

## **Sidney Rosen Collection**

**Papers, 1921-1980  
(Predominantly, 1948-1980)**

**1 linear foot  
1 storage box**

Accession #1793  
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The papers of Sidney Rosen were placed in the Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs by Annetta Miller in July of 2000 and opened for research in December of 2002.

Sidney Rosen was born on June 19, 1905 in Brooklyn, New York and moved to Detroit in 1925. From 1933 to 1940 he sold insurance for John Hancock and organized the first insurance union in the United States. He owned an eastside Detroit jewelry store from 1940 to 1955 and participated in many of the political struggles of the period, serving as treasurer of the Progressive Party of Michigan from 1948 to 1953.

During the civil rights struggles of the 1960's and 70's he helped raise money in support of embattled Recorder's Court Judge George W. Crockett, Jr., local Black Panthers—the Detroit 15—charged with conspiracy to murder a Detroit police officer, and the Attica Prison riot defendants. In 1975 Coleman Young, an ally from the Progressive Party days, called on Rosen to join his administration as director of a newly formed Senior Citizens Department, where he served until 1992.

Sidney Rosen married Maxine Fisher in 1931 and they had two children, Michael and David. He died April 24, 1994.

The Sidney Rosen Collection documents his involvement in fundraising for civil rights and civil liberties causes as well as his work for the Progressive Party of Michigan.

### **Important subjects in the collection:**

Black Panther Party--Michigan--Detroit  
Progressive Party--Michigan

### **Important correspondents in the collection:**

C.B. Baldwin  
Thelma Dale  
Pete Seeger  
Jerome Shore  
(Senator) Glen H. Taylor

**Non-manuscript material:**

A few photographs received with the collection have been placed in the Archives Audiovisual Department.

**Related Collections**

George W. Crockett, Jr.  
Ernest Goodman  
Michigan AFL-CIO  
Stanley Nowak  
UAW Local 212

## Box 1

- 1-3. ACLU Michigan; corres., misc., 1973-75
4. Americans United for World Organization; pamphlets, 1940's
- 5-6. Attica case; corres., 1975-76
7. Attica case; court documents, 1976
8. Attica case; flyers, publicity, 1976
9. Attica case; media coverage, 1974-76
10. Buck Dinner financial aid requests, 1976
11. Crockett, Ethelene, 1972, 1978-80
12. Crockett, George W., Jr.; "A Black Judge Speaks," 1970
13. Crockett, George W., Jr.; congressional campaign, 1980
14. Crockett, George W., Jr.; media coverage, 1969-77
15. Crockett, George W., Jr.; misc., 1952-80
16. Crockett, George W., Jr.; Recorder's Court campaigns, 1966, 1972
17. Crockett, George W., Jr.; "Should courts admit evidence that police have seized illegally?" on PBS's "The Advocates," 1974
18. Crockett, George and Ethelene; testimonials, 1969, 1979
19. Detroit 15, Committee to Defend the; corres., finances, mailings, 1971-72
20. Detroit 15; defendant Erone Desaussure, 1971, 1973
21. Detroit 15; defendant Pat Duncan, c. 1971
22. Detroit 15; defendant David Johnson, 1972
23. Detroit 15; flyers, mailings, 1971
24. Detroit 15; report, n.d.
- 25-26. Detroit 15; trial media coverage, Mar-Jul 1971
27. Detroit Police Department, 1976
28. Mayor-Elect Coleman Young's Task Force on Recruitment, 1973
29. Mid-West Debating League debate on U.S. recognition of USSR, 1921
30. Petok, Ted, & Morris Gleicher Support Committee, 1980
31. Police spying, 1970's
32. Progressive Party of Michigan; campaign, 1948
33. Progressive Party of Michigan; campaign literature, 1948
34. Progressive Party of Michigan; campaign, 1951
- 35-39. Progressive Party of Michigan; campaign, Mar-Nov 1952
40. Progressive Party of Michigan; campaign literature, 1952
41. Progressive Party of Michigan; candidate biographies, 1952
42. Progressive Party of Michigan; rent controls, 1952
43. Progressive Party, national; founding convention, Jul 1948
44. Progressive Party, national; Labor Committee campaign literature, 1948
45. Rosen, Sidney; personal corres., 1951-78
46. Rosen, Sidney; personal corres.—Sen. Glen H. Taylor, 1949-54
47. Rosen, Sidney; personal misc., 1923-77
48. Rosenberg case; flyers, pamphlets, mailings, 1953-54

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49. Rosenberg case; media coverage, 1953
50. Rosenberg case; petition for clemency, 1953
51. Seeger, Pete; corres., 1954, 1972
52. Sugar, Maurice, 1959, 1970's
53. UOPWA Insurance Div.; publications, 1938-39