

Agnes Burns Wieck Collection

**Papers, 1908-1985
(Predominantly, 1920s-1960s)**

**3 linear feet
3 storage boxes**

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Agnes Burns Wieck was born on January 4, 1892 to a coal mining family in Sandoval, Illinois. In 1915, she trained as an organizer for the Women's Trade Union League and married coal miner and union activist Edward A. Wieck in 1921. A few years later, she joined the staff of the *Illinois Miner*, beginning a long career in journalism. During the 1932 strike that led to the formation of the Progressive Miners of America, Ms. Wieck became involved in the founding of the organization's Illinois Women's Auxiliary and was subsequently elected its first president. The Auxiliary dissolved within two years, however, when the United Mine Workers rejected a proposal to form a national women's auxiliary. In 1934, Agnes Wieck moved to New York City with her husband, where she remained active in the labor and women's movements as editor of *The Woman Today*. She died on October 22, 1966.

The Agnes Burns Wieck Collection consists primarily of correspondence with her family and labor activists, articles written by Ms. Wieck and her husband and other material reflecting her involvement with the Illinois Women's Auxiliary of the Progressive Miners of America. Some of the folders contain her son, David Thoreau Wieck's notes on their contents. Related material may be found in the Edward A. Wieck Collection.

PLEASE NOTE: Folders are computer-arranged alphabetically in this finding aid, but may actually be dispersed throughout several boxes in the collection. Note carefully the box number for each folder heading.

Important subjects in the collection:

Coal miners--Illinois
Illinois Workers' Alliance
Progressive Miners of America
Progressive Miners of America--Illinois Women's Auxiliary
Women in the labor movement
Women's rights--United States

Important correspondents in the collection:

Jane Addams
Douglas B. Anderson
Mary Anderson
Jack Battuello
Eugene V. Debs
Katie DeRorre
Robert M. Lovett
Ada Mayer

Hank Mayer
A. J. Muste
Bette Norman
Loren Norman
Tom Tippet
Mary Van Kleeck
David Thoreau Wieck
Edward A. Wieck

Non-manuscript material:

A few photographs and a button have been placed in the Archives Audiovisual Collection.

Box-folder	Folder heading
2-39	<i>Absolutist, The</i> , 1946
2-37	ACLU, 1933
2-35	Allard, Gerry; correspondence, 1941
2-38	Amalgamated Co-op, n.d.
2-36	Amnesty, 1945-46
2-31	Barrette, Anthony; correspondence, 1966
2-30	Battuello, Jack; correspondence, 1937-75
2-25	Burns family, 1913-66
2-28	Burns, Gilbert; correspondence, 1927-38
2-27	Burns, Gordon; correspondence, 1936-37, 1951
1-20 thru 31	Cobb, Amelia; correspondence, 1923-62
1-19	Cobb family correspondence, 1936-47
2-7	Correspondence, 1955-66
2-4	Correspondence, certificates, 1926-50
2-23	DeRorre, Katie, 1933-38, 1960-61, 1990
2-24	Debs, Eugene V., 1908-25
2-20	Du Quoin boys, 1934-41
2-29	Du Quoin boys, Barry Bossetto; correspondence, 1937-41
1-4 thru 5	Family correspondence, 1935-63
2-45	Fathergill, Elizabeth; correspondence, 1933-41
2-13	Goodrich, Carter; correspondence, 1924-32
2-12	Hapgood, Powers; articles about, 1925
2-11	Herrin, Illinois riots, 1922
2-2	Lovett, Robert M.; correspondence, 1923-50
2-5	Mayer, Ada and Hank; correspondence, 1949-65
2-1	Meyer, Agnes, 1943
2-46 thru 47	Militant Left-Wing Miners of America; <i>The Fighting Miner</i> , 1933-34
2-3	Mother Jones' funeral, 1930
1-1	National Women's Trade Union League, 1910-31
1-33	Norman, Loren and Bette; correspondence, 1940s
1-32	Progressive Miners of America; Illinois Women's Auxiliary, 1932-34
2-32 thru 34	Progressive Miners of America; Illinois Women's Auxiliary-corres., n.d., 1932-37, 1950
3-1 thru 2	Progressive Miners of America and their Auxiliary; clippings scrapbooks, 1930's
1-18	Russell Sage Foundation; correspondence, 1957-60
1-12	Schloeman, Ollie; correspondence, 1934-37
2-18	Scopes trial; correspondence from Edward Wieck, 1925 July
1-15	Staunton, Illinois, 1908-23
1-14	Tippett, Tom, 1925-33
1-13	Tippett, Tom; correspondence, 1932-45

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1-11	United Mine Workers of America, 1926-34
1-9	Van Kleeck, Mary; correspondence, 1959-63
1-10	<i>Visions for Boys and Girls of Illinois Miners</i> , 1928
1-16	Wieck, Agnes Burns; articles, 1917-27
2-26	Wieck, Agnes Burns; "Condemned uv God", 1925
2-22	Wieck, Agnes Burns; diary, 1920s
2-10	Wieck, Agnes Burns; <i>Illinois Miner</i> articles, 1923-27
2-8	Wieck, Agnes Burns; interviews, 1933-34
2-9	Wieck, Agnes Burns; memoir, Illinois College history conference, 1985
1-3	Wieck, Agnes; <i>Illinois Mines</i> and <i>Bellville News-Democrat</i> articles, 1920s
1-2	Wieck, Agnes; <i>The Woman Today</i> articles, 1936-37
2-40 thru 44	Wieck, David Thoreau; correspondence, 1943-46
2-21	Wieck, David Thoreau; diary, 1933
2-14	Wieck, Edward; articles, 1923-26
2-19	Wieck, Edward; correspondence, 1918, 1920-21
2-16	Wieck, Edward; diary, 1923 Aug-Sep
2-17	Wieck, Edward; funeral, 1959
2-6	Wieck, Edward; magazine correspondence, 1922-35
2-15	Wieck, Edward; manuscripts, 1920s
1-7	Wieck family correspondence, 1916-49
1-8	Wieck, John and Elvin; correspondence, 1952-54
1-6	Wilson, Edmund, 1932-50
1-17	Yereb, John, 1922