Born in Detroit in 1883 where his immigrant father belonged to the Amalgamated Wood Workers, John Panzner began his union career in the west, where he worked with the IWW in organizing mine and agricultural workers. He served a term at Leavenworth for his union activities. Returning to Detroit he was one of the early organizers in the auto industry. Since the late 1950's, Mr. Panzner has been active in organizing retired workers.

John Panzner gave his personal papers to the Labor History Archives between September-October, 1961 and October, 1963. They are open to use by qualified scholars and researchers.

The papers are in two containers arranged by subjects but in no particular order.

Printed materials pertaining specifically to the IWW have been transferred to the IWW Collection.

Box 1, Articles by Panzner
Personal Newspaper Clippings
Correspondence (2 folders)
"My Land of Liberty"
Chrysler Corporation - John Panzner, May 22, 1934
What Henry Ford is Doing
We Never Called Him Henry
"Purchasing Power for Prosperity"
"Henry Ford on Capital Punishment"
UAW, Miscellaneous Materials
Minutes of Meetings between the UAW and Chevrolet Experimental, Local 235, October 15, 1937 - December 8, 1937
January 5, 1938 - April 6, 1938
Retired Workers, UAW
"An Appeal to the Nation's Courage" - Panzner's Case in 1922

Box 2, Pamphlets on European Labor and Social Reform
Social Reform - U.S. (2 folders
Unions - General, Booklets, Magazines and Reports