers struggled. The industrial history of the region may be charted by the records of employers and employer associations, some of which were the collective bargaining partners of unions. In addition, the collection includes personal papers documenting the lives and occupational histories of workers in the region.

Non-manuscript formats in the collection include memorabilia, ephemera, and oral histories documenting the lives and stories of working men and women. Visual materials include photographs, cartoons, banners, posters, prints, handbills, picket signs and buttons.

Wisconsin

Wisconsin Historical Society Archives

<http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/libraryarchives/>

Includes the records of the Wisconsin State AFL-CIO, 1941-1977, the Industrial Union Council (of Wisconsin), 1937-1958. Records of 12 international unions include the Amalgamated Association of Street, Electric Railway, and Motor Coach Employees, 1889-1959; Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen, 1900-1979; International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, 1901-1974; International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Warehousemen, and Helpers, 1904-1952; and Retail Clerks International Union, 1900-1980. The collection houses the papers of labor leaders such as John L. Lewis, 1879-1969 and Harvey

Kitzman, 1938-1972. The archives' strongest holdings pertain to working class political, reform and radical movements, such as the Socialist Labor Party, 1877-1907, the Socialist Workers Party, 1928-1985, and socialist and radical leaders such as Morris Hillquit, 1895-1943; Harry Laidler, 1913-1959; and Eugene and Peggy Dennis, 1923-1985. The collection also contains photographs, motion pictures, posters, broadsides, and ephemera.

CANADA

Dalhousie University, Archives and Special Collections

http://libraries.dal.ca/collections/archives_special_collections.html

Labour holdings include manuscript material and photographs, 1880s - 2000s. There is a concentration on Nova Scotia unions and local chapters of national and international unions, including the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Canadian Autoworkers, Nova Scotia Highway Workers, United Mine Workers of America, and United Textile Workers of America. The papers of some local and regional labour organizations are also present, including the Nova Scotia Federation of Labour, Liverpool and District Trades and Labour Council, and the Halifax Labour Temple. Labour holdings also include the personal papers of labour and political activists, including Roscoe Fillmore, James Bell, and John Alex McKinnon. Additional labour records can be found in various business collections, such as Oland and Son and Affiliated Companies.

University of British Columbia Library, Special Collections and University Archives Division

<http://www.library.ubc.ca/spcoll/>

Holdings include manuscript material, photographs, and sound recordings, 1889-1980's. Concentration on British Columbia with an emphasis on the forestry, fishing, and mining industries. Includes the papers of Harold Pritchett and Homer Stevens. Holdings document the Rossland Strike of 1901, British Columbia strikes in support of the Winnipeg General Strike of 1919, Operation Solidarity, 1983.

National Archives of Canada

<http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/index-e.html>

Holdings include large manuscript as well as media collections pertaining to organized labor and to social and political movements. Among them, national and regional union organizations such as the Ottawa and District Labour Council fonds, 1899-1989; Canadian Labour Congress fonds 1849-1992, predominant 1884-1984; the Ontario Labour Committee for Human Rights fonds 1945-1972; Canadian Labour Congress collection, 1951-1965. Also represented are workers and unions in the garment, railroads, steel, textiles, and public sectors. See Guide to Canadian Labour History Resources at: <http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/other-topics/index-e.html#d>