

## THE FLOYD HOKE-MILLER COLLECTION

Papers, 1939-1977  
(Predominantly, 1939-1954)

1 linear foot

Accession Number 903 L.C.  
Number MS

The papers of Floyd Hoke-Miller were placed in the Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs in January 1979 by Mr. Hoke-Miller, and were opened for research in August of 1983.

Floyd Hoke-Miller was born in Fort Mayberry, Arkansas, around the turn of the century. He attended high school, and by 1939 was a worker at the Chevrolet plant in Flint. Mr. Hoke-Miller was a member of the UAW Local 659, was active in the CIO until about 1948, and was a dedicated advocate of the IWW philosophy. As of 1979 he was a resident of Flint, Michigan.

Mr. Hoke-Miller's papers consist mostly of poems and articles, especially a column entitled "A Laborer Looks at Life", which were published in the Flint area CIO Auto Worker (1939-1941), and later in Local 659's Search-light (1942- ). He also wrote regularly for the IWW Industrial Worker. Throughout his writings he also used such names as: Vickey Van and F.E. Lloyd, and all his works reflect his belief in One Big Union, his pacifism and his enthusiasm for the tenets of the IWW.

Important subjects covered in the collection are:

IWW philosophy  
One Big Union (OBU)

Pacifism  
Reuther, Walter (2:5)

Contents

2 manuscript boxes

Series I, Poems and Articles, 1939-1976, Boxes 1-2:

Original and published materials by Floyd Hoke-Miller, written mainly for the Flint CIO Auto Worker, the Industrial worker and Searchlight.

Series II, Other Materials, 1946-1977, Box 2:

Newspaper clippings and one short biographical sheet.

Non-manuscript material:

Approximately 35 complete issues of the Flint CIO area Auto Worker, 1939-1940; 8 issues of Searchlight, published by LAW Local 659, 1947, 1969, 1975-1977; 2 issues of the Detroit Auto worker, 1940; and a 1946 IWW constitution and set of by-laws have been placed in the Archives Library.

Series I  
Poems and Articles, 1939-1976  
Boxes 1-2

Original and published materials, primarily for the Flint CIO Auto Worker, the IWW Industrial Worker and Searchlight, published by UAW Local 659 In Flint, from 1939 to about 1954. There are a few later pieces and a folder of sample poems called "Politics in Blood". These materials are arranged chronologically.

Box 1

- 1-2. Poems and articles; Flint CIO Auto Worker, Aug-Dec 1939 3-5. Poems and articles; Auto Worker and Industrial Worker, 1940-Mar 1941 6-12. Poems and articles; Searchlight and Industrial Worker, 1942-Jun 1947

Box 2

- 1-7. Poems and articles; Searchlight and Industrial Worker, Jul 1947-1976  
8. Poems and articles; Searchlight and Industrial Worker (1950s?)  
9. "Politics in Blood" (n.d.): Sample for collection of poems

Series II  
Other Materials, 1946-1977  
Box 2

Newspaper clippings and one short biographical sheet.

Box 2

10. Biographical material (n.d.)  
11. Newspaper clippings, 1946, 1975-77