The papers of Albert Sayer were deposited with the Labor History Archives in June 10, 1970 by Florence Sayer. Albert H. Sayer, a teacher, was born in Springfield, Massachusetts, on October 20, 1907. He died June 17, 1965. Sayer received his bachelors from Harvard where he graduated Phi Beta Kappa. Later, he earned his Masters in economics at Columbia, and co-authored *Economics in Our Democracy* (1950), a high school text book.

For more than thirty years he worked to improve the quality of the New York school system. In 1950 he was vice president of the New York Teachers Guild. However, he left the Guild to help form Local 378 of the C.I.O., a New York teachers' union which was disbanded in 1954. Later Sayer worked in obtaining an A.F.L.-C.I.O. charter which became the United Federation of Teachers where he served as an officer and member of the executive board. At the same time he fought for and became vice president of the Union of School Supervisors.

Albert Sayer also worked to improve the quality of American life. He served as a member and then as chairman of the New York State chapter of Americans for Democratic Action. In the summer of 1964, he and his wife Florence went to Mississippi to help Negro children gain their civil rights.

The most significant series in the collection is "Albert Sayer, Personal." The remainder of the material is primarily secondary sources. However, it could prove useful to a researcher interested in educational finance.

The Albert Sayer Collection covers the period from 1936 to 1965.
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Joyce Martin, Democratic State Committee, New York
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