The papers of Mr. Lucien Koch were placed in the Archives of Labor History & Urban Affairs on April 10, 1972.

Lucien Koch was born at Mt. Scott, a suburb of Portland, Oregon on June 29, 1907. His father was an immigrant from Germany, his mother, from Switzerland.

Mr. Koch attended a one-room school and then high school in Oregon City, Oregon until his sophomore year. He then continued his education at Llano Cooperative Colony, Leesville, Louisiana and at Commonwealth College, both at Leesville and at Mena, Arkansas. Mr. Koch remained at Commonwealth as student, instructor and Director from 1923 to 1935.

Commonwealth College was a co-operative labor college. The students earned their keep through agricultural labor and studied liberal arts and labor movement related subjects.

Mr. Koch received a Masters Degree in Economics from the University of Wisconsin in 1931. He also served as a faculty member there.

From 1935 to 1937 he conducted research for the N.R.A. and U.S. Department of Labor. From 1937 to 1943 he worked for the Industrial Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers of America. Mr. Koch served on the National War Labor Board from 1943 till 1946 when he returned to the I.U.M.S.W.A. From 1947 till the end of 1949 he served as an economist for the Federal Security Agency. In 1949 Mr. Koch joined the staff of Murray W. Latimer, Industrial Relations Consultant. From 1951 till his retirement he was on the staff of the Air Line Pilots Association.

In 1948-49 Mr. Koch was the subject of a series of Federal Security investigations and hearings, stemming from his association with Commonwealth College. These investigations resulted in his dismissal from Federal service.

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