The papers of the Iron Molders’ Union were placed in the Archives of Labor History and Urban Affairs in May of 1973 by Jonathan Grossman.

The National Molders’ Union, comprised of eighteen locals, was formed in Philadelphia in 1859. The group was organized mainly through the efforts of William H. Sylvis. With the disruption of the Civil War the National Molders’ Union collapsed. The Union was soon revived under the name of the Iron Molders’ International Union with Sylvis as the president.

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3. Weekly reports of the Organizer, October, 1893-November, 1894.
4. The International Journal - May, 1866.
5. Iron Molders’ International Journal. July, August, September, 1871; June, 1872; January 31, 1873; April 30, 1874; April 10, 1876.