

THE HENRY J. PFAFF COLLECTION

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The papers of Henry J. Pfaff were placed in the Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs in August of 1974 by Mr. Pfaff and were opened for research in December of 1985.

Henry J. Pfaff was born in Hungary of German parentage in 1896. Dropping out of school at the age of fifteen he emigrated to the United States in 1911, settling in Akron, Ohio, with relatives. During the decade of the teens he lived primarily in Akron, Ohio working at laboring jobs in various rubber plants. In 1922 he moved to Buffalo, New York where he operated a series of gas stations during the 1920's and 1930's.

The papers of Mr. Pfaff consist primarily of several pieces of correspondence in which he reminisces at length about his itinerant labors and his abortive unionizing efforts in the rubber companies, the operations of the International Workers of the World (I.W.W.) and the various strikes in the rubber industry, especially the Akron strike of 1913. His autobiographical notes include commentary on various economic and political philosophies and their impact on society and the working class. His papers also include several original poems.

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