

**National Founders Association Records**

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1905-1911, bulk 1905-1909

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**Abstract**

The National Founders Association was an early 20<sup>th</sup> Century labor union that represented foundry workers and other metal workers. The union was mainly represented in the upper-Midwest, with its national headquarters in Detroit, MI and with other regional offices in Minneapolis, MN. During the union's existence, it found itself in conflict with a similar union, The Molder's Union, over the issue of open shop vs. closed shop foundries.

The records in this collection detail the Presidential Election of 1908, the state of the National Founders Association, and its interaction with other labor movements in the late 1900s. The main focus is the administration of the union. The majority of the material is newspaper clippings and correspondences between the heads of the National Founders Association.

**Important Subjects:**

Labor unions—1900-1910  
Labor unions and Socialism  
Presidential elections—1900-1910  
Open shop  
Closed shop  
Los Angeles Times bombing, 1910

**Important Names:**

Berger, Victor L., 1860-1929  
Briggs, O.P.  
Carpenter, Henry A.  
Gompers, Samuel, 1850-1924  
Hutchins, F.W.  
McLintock, A.E.

**Arrangement**

Folders are listed by their location within each box. They are not necessarily arranged, so any given subject may be dispersed throughout the entire collection.

**Box 1**

1. Wanted Poster
2. John Judge
3. Correspondence
4. Correspondence
5. Correspondence
6. Correspondence
7. Correspondence
8. Correspondence
9. Pamphlets
10. Reports
11. Newspaper Clippings
12. Newspaper Clippings