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Summary Information

Repository:	Walter P. Reuther Library
Creator:	Rinehart, Blanche
Title:	Blanche Rinehart Papers
ID:	LP000114
Date [inclusive]:	1949-1966
Physical Description:	1 Linear Feet (2 MB)
Language of the Material:	English
Language of the Material:	Material entirely in English.
Abstract:	This collection includes correspondence, drafts and manuscripts relating to Rinehart's biography of Samuel Gompers. Also included are interviews with Mary Anderson, Elizabeth Christman and Mary Erb.

Citation Style

"Blanche Rinehart Papers, Box [#], Folder [#], Walter P. Reuther Library, Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs, Wayne State University"

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History

Blanche Rinehart was born on January 23, 1886, and was a long-time Detroit resident. She taught social studies at Northeastern High School in Detroit for many years. During her lifetime she served as executive secretary of the Detroit Federation of Teachers, president of the American Association of University Women and president of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom. Ms. Rinehart specialized in the history of Samuel Gompers, from his boyhood to his union activities. Over the years, she contributed many articles about him to labor papers. She wrote books and pamphlets about his life specifically for young people. Rinehart's interests in education and Gompers continued after her retirement from teaching in 1950, and she was instrumental in the naming of the Samuel Gompers School in Detroit.

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Scope and Content

This collection contains notes, correspondence and manuscripts relating to Rinehart's writings about Gompers.

Series Description: Series 1: Clippings, correspondence, notes related to Rinehart's manuscripts, and other topics of personal interest.

Series 2: Manuscripts on Samuel Gompers and labor issues. Some folders also contain relevant correspondence, notes, and clippings.

Important subjects and correspondents: Samuel Gompers. Labor History. American Federation of Teachers. Women's International League for Peace and Freedom. Interview with Mary Anderson and Elizabeth Christman. Mary Erb. James T. Shotwell. Mark Starr.

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Arrangement

Arranged in 2 series: Series 1 (Box 1), Series 2 (Box 2). Folders are arranged alphabetically by subject or type of material.

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Publication Statement

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Acquisition

The papers of Blanche Rinehart were placed in the Reuther Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs in May 1972 by Blanche Rinehart.

Processing History

Finding aid written by Walter P. Reuther Library in August 1990.

Access

Collection is open for research.

Use

Refer to the Walter P. Reuther Library Rules for Use of Archival Materials.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Labor unions--History
- Labor literature
- American Federation of Labor
- Gompers, Samuel, 1850-1924

Collection Inventory

Series 1: General Files, 1949-1966

Title/Description	Instances	
AFL-CIO; correspondence, 1962-1964	1	folder 1
Cooper's Union; clippings, 1959-1966	1	folder 2
David Dubinsky; clippings, 1958-1959	1	folder 3
Mary Erb; correspondence, 1960-1961	1	folder 4
Gompers; clippings, 1955-1964	1	folder 5
Gompers; commemorations, clippings, notes	1	folder 6

Gompers; notes, correspondence	1	folder 7
Gompers photographs; clippings, notes, correspondence, 1960-1963	1	folder 8
Gompers School; clippings, notes, 1951-1955	1	folder 9
Gompers and Socialism; notes	1	folder 10
Labor history; clippings, 1949-1962	1	folder 11
John L. Lewis; interview notes, 1960	1	folder 12
Notebook, Gompers's copybooks, 1958	1	folder 13
Notebook, Gompers and teachers, 1962	1	folder 14
Notebook, interviews with Mary Anderson and Elizabeth Christman, 1958	1	folder 15
Notebook, WJLPF conference, 1958	1	folder 16
Notes and Plans of Work	1	folder 17
Notes and Reading Lists	1	folder 18
Publishers Correspondence, 1960	1	folder 19
Publishers Correspondence, 1961 February-March	1	folder 20
Publishers Correspondence, 1961 April-June	1	folder 21
Publishers Correspondence, 1961 October-November	1	folder 22
Publishers Correspondence, 1961 December	1	folder 23
Publishers Correspondence, 1962 January	1	folder 24
Publishers Correspondence, 1962 February-June	1	folder 25
Publishers Correspondence, 1962 July-December	1	folder 26
Publishers Correspondence, 1963 January-February	1	folder 27
Publishers Correspondence, 1963 March-August	1	folder 28
Publishers Correspondence, 1963 September-1966 May	1	folder 29
Publishers List	1	folder 30
James T. Shotwell; correspondence, 1959-1960	1	folder 31
Mark Starr, correspondence, 1958-1960	1	folder 32

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Series 2: Manuscripts

Title/Description	Instances
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American Federation of Teachers history; notes, related correspondence, 1959-1964	2	folder 1
Detroit Labor Marches, 1852-1953	2	folder 2
"The Evolution of America's Outstanding Labor Leader"; manuscript	2	folder 3
"From the Cigarmaker's Bench"; final draft	2	folder 4
"From the Cigarmaker's Bench"; copy corrected by Will Herman, related correspondence, 1966 January-October	2	folder 5
"From the Cigarmaker's Bench"; incomplete first copy	2	folder 6
"Gompers' Americanism"; manuscript	2	folder 7
"Gompers and Japan"; clippings, notes, rough draft	2	folder 8
"Gompers' Role in the Labor Movement 1860-1924"; manuscripts	2	folder 9
"My Kind of Fight"; final draft (excluding ch. 14)	2	folder 10
"My Kind of Fight"; next to last draft	2	folder 11
"My Kind of Fight"; chapters 10-21 (excluding 14), corrected copy	2	folder 12
"The Rise of the American Wage Earner Under the Leadership of Samuel Gompers"; manuscript	2	folder 13
"Role of Gompers in World War I"; manuscript	2	folder 14
"Samuel Gompers Comes to America One Hundred Years Ago"; published article, 1963 July 25	2	folder 15
"Samuel Gompers' Impact on American Labor"; manuscript	2	folder 16
"Samuel Gompers' Introduction to America"; manuscript	2	folder 17
"Samuel Gompers Pioneers for Workers Around the World"; manuscript	2	folder 18
"William E. Foster and Samuel Gompers"; manuscript, publications, related correspondence, 1961	2	folder 19

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