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The papers of Peter H. Amann were placed in the Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs in March of 1985 by Mr. Amann himself and were opened for research in August of 1987.

Peter H. Amann was born in Vienna, Austria on May 31, 1927. After receiving an A.B. from Oberlin College in 1947 and the Masters and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Chicago in 1953 and 1958 respectively, Professor Amann was appointed to a teaching position in 1968 at the University of Michigan's Dearborn, Michigan campus where he was later awarded a Professorship in History. Eighteenth and nineteenth century French history are Professor Amann's areas of academic concentration with the French Revolution of 1848 receiving his particular attention.

The papers of Peter H. Amann reflect his research efforts on the Black Legion, a vigilante organization which operated principally in Michigan and Ohio from 1925 through 1936.

Important subjects covered in this collection are:

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In addition to this collection the Walter P. Reuther Library of Labor and Urban Affairs contains the following primary sources which relate to the Black Legion: the Joe Brown Collection, the Civil Rights Congress Collection, the Henry Kraus Collection, the Edward Levinson Collection, the Walter P. Reuther Collection, the Maurice Sugar Collection, the UAW Research Department Collection, and the oral history of Wyndham Mortimer.

Secondary sources concerning the Black Legion include: High-Treason: The Plot Against the People by Albert Eugene Kahn, and The Black Legion Rides by George Morris.

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