

## THE CHARLES ASHLEIGH COLLECTION

Papers, 1973, 1975

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The papers of Charles Ashleigh were placed in the Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs in January of 1983 by Dr. Anthony Carew, lecturer with the Department of Management Sciences at the University of Manchester, England and opened for research in February of 1984.

The collection consists of transcripts of interviews with Mr. Ashleigh conducted by representatives of the Sussex Society for the Study of Labour History in 1973 and 1975. As a youth, Mr. Ashleigh became interested in anarchism and radical philosophy. He left his native England for Argentina in 1909, working on a railroad there before coming to the United States in September of 1912. He joined the IWW two months later. He traveled extensively throughout the United States, finding employment with several metropolitan newspapers. In addition, he conducted lectures on socialism. Mr. Ashleigh testified at the government trials of Bill Haywood and other IWW members in 1917 and 1918 and left the United States shortly thereafter. He continued his travels, visiting the Soviet Union in 1922. There he worked for the Comintern. In that same year he departed for India as a Comintern representative under the alias Danda Lal but was arrested and deported.

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Transcripts of interviews with Charles Ashleigh describing his personal experiences with the IWW and other radicals in the years prior to and during World War I as well as the early 1920's.

Folder 1 - Interviews, 1973, 1975