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Summary Information

Repository:	Walter P. Reuther Library
Creator:	Leggett, John C.
Title:	John C. Leggett Papers
ID:	LP001012
Date [inclusive]:	Circa 1955-1960.
Physical Description:	6 Linear Feet (6 SB)
Language of the Material:	English
Language of the Material:	Material entirely in English.
Abstract:	Collection consists of documents related to sociologist John C. Leggett's career. Primarily includes research related to Leggett's book <i>Class, Race, and Labor: Working Class Consciousness in Detroit</i> .

Citation Style

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

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History

John C. Leggett was born in 1930 in Detroit, MI. He received his bachelor's degree, two master's degrees in political science and sociology, and his doctoral degree in sociology from the University of Michigan. He was the author of numerous books and articles on a variety of subjects but his main focus was on the impacts of class and race on society.

In 1960, Leggett began conducting surveys of Detroit residents. The surveys were used by Leggett as the basis of his book, *Class, Race, and Labor: Working Class Consciousness in Detroit*, published by Oxford University Press in 1968.

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Scope and Content

The collection consists of writings and research related to John C. Leggett's career as a sociologist. Primarily, the collection contains surveys of Detroit residents conducted for Leggett's book, *Class, Race, and Labor: Working Class Consciousness in Detroit*.

Leggett established strict parameters for the surveys. Interviewers were required to confirm that survey respondents be male heads of household, with specific restrictions related to income, race/ethnicity, and place of birth. Surveys were conducted via in-person interviews at respondent households.

The survey contained questions related to respondents' race/ethnicity, employment, and political affiliations. Additional questions asked for participants' opinions on labor unions, strikes, and feelings toward other races/ethnicities.

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Arrangement

Folders are listed by their location within each box . Folders containing surveys are arranged in numerical order.

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Publication Statement

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Acquisition

Donated by John C. Leggett on November 3, 1980.

Processing History

Processed and finding aid written by Jared Quist on February 20, 2020.

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

- Detroit (Mich.)
- Detroit -- Economic conditions
- Labor
- Race relations

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Instances	
Academic writings	Box 1	folder 1
IBM survey keys	Box 1	folder 2
Surveys 1-7	Box 1	folder 3
Surveys 8-14	Box 1	folder 4
Surveys 15-21	Box 1	folder 5
Surveys 22-30	Box 1	folder 6
Surveys 31-50	Box 1	folder 7
Surveys 51-60	Box 1	folder 8

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Surveys 61-85	Box 2	folder 1
Surveys 86-110	Box 2	folder 2
Surveys 111-135	Box 2	folder 3
Surveys 136-160	Box 3	folder 1
Surveys 161-185	Box 3	folder 2
Surveys 186-210	Box 3	folder 3
Surveys 211-218	Box 3	folder 4
Surveys 219-223	Box 4	folder 1
Surveys 224-227	Box 4	folder 2
Surveys 236-260	Box 4	folder 3
Surveys 261-275	Box 4	folder 4
Surveys 277-282	Box 4	folder 5
Surveys 283-286	Box 4	folder 6
Surveys 287-290	Box 4	folder 7
Surveys 291-305	Box 4	folder 8
Surveys 306-320	Box 4	folder 9
Surveys 321-345	Box 5	folder 1
Surveys 346-370	Box 5	folder 2
Surveys 371-379	Box 5	folder 3
Surveys 380-390	Box 5	folder 4
Surveys 391-410	Box 5	folder 5
Surveys 411-419	Box 6	folder 1
Draft research articles	Box 6	folder 2
Payment notes	Box 6	folder 3
Uncoded or ineligible surveys	Box 6	folders 4-5
Subjects ineligible for various reasons	Box 6	folder 6
Gurley interviews - validity questioned	Box 6	folders 7-11
Ineligible due to ethnicity	Box 6	folder 12
Coded interviews	Box 6	folder 13
Subjects ineligible due to occupation	Box 6	folder 14