

THE DORIS B. WHEELER COLLECTION

Papers 1902-1960
(Predominantly, 1932-1957)

.75 linear feet

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The papers of Doris B. Wheeler were placed in the Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs in October of 1972 by Doris B. Wheeler and were opened for research in July of 1983.

Doris Wheeler was the Educational Director of the southwestern region of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union. She was married to Paul Preisler who helped found AFT Local 420 in St. Louis, Missouri, of which she was a charter member. She later married Maurice R. Wheeler who was on the executive committee of the Joint Progressive Caucus of the AFT which fought communist influence in the union. She actively participated in the caucus which succeeded in defeating the communists at the 1940 AFT convention. Correspondence from Ms. Wheeler relating to this can be found in the Stanton and Nancy Smith Collection.

This collection consists of songbooks and songsheets gathered by Ms. Wheeler while with the ILGWU. There are labor songs, folksongs, and songs of radical groups. Some of the songs are from the Brookwood Labor College, the ILGWU, and the IWW.

Box 1

1. Brookwood Chautauqua Songs
2. Cooperative Song Service
3. Folksongs
4. Industrial Workers of the World Songs
- 5-6. ILGWU Songs, c. 1934-57
7. The People's Songbook, A. Lomax
8. Radical Songs, c. 1902-33

Box 2

1. Radical Songs, c. 1902-33 (cont'd)
2. Songs of Work and Freedom, E. Fowke and J. Glazer
3. Students for Democratic Action Songbook, 1951
4. Worker' Songs