

BLANCHE RINEHART COLLECTION

Papers, 1949-1966
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The papers of Blanche Rinehart were placed in the Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs in May of 1972 by Blanche Rinehart and were opened for research in August of 1990.

Blanche Rinehart was born 23 January 1886 and was a long-time Detroit resident, teaching social studies at Northeastern High School in Detroit for many years. During her lifetime she served as executive secretary of the Detroit Federation of Teachers, president of the American Association of University Women, and president of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom.

Ms. Rinehart specialized in the history of Samuel Gompers, from his boyhood to his union activities. Over the years, she contributed many articles about him to labor papers. Her interests in education and Gompers continued after her retirement from teaching in 1950. She was instrumental in the naming of the Samuel Gompers School in Detroit and wrote books and pamphlets about his life specifically for young people.

This collection relates to her writings about Gompers and contains notes, correspondence, and manuscripts.

Important subjects covered in this collection:

Samuel Gompers
Labor History
American Federation of Teachers
Women's International League for Peace and Freedom
Interview with Mary Anderson and Elizabeth Christman

Important Correspondents:

MaryErb
James T. Shotwell
Mark Starr

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Clippings, correspondence, notes related to Ms. Rinehart's manuscripts, and other topics of personal interest.

Series II. Box 2

Manuscripts on Samuel Gompers, and labor issues.

Series I
General Files, 1949-1966
Box 1

Series I contains research and correspondence relevant to Ms. Rinehart's manuscripts on Samuel Gompers, and other items of her personal interests. Files are arranged alphabetically by subject or type of material. They contain correspondence, clippings, and notes.

1. AFL-CIO; correspondence, 1962-64
2. Cooper's Union; clippings, 1959-66
3. David Dubinsky; clippings, 1958-59
4. Mary Erb; correspondence, 1960-61
5. Gompers; clippings, 1955-64
6. Gompers; commemorations, clippings, notes
7. Gompers; notes, correspondence
8. Gompers photographs; clippings, notes, correspondence, 1960-63
9. Gompers School; clippings, notes, 1951-55
10. Gompers and Socialism; notes
11. Labor history; clippings, 1949-62
12. John L. Lewis; interview notes, 1960
13. Notebook, Gompers' copybooks, 1958
14. Notebook, Gompers and teachers, 1962
15. Notebook, interviews with Mary Anderson and Elizabeth Christman, 1958
16. Notebook, WJLPF conference, 1958
17. Notes and Plans of Work
18. Notes and Reading Lists
19. Publishers Correspondence, 1960
20. Publishers Correspondence, Feb-Mar 1961
21. Publishers Correspondence, Apr-Jun 1961
22. Publishers Correspondence, Oct-Nov 1961
23. Publishers Correspondence, Dec 1961
24. Publishers Correspondence, Jan 1962
25. Publishers Correspondence, Feb-Jun 1962
26. Publishers Correspondence, Jul-Dec 1962
27. Publishers Correspondence, Jan-Feb 1963
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30. Publishers List
31. James T. Shotwell; correspondence, 1959-60
32. Mark Starr, correspondence, 1958-60

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Series II
Manuscripts
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Series II contains Ms. Rinehart's manuscripts, most of which are about Samuel Gompers. They are arranged alphabetically. Some folders also contain relevant correspondence, notes, and clippings.

1. American Federation of Teachers History; notes, related correspondence, 1959-64
2. Detroit Labor Marches; 1852-1953
3. "The Evolution of America's Outstanding Labor Leader"; manuscript
4. "From the Cigarmaker's Bench"; final draft
5. "From the Cigarmaker's Bench"; copy corrected by Will Herman, related correspondence, Jan-Oct 1966
6. "From the Cigarmaker's Bench"; incomplete first copy
7. "Gompers' Americanism"; manuscript
8. "Gompers and Japan"; clippings, notes, rough draft
9. "Gompers' Role in the Labor Movement 1860-1924"; manuscripts
10. "My Kind of Fight"; final draft (excluding ch. 14)
11. "My Kind of Fight"; next to last draft
12. "My Kind of Fight"; chapters 10-21 (excluding 14) corrected copy
13. "The Rise of the American Wage Earner Under the Leadership of Samuel Gompers"; manuscript
14. "Role of Gompers in World War I"; manuscript
15. "Samuel Gompers Comes to America One Hundred Years Ago"; published article, 25 Jul 1963
16. "Samuel Gompers' Impact on American Labor"; manuscript
17. "Samuel Gompers' Introduction to America"; manuscript
18. "Samuel Gompers Pioneers for Workers Around the World"; manuscript
19. "William E. Foster and Samuel Gompers"; manuscript, publications, related correspondence, 1961