The papers of W. Jett Lauck were purchased from the Manuscripts Division of the University of Virginia Library, the main depository for the Lauck papers.

W. Jett Lauck was born in Keyser, West Virginia in 1879. He was Associate Professor of Economics and Political Science at Washington and Lee University, 1902-8. Lauck served on several government commissions and committees, including conducting the industrial investigations for the U.S. Immigration Commission, 1907-10; chief examiner for the Tariff Board, 1910-11; managerial expert and consulting statistician for the U.S. Commission of Industrial Relations, 1913-15; economic counselor on the Canadian Commission on Economic Development, 1916; and the U.S. Health Service. Lauck also assisted on the legislative drafting committee of the National Recovery Administration in 1933 and as expert to the Senate Finance Committee on revision of the NRA in 1935. He served as an economist for the United Mine Workers and in 1937 became a consultant economist for the United Automobile, Aerospace, and Agricultural Implement Union.

The papers consist of correspondence between W. Jett Lauck, an advisor to John L. Lewis during the 1930's and Jay Lovestone. A variety of subjects, including factionalism within the United Auto Workers, developments in the labor movement, particularly the CIO under the leadership of John L. Lewis, Communist Party involvement within the CIO, strikes at General Motors by the UAW in the late 1930's and the International Ladies Garment Workers Union under David Dubinsky, are discussed.

The collection contains material for the years 1913, 1926, 1935-1947.

Note: Researchers utilizing the W. Jett Lauck Collection in the Archives of Labor History and Urban Affairs are requested to complete the RESEARCHER'S RECORD AND STATISTICAL FORM provided in the collection by the University of Virginia.

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Microfilm of W. Jett Lauck Diaries

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