

THE IWW DETROIT-ANN ARBOR BRANCH COLLECTION

Papers, 1973-1982  
(Predominantly, 1979-1981)

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The papers of the IWW Detroit-Ann Arbor Branch were placed in the Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs in August and October of 1979 and May of 1982 by Eric Glatz, IWW organizer and were opened for research in October of 1984.

This collection deals primarily with the activities of the Ann Arbor section in the late 1970s and early 1980s. During this time, the branch was instrumental in organizing the employees of several area businesses including a restaurant, print shop and particularly the University of Michigan campus bookstore. The branch also maintained contact with Canadian labor organizations and expressed an interest in contemporary issues regarding the rights of women and senior citizens as well as the economic and foreign policies of the Reagan administration.

The papers of the IWW Detroit-Ann Arbor branch reflect the group's organizing efforts in the Ann Arbor area and their involvement in other social and political concerns.

Important subjects covered in the collection are:

Organizing efforts                      Boycotts and Strikes

Among the important correspondents are:

Frank Cedarvall                      Shelby Shapiro  
Eric Glatz                              Fred Thompson

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Non-manuscript Material:

Approximately 13 photographs and other IWW memorabilia including posters and a membership card have been placed in the Archives Audio-Visual Collection. One issue of the newspaper The Catholic Worker and six issues of On the Line, an anarcho-syndicalist newsletter, received with this collection are available in the Archives Library.

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Series I  
General Office Files, 1973-1982  
Boxes 1-4

Correspondence, reports, bulletins and other items concerning the activities of the IWW Detroit-Ann Arbor Branch. Most of the materials are concerned with the branch's organizing and negotiating efforts in the Ann Arbor area. Files are arranged alphabetically by subject or type of material.

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