

## Frederick W. Thompson Collection

**Papers, 1912-1987  
(Predominantly, 1962-1985)**

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The papers of Frederick W. Thompson were placed in the Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs in January of 1974 and April of 1976 and were opened for research in 1976. Additional papers were added to the collection by Mr. Thompson between September of 1980 and June of 1986 and were opened for research in August of 1986. Papers contained in part 3 of this collection were added in 1986 and 1987 and opened for research in August of 1994.

Frederick W. Thompson was born in St. John, New Brunswick in 1900. He first became interested in the socialist movement at the age of fifteen and began attending Socialist Party meetings at the Trades and Labor Temple in St. John. He was active as a recruiter for the Socialist Party in Canada and he traveled extensively throughout Canada working in saw mills, dry docks, sugar refineries and railroad shops. He joined the O.B.U. (One Big Union) while in Winnipeg in 1920.

Mr. Thompson came to the United States in 1922, where he worked in various jobs along the Pacific Coast. He joined the IWW, the U.S. counterpart of the O.B.U. in San Francisco in 1922. Mr. Thompson was arrested in Marysville, California while distributing IWW newspapers. Convicted under the California criminal syndicalism law, Mr. Thompson spent three years in San Quentin prison with 140 other IWW members. After his release in 1927, he moved to Colorado where he became involved in the coal mine strikes. Mr. Thompson traveled throughout the United States organizing for the IWW.

Mr. Thompson served as General Secretary-Treasurer of the IWW in 1936. He later became editor of *The Industrial Worker*. Mr. Thompson has written two histories of the IWW, *The IWW: Its First Fifty Years* (1955) and, with Patrick Murfin, *The IWW: Its First Seventy Years* (1976). Mr. Thompson has continued to collect materials related to the IWW and to encourage others to do research and write on the history of the union. Mr. Thompson actively continued these pursuits until his death in 1987 in Chicago, Illinois, where he resided.

The papers of Mr. Thompson reflect his involvement with the IWW and his interest in preserving its history. To a lesser degree, the collection illustrates Mr. Thompson's involvement with the Socialist Party and his interest in socialist organizations. In

addition, Mr. Thompson's effort to become a United States citizen is extensively represented in the collection. Mr. Thompson also has collected material on the IWW legal struggle against organizational blacklisting by the attorney general during the 1950s and 1960s.

Related material may be found in the IWW Collection.

**Important subjects covered in the collection are:**

Agricultural Workers Organization (AWO), 1915-1919  
Bisbee Deportation, 1917  
Black longshoremen  
Butte, Montana, 1911-1915  
Canadian Northern Railway Strike  
Centralia, 1919  
Colorado Coal Strikes, 1927-1928  
Finnish Radicalism  
Ben Fletcher  
Elizabeth Gurley Flynn  
Goldfield, Nevada Strike, 1907  
William Haywood  
Joe Hill  
Industrial Workers of the World, 1905-1985  
Frank Little  
Marine Transport Workers Union, 1913-1930s  
Organizational Blacklisting, 1964-1968  
San Diego Free Speech Fight, 1912  
Socialist Party, U.S.A., 1973-1981  
Spokane Free Speech Fight, 1909  
Frederick W. Thompson Citizenship Case, 1939-1964  
B. Traven  
Women in the IWW  
Work Peoples' College

**Important correspondents in the collection include:**

Richard Brazier  
Frank Cedervall  
Bill Chance  
Minnie Corder  
Matt Fox  
Elizabeth Service Fox  
William Henkelman  
Francis McClennigan  
Gibbs Smith  
Theresa Taft  
Charles Velsek  
Virgil Vogel

**Contents**

**31 1/2 manuscript boxes**  
**1 large flat**

**Part 1**

**Series I, Industrial Workers of the World, 1970-1976, Box 1**

Leaflets and literature covering various branch offices and several articles concerning IWW activities.

**Series II, Socialist Party of the U.S.A., 1973-1976, Box 2**

Convention reports and minutes, leaflets, bulletins, and literature on national and local offices.

**Series III, Other Organizations and Committee Materials, 1969-1976, Box 3**

Leaflets, articles, notes, clippings and other material from various organizations in which Mr. Thompson had an interest.

**Series IV, Legal Cases, 1939-1968, Boxes 4-7**

Correspondence, orders, motions, petitions, transcripts, notes, clippings and other materials concerning the legal action to remove the IWW from the attorney general's subversive list and Mr. Thompson's lawsuit against the Immigration and Naturalization Service to obtain United States citizenship.

**Part 2**

**Series V, Industrial Workers of the World, Historical Studies, 1919-1985, Boxes 8-11**

**Subseries A: Studies of IWW Activities, 1919-1985, Boxes 8-11**

Correspondence, manuscripts, clippings and other materials sent to Mr. Thompson by researchers studying the history of the IWW from 1905 to the 1930s.

**Subseries B: The IWW in Art, Fiction and Drama, 1978-1981, Box 11**

Correspondence, manuscripts, clippings and other material sent to Mr. Thompson depicting the history and activities of the IWW in art, fiction and drama from 1905 to 1980.

**Subseries C: IWW Historical Inquiries, 1968-1981, Box 11**

Correspondence between researchers requesting information about the IWW and Mr. Thompson, the IWW historian.

**Series VI, Biographical Materials on IWW Members, 1912-1985, Boxes 11-15**

Correspondence, clippings, articles and other material concerning IWW members and their involvement in strikes, free speech fights and other IWW activities from 1905 to 1985.

**Series VII, Industrial Workers of the World, Branch Activities, 1973-1986, Box 15**  
Newsletters, minutes, leaflets and other material concerning the activities of the IWW and individual IWW branch offices between 1973 and 1986.

**Series VIII, Socialist Party and Socialist Organizations, 1973-1981,**  
Boxes 15-16

Newsletters, leaflets, minutes, convention proceedings, and other materials concerning the Socialist Party, U.S.A. and other socialist organizations in which Mr. Thompson had an interest.

**Series IX, Labor and Socialist Historical Studies, 1917-1986, Boxes 16-20**

Correspondence, manuscripts, leaflets, and other materials concerning various labor and socialist history topics sent to Mr. Thompson by researchers and labor and socialist history organizations.

**Series X, Other Organizations and Activities, 1975-1981, Boxes 20-21, large flat**  
Leaflets, newsletters, clippings, correspondence and other materials from various groups in which Mr. Thompson had an interest.

**Part 3**

**Series XI, IWW Activities, 1962-1987, Boxes 22-27**

Drafts of each chapter of The History of the IWW and The IWW Tells Its Story are included along with manuscripts, notes and information written and collected by Mr. Thompson.

**Series XII, Correspondence, IWW and Socialist Party, 1932-1987,**  
Boxes 28-31

Correspondence, newsletters, minutes and other items collected by Mr. Thompson concerning the IWW, the Socialist Party and topics of interest to him.

**Series XIII, Organizations and Publications, 1961-1985, Box 32**

Clippings, lists and information about progressive and radical organizations, newsletters and government and labor-related publications collected by Mr. Thompson.

**Non-manuscript Material:**

Approximately 30 photographs of IWW members have been placed in the Archives Audiovisual Collection. Numerous newspapers, newsletters and several books received with this collection are available in the Archives Library.

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**Part 1**

**Series I**

**Industrial Workers of the World, 1970-1976**

**Box 1**

Most of the material in this series covers the literature of various IWW branch offices. This includes leaflets, bulletins and events notices. The folders are in alphabetical order by region covered. The second part of the series contains copies of articles and attached correspondence covering movements and special events pertaining to IWW history. These are arranged alphabetically by subject.

**Box 1**

1. IWW Branch Office: Alaska - leaflet, 1976
- 2-5. IWW Branch Office: Chicago - leaflets, newsletters, pamphlets of branch membership, notices of events, 1945, 1975-76
6. IWW Branch Office: Great Britain - newsletter *The Industrial*
7. IWW Branch Office: Guam - leaflets, 1975
8. IWW Branch Office: Hawaii - newsclipping and leaflets, 1975-76
9. IWW Branch Office: New York City - bulletins, notices of events, newsletters and leaflets, 1973-76
10. IWW Branch Office: San Diego - leaflets, 1975
11. IWW Branch Office: San Francisco - newsletters, *Solidarity* and *The Organizer*, and leaflets, 1972-76
12. IWW Branch Office: Seattle - April Bulletin, 1973
13. IWW Branch Office: Toronto, Canada - leaflets, *Industrial Defense Bulletin*, history pamphlet, and newsletters, 1974-75
14. "Fresno Free Speech Fight" article, n.d.
15. "Clarence Irwin and Steelworkers" by Len Calabrese: article on, and Thompson correspondence, 1972
16. "The Kansas Trial of the IWW, 1917-1919: Turning Point in Federal Prosecution" by Clayton R. Koppess - article and Thompson correspondence, 1973
17. "Ludlow Tent Colony and Its Destruction" by Lowell Gudmundson - article and correspondence, 1971
18. "San Diego Free Speech Movement of 1912," by Amy Reichler, article and correspondence, 1974
19. IWW - Special Events - correspondence, leaflets newsclippings on Joe Hill movie (1970) and the Opera "Columbine" (1973)

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**Series II**  
**Socialist Party of the U.S.A., 1973-1976**  
**Box 2**

This series contains materials on the Socialist Party of the U.S.A., both on the national and local level. There are local bulletins and leaflets, and minutes, reports and campaign newsclippings covering the 1974-1976 national conventions and the Socialist Party's president, Frank Zeidler. The series is arranged alphabetically by region, with national materials at the end.

**Box 2**

1. California, Socialist Reconstruction - bulletin and leaflets, 1972
2. Colorado, Denver, Socialist Party's Committee for Socialist Education - bulletins and brief outline of Socialist Party Development since World War II, 1974-75
- 3-7. Illinois: *The Illinois Socialist*, leaflets, bulletins, newsletters, 1973-76
- 8-15. Socialist Party, National - convention minutes, campaign bulletins, newsclippings, reports, platforms, newsletter, 1968-76

**Series III**  
**Other Organizations and Committee Materials, 1969-1976**  
**Box 3**

This is a subject file series covering the activities of various committees, groups and organizations that were of interest to Mr. Thompson. There are pamphlets, notes, newsclippings, bulletins, leaflets, flyers and articles pertaining to each group. The series is arranged alphabetically by organization or subject.

**Box 3**

1. Anarchist materials - pamphlets, newsletters, announcements concerning various anarchist events, 1972-73
- 2-4. Campus, students, and unions - pamphlets, notes, newsclippings, correspondence and leaflets for possible article by Mr. Thompson, 1960's
5. Central Organization of Swedish Workers (S.A.C.) - negotiation meetings, 1969
6. Committee on Canadian Labor History - Bulletin, Spring 1976
7. Committee for Democratic Election Laws - correspondence and report, 1973
8. Computer People for Peace - bulletins and newsletters, 1971, 1973
9. *Libertarian Communism* - bulletin, April 1974
10. Illinois Labor History Society - releases, pamphlets and events, 1970-76
11. May First Demonstration, Chicago - leaflets, 1976
12. Organizations, Other, Chicago - one or two leaflets each from various groups in the Chicago area, 1973-75
13. *Potential Progress* - bulletins from Progress Unlimited, April - June 1948
14. Radical Conferences - leaflets, flyers and newsletters covering various conferences on radical issues, 1973
15. Repression - notes and newsclippings for research material on series of articles Mr. Thompson wrote in the *Industrial Worker*, 1969-70
16. Tyovaen Opists Work People's College - article by Guss Aakula, n.d.

**Series IV**  
**Legal Cases, 1939-1968**  
**Boxes 4-7**

This series contains two legal cases, the first is *Industrial Workers of the World v. Attorney General of the United States*, which was an attempt by the IWW to get its name taken off the Attorney General's subversive organizations list. The second case is *Frederick W. Thompson v. Immigration and Naturalization Service*. Here Mr. Thompson is seeking U.S. citizenship. The cases contain legal briefs, motions, orders, petitions, cases in support, transcripts, lawyers' notes, printed material, and newsclippings. Also included is a section of correspondence relative to both cases. The series is arranged alphabetically.

**Box 4**

- 1-7. IWW v. Attorney General of the United States - account record, complaint, motions, orders, replies, notice of appeals, exhibits and judgments, 1965-68
8. IWW v. Attorney General of the United States - affidavit and verification of General Secretary of the IWW, 1961, 1967
- 9-10. IWW v. Attorney General of the United States - ACLU: Docket of cases and general guide to litigation procedure and practices, May and June 1966
11. IWW v. Attorney General of United States - billings and receipts, 1965-67
12. IWW v. Attorney General of United States - case in support: Harry Reston Bridges, 1941
13. IWW v. Attorney General of United States - case in support: Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee v. J. Howard McGrath, Attorney General of United States, 1950
14. IWW v. Attorney General of United States - case in support: Fiske Decision, notes on case, n.d.
15. IWW v. Attorney General of United States - case in support: McSurely v. Ratcliff, 1967
16. IWW v. Attorney General of United States - case in support: Rudder and Rudder v. United States of America, 1955
17. IWW v. Attorney General of United States - case in support: Progress Development Corp. v. Deerfield Park District, 1962
18. IWW v. Attorney General of United States - case in support: IWW petition of Oskar Sokol
19. IWW v. Attorney General of United States - case in support: Edward L. Spira, Army Discharge Appeal, 1954
20. IWW v. Attorney General of United States - case in support: Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade v. Attorney General of United States, 1967
21. IWW v. Attorney General of United States - Executive Orders Nos. 9835 and 10450: security requirements and memorandums, 1950-51

22. IWW v. Attorney General of United States - *Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications*, 1961

**Box 5**

- 1-2. IWW v. Attorney General of United States - lawyers' notes, n.d.
3. IWW v. Attorney General of United States - list of IWW pamphlets, articles, notes
4. IWW v. Attorney General of United States - newsclippings, 1949-67
5. IWW v. Attorney General of United States - rough drafts by lawyer, n.d.
- 7-14. Case correspondence, 1963-67

**Box 6**

- 1-6. Case correspondence, 1939-62
- 7-21. Frederick W. Thompson v. Immigration & Naturalization Service - petition, motions, orders, replies, preliminary examinations, sworn statement, 1947-64
22. Thompson v. INS - Abstract of transcripts, n.d.
23. Thompson v. INS - Billings and receipts, 1946-61
24. Thompson v. INS - cases in support: Robert F. Kennedy Attorney General v. Francisco Mendoza-Martinez, Dean Rusk, Secretary of State v. Joseph Henry Coit, 1962
25. Thompson v. INS - case in support: Sextheo v. Webb, 1962
26. Thompson v. INS - citizenship notes written by Mr. Thompson, n.d.

**Box 7**

1. Thompson v. INS - drafts and notes, n.d.
- 2-5. Thompson v. INS - lawyers' notes, n.d.
6. Thompson v. INS - newsclippings, 1962-68
7. Thompson v. INS - printed materials: reply, brief for appellee, brief for respondent in opposition, calendar of cases in U.S. Court of Appeals, appeal, 1963-64

**Part 2**

**Series V  
Industrial Workers of the World, Historical Studies, 1919-1985  
Boxes 8-11**

Files relating to the history of the IWW. This series is divided into the following three subseries:

**Subseries A: Studies of IWW Activities, 1919-1985, Boxes 8-11**

Correspondence, manuscripts, clippings and other material received by Mr. Thompson from researchers studying the history of the IWW from 1905 to the 1930s. Subjects include the free speech fights in Fresno, Spokane and San Diego, anti-IWW activities in Bisbee, Arizona, the Pacific Northwest and Alaska, and IWW organizing in the United States, Canada, Latin America, Africa, and Australia. Files are arranged alphabetically by subject.

**Subseries B: IWW in Art, Fiction and Drama, 1978-1981, Box 11**

Correspondence, manuscripts, clippings and other materials sent to Mr. Thompson depicting the history and activities of the IWW in art, fiction and drama from 1905 to 1980. Subjects include plays and films about the IWW in Centralia, Washington, Joe Hill and Mary "Mother" Jones. Files are arranged alphabetically by subject.

**Subseries C: IWW Historical Inquiries, 1968-1981, Box 11**

Correspondence with researchers requesting information about the IWW from Mr. Thompson. Subjects include the women in the New England textile mills, IWW trials, and IWW organizing in Rhode Island, West Virginia, and other states.

## Subseries A

### Box 8

1. Africa; correspondence, 1983-1985
2. Alaska [c.1920-1921]; documents from State Archives, 1985
- 3-10. Alaska, 1919-1921; documents and correspondence, 1985
11. Alaska; correspondence, 1976, 1980
12. "Alaska during World War I"; manuscript, 1984
- 13-14. Alaska Labor Union; minutes, 1919
- 15-16. Australia, 1905-1930; correspondence, 1974-1975, 1984
17. Australia, 1905-1930; notes, n.d.
- 18-20. Agricultural Workers Organization (AWO), 1915-1919; correspondence, 1967-1977
- 21-22. Agricultural Workers Organization (AWO), 1915-1919; notes, 1967, n.d.
- 23-24. Bisbee, 1917; correspondence, 1976-1982
25. Butte, 1911-1915; correspondence, 1979-1984
- 26-28. Butte, 1911-1915; manuscript, [c. 1980]
29. Butte Bulletin, 1917-1924; correspondence, 1965, 1971-1973, 1982
30. Butte Bulletin, 1917-1924; notes, n.d.

### Box 9

1. Canada, 1906-1920; articles, n.d.
- 2-3. Canada, 1906-1920; correspondence, 1970-1977, 1984
4. Centralia, 1919; articles, 1966-1968
5. Centralia, 1919; clippings, 1962, 1969, 1980
- 6-7. Centralia, 1919; correspondence, 1972-1974, 1983-1985
8. Chicago IWW Headquarters; correspondence, 1974
9. Chico and Eureka, Calif.; clippings, 1973, 1981
10. Cleveland; correspondence, 1951, 1959, n.d.
11. Cleveland, 1934-1945; manuscript, 1979
12. Colorado Coal Strike, 1927-1928; correspondence, 1981
13. "Der Klassenkrieg in den USA," 1977
- 14-15. Fresno Free Speech Fight, 1910; correspondence & manuscript, 1971-1973
- 16-17. Goldfield, Nev. Strike, 1906-1907; correspondence, 1978-1979, 1983-1985
- 18-20. Hawaii, c.1911-c.1923; correspondence, 1974-1980
- 21-22. Illinois, c.1906-1920; correspondence, 1964-1977
23. IWW Clippings; 1970, 1977-1978, 1983-1984
24. IWW Local History; correspondence, 1978-1981
25. Latchem, E. W.; correspondence, 1963, 1965
- 26-27. Latin America; correspondence, 1970-1976, 1982
- 28-30. "Le Wobblies del Sur," IWW in Chile and Mexico, 1974

**Box 10**

- 1-3. Marine Transport Workers Union, 1930s; correspondence, 1975-1984
4. Minnesota; correspondence, 1977-1978
5. Paterson Silk Strike, 1913; correspondence & clippings, 1973-1974
6. Philadelphia Marine Transport Workers Union, 1913-1926; corres., 1976-1982
- 7-8. Philadelphia Marine Transport Workers Union, 1913-1926; manuscript, 1975
9. Philadelphia Marine Transport Workers Union, 1913-1926; notes, n.d.
10. Sacramento Trials, 1913-1925; correspondence & manuscript, 1984

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- 11-12. San Diego Free Speech Fight, 1912; correspondence, 1975-1979
- 13-14. San Diego Free Speech Fight, 1912; manuscript, 1974
- 15-24. San Diego Free Speech Fight, 1912; manuscript, 1976
25. San Pedro, 1923-1924; correspondence, 1985
26. Schenectady, N.Y., 1905-1908; correspondence, 1974-1975
27. Spokane Free Speech Fight, 1909; correspondence, 1977

**Box 11**

- 1-6. Wichita Trials, 1917-1919; correspondence & manuscript, 1973-1979
7. Work Peoples' College, 1920s-1930s; correspondence, 1983-1985
8. Yakima, Wash., 1933; correspondence & notes, 1975, 1977

**Subseries B**

9. "Centralia, 1919;" clippings & notes, 1979
10. "The Furies of Mother Jones;" leaflets, 1978
11. "The IWW in Fiction & Drama;" correspondence, 1980
12. "The Triumph of Joe Hill;" lyrics, 1981
13. "Wobbly: Seventy-Five Years of Rebel Art;" pamphlet, n.d.

**Subseries C**

- 14-20. IWW Historical Inquiries; correspondence, 1968-1981

**Series VI**  
**Biographical Material on IWW Members, 1912-1985**  
**Boxes 11-15**

Correspondence, clippings, manuscripts, and other items concerning IWW members from 1912 through 1985. The material, collected by Mr. Thompson, includes biographical information about IWW leaders Joe Hill, William Haywood, Frank Little and other members of the IWW. The series contains correspondence between Mr. Thompson and IWW members and other material received by Mr. Thompson from researchers studying IWW leaders and members, including the manuscript for Joe Hill by Gibbs Smith. Files are arranged alphabetically.

**Box 11**

21. -A-
22. Arrest Records, 1912, 1915, 1918
23. -B-
24. Biography Notes, n.d.
25. -C-
26. Cedervall, Frank; correspondence, 1977-1980
27. Chance, Bill; correspondence, 1981-1982
28. Corder, Minnie; correspondence & clippings, 1943, 1972, 1975, 1979
29. Di Gaetano, Nick; poems & eulogy, 1982

**Box 12**

1. Finnish IWW Members; notes re: interviews, 1968
2. Fletcher, Ben; correspondence & notes, 1972-1984
3. Flynn, Elizabeth Gurley; correspondence, 1976, 1979-1980
4. Fox, Jay; correspondence & notes, 1948, 1974
5. -G-
6. -H-
- 7-8. Hall, Covington, correspondence, manuscript & notes, 1975-1985
- 9-12. Haywood, William; correspondence, 1962-1968, 1973-1976, 1979-1981
13. Haywood, William - "The Wobblies"; correspondence, 1974-1976
- 14-16. Haywood, William - "The Wobblies"; script, 1976-1977
17. Haywood, William - "The Wobblies"; synopsis, 1979
- 18-21. Henkelman, William; correspondence, 1972-1985
22. Henkelman, William; clippings, 1962, 1971, 1975
23. Hill, Joe - Centennial; correspondence, 1977-1979
- 24-29. Hill, Joe; correspondence re: Gibbs Smith book, 1965 - May 1967

**Box 13**

- 1-4. Hill, Joe; correspondence re: Gibbs Smith book, Jun 1967-1971, 1975, 1979, 1982
- 5-8. Hill, Joe; correspondence re: pardon, 1976-1984
- 9. Hill, Joe; F. G. Anderson songs of tribute, 1954, 1978-1979
- 10. Hill, Joe; drama re: trial, 1971, 1980
- 11-14. Hill, Joe; miscellaneous notes & correspondence, 1948, 1961, 1969-1982
- 15-31. Hill, Joe; manuscript for Gibbs Smith book, 1966

**Box 14**

- 1-2. Hill, Joe; manuscript for Gibbs Smith book, 1966
3. Hill, Joe; clippings, 1972, 1976-1980
- 4-5. Hill, Joe; notes re: Gibbs Smith book, 1966-1967
6. -K-
7. Kailaya, Emily; correspondence, 1982
8. Ledford, Craig; article, 1975
- 9-11. Little, Frank; correspondence, 1981-1985
12. -M-
13. Marquart, Frank; articles, 1978, 1984
- 14-15. McClennigan, Francis; correspondence, 1968, 1971-1974
16. -N-
17. O'Hare, Kate Richards; correspondence, 1975-1977
- 18-19. O'Hare, Kate Richards; manuscript, 1975
20. Pfaff, Henry; correspondence & article, 1973, 1979
21. -R-
22. -S-
23. St. John, Vincent; correspondence, 1972-1978
24. Slim, T-Bone; articles, 1975, n.d.
25. Taft, Philip; obituaries, 1976
26. Thompson, Fred; biographical materials, 1979-1981, 1985
27. Trautmann, William; correspondence & notes, 1977
- 28-31. Traven, B.; correspondence & clippings, 1967-1978, 1982
32. Tussey, Dick; correspondence & clippings, 1981
33. Vogel, Virgil; clipping, 1984
34. -W-

**Box 15**

- 1-2. Women in the IWW; correspondence, 1973, 1976, 1978

**Series VII**  
**Industrial Workers of the World, Branch Activities, 1973-1986**  
**Box 15**

Newsletters, minutes, clippings, correspondence, and other items collected by Mr. Thompson concerning the activities of the national IWW and IWW branch offices from 1973 through 1986. Most of the materials are newsletters and leaflets concerning activities of the IWW branches. Files are arranged alphabetically by branch, with the United States branch offices placed first, followed by files of materials concerning nationwide IWW activities in the United States, and then files concerning IWW branches outside the United States.

**Box 15**

3. Bellingham, Wash.; leaflet, 1981
4. Boston; newsletters, 1973-1975, 1978
5. Chicago; correspondence, leaflets, 1973-1977, 1982-1984
- 6-7. Chicago; newsletters, Apr 1976 - Dec 1979
8. Columbia, S.C.; leaflet, n.d.
- 9-10. Detroit-Ann Arbor; leaflets, 1977-1978, n.d.
11. Hawaii; newsletters, clippings, 1974, 1977-1978
12. Juneau, Alaska; leaflets, 1982
13. Los Angeles; leaflet, 1977
14. Madison, Wisc.; leaflets, 1978
15. New York; newsletters, 1978-1979, 1982-1983
16. Portland, Ore.; newsletter, 1974
- 17-18. San Francisco; clippings, 1980
- 19-20. San Francisco; minutes, newsletters, 1973-1974, 1977, 1980
21. Tacoma-Olympia, Wash.; leaflets, minutes, 1974-1978
- 22-23. IWW National Activities, 1976-1979, 1986
24. Australia, newsletters, 1976, 1982-1983
25. Great Britain; newsletters, 1976, n.d.
26. Guam; leaflet, n.d.
27. Toronto; newsletter, 1978
28. Vancouver; newsletters, 1984-1985

**Series VIII**  
**Socialist Party and Other Socialist Organizations, 1973-1981**  
**Boxes 15-16**

Newsletters, leaflets, minutes, convention proceedings, and other materials concerning the activities of the Socialist Party, U.S.A. both on the national and local level from 1973 through 1981. Also included in the series are materials from the Democratic Socialist Organizing Committee from 1974 and "The Oar," a newsletter criticizing the Socialist Party, U.S.A., written by Virgil Vogel. Files are arranged alphabetically by organization and subject.

**Box 15**

29. Democratic Socialist Organizing Committee; pamphlet, n.d.
30. Free Socialist; newsletter, 1977
31. Socialist Party, U.S.A. - California; correspondence, 1978
32. Socialist Party, U.S.A. - Colorado; newsletters, 1975
33. Socialist Party, U.S.A.; financial documents, 1979
34. Socialist Party, U.S.A. - Florida; newsletter, 1979
- 35-36. Socialist Party, U.S.A.; Hammer & Tongs, 1974 - Jan 1977

**Box 16**

1. Socialist Party, U.S.A.; Hammer & Tongs, Apr 1977
2. Socialist Party, U.S.A. - Illinois; correspondence, minutes, 1976-1977
3. Socialist Party, U.S.A. - Illinois; newsletters, 1976-1978
4. Socialist Party, U.S.A. - Labor Work Group, correspondence, 1981
5. Socialist Party, U.S.A. - Massachusetts, leaflet, n.d.
6. Socialist Party, U.S.A. - National Action Committee, minutes, 1979
7. Socialist Party, U.S.A. - National Chairperson, newsletters, 1978
- 8-9. Socialist Party, U.S.A. - National Committee, 1978-1979, n.d.
- 10-14. Socialist Party, U.S.A. - National Convention; proceedings, 1977-1979
15. Socialist Party, U.S.A. - National Office; leaflets, 1973-1974, n.d.
16. Socialist Party, U.S.A. - National Office; newsletters, 1979
17. Socialist Party, U.S.A. - Rhode Island; newsletter, 1979
18. Socialist Party, U.S.A. - Texas; correspondence, leaflets, 1981
19. Socialist Party, U.S.A. - Wisconsin; newsletter, leaflet, 1979, n.d.
- 20-22. "The Oar"; Virgil Vogel newsletter, 1975-1979

**Series IX**  
**Labor and Socialist Historical Studies, 1917-1986**  
**Boxes 16-20**

Correspondence, manuscripts, leaflets and other material concerning various labor and socialist history topics sent to Mr. Thompson by researchers and labor and socialist history organizations. Subjects include the Knights of Labor, the theory of the general strike, the Pullman Porters, Finnish radicalism, labor history films, the Ludlow Tent Colony and socialist women. Files are arranged alphabetically by subject.

**Box 16**

- 23-24. Canadian Labor Poetry; J. S. Wallace, 1942, 1958
- 25-27. Chicago Area Socialist Historians; articles, 1979-1981
- 28-31. Chicago Labor History Tour; guide, n.d.

**Box 17**

- 1-16. Finnish Radicalism; correspondence, manuscripts, 1917, 1973, 1975-1977
- 17. Haymarket Riot, 1886; newspapers, 1986
- 18. "Hobo Attitudes in Light of the Conditions of His World;" manuscript, 1978
- 19-20. "Hobo Attitudes..."; correspondence, 1978-1980
- 21. Illinois Labor History Society; correspondence, 1977

**Box 18**

- 1-3. Illinois Labor History Society; correspondence 1978-1984
- 4. "Integration of the CIO into the Permanent War Economy;" manuscript, n.d.
- 5. Knights of Labor Symposium; correspondence, 1979
- 6-16. Knights of Labor Symposium; manuscripts, 1979
- 17. Labor Education; clippings, newsletters, 1977-1979, 1984
- 18-20. Labor Education; pamphlets, 1978-1979, n.d.
- 21-22. Labor History Films; catalogs, 1977-1978, 1983-1984, n.d.
- 23-26. Labor History Films; correspondence, 1950, 1965-1980

**Box 19**

- 1. Labor History Films; notes, n.d.
- 2-4. Labor History Films; pamphlets, n.d.
- 5-7. Labor History Inquiries; correspondence, 1975-1980, 1984
- 8. Labor History Inquiries; notes, n.d.
- 9-10. Labor History Societies; correspondence, 1975-1982
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