The Papers of the Democratic Socialists of America were placed in the Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs in January of 1984 and were opened for research in April of 1990.

The Democratic Socialists of America, also known as DSA, received its name in 1982 after the merger of the Democratic Socialists Organizing Committee, also known as DSOC, and the New American Movement, also known as NAM. The 1982 merger was not without debate, and resolution among members of DSOC. The collection is indicative of the mandate of the DSA, as well as their stand on social issues and labor issues, and reflects the general workings of the Detroit local before, during and after the merger, showing the evolution of the group.

The collection also reflects, to a letter degree, the views of the volunteers working within the DSA at both the National and Local levels.

Important subjects covered in the collection are:

- The 1982 DSOC/NAM merger
- Pole town
- The Latin American Dilemma
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Among the important correspondents are:

- Raymond E. Majerus Irving
- Bluestone Michael
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