The papers of Franz E. Daniel were placed in the Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs in September of 1976 by members of the Daniel family and were opened for research in April of 1977. Additional papers were deposited by Newman Jeffrey in May of 1983 and were opened for research in July of 1986.

Franz E. Daniel was born in Osceola, Missouri, on April 4, 1904. After an education in the Springfield, Missouri public schools, Mr. Daniel received a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Wisconsin in 1925, and then attended the Union Theological Seminary for three years. In August of 1930, Mr. Daniel left school and became an organizer for the Socialist Party in Philadelphia.

In January of 1933, Mr. Daniel became an organizer for the Amalgamated Clothing Workers, and organized workers in the steel, auto, and rubber industries. He served as assistant director of the Textile Workers Organizing Committee in the South from 1936 to 1943. After breaking away from the CIO, the United Mine Workers began raiding other unions. In March of 1943, Mr. Daniel was dispatched to LaFollette, Tennessee to persuade clothing workers to remain with the CIO rather than affiliating with the United Mine Workers District 50 "catch-all unit." He was beaten and shot, but escaped injury when his wallet stuffed with news clippings deflected the bullet.

From June 1943 to 1945, Mr. Daniel served as a representative on the United Labor Committee, and was active in a number of political campaigns on behalf of the Political Action Committee of the CIO. In 1945, he acted as Washington representative of the Industrial Committee of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers. Daniel served as a regional director for the CIO, first in South Carolina, 1946-1947; then North Carolina, 1947-1950; and finally the Rocky Mountain States, 1950-1953. From 1954 to 1955, he held the position of assistant to Walter Reuther, President of the CIO. From 1955 to 1963, Mr. Daniel served as Assistant Director of Organization for the AFL-CIO, and then representative to the Industrial Union Department of the AFL-CIO, from 1964 to 1969. Mr. Daniel retired after thirty-six years of service, in May of 1969.

In 1966, Mr. Daniel returned to Springfield, Missouri, and became involved in establishing a Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, active in the Missouri Democratic Party, and began writing book reviews for the Springfield News and Leader, 1967-1975. After his retirement, Mr.
Mr. Daniel married Elizabeth Day Hawes on November 6, 1934. She also was an organizer for the Textile Workers Union in the South in the 1930s and 1940s. They were the parents of three sons: George, James and John. George died on November 5, 1946, at the age of three. Mr. Daniel and Ms. Hawes separated in 1965. Mr. Daniel died August 19, 1976, in Springfield.

The papers of Mr. Daniel reflect his work with various union organizations, his family affairs, and his active involvement in community affairs.

Important subjects covered in the collection are: Alcoholism and labor
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   Staunton Calvert
   Jacob Clayman
   Nelson H. Cruikshank
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   Margaret Daniel
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