

**Clara M. Vincent Papers**  
3 linear feet (2 SB and 1 OS)  
1936-1989, bulk 1940-1960

Walter P. Reuther Library, Wayne State University, Detroit, MI

Finding aid written by Meghan McGowan on May 20, 2015.

**Accession Number:** UP002623

**Creator:** Clara M. Vincent

**Acquisition:** This collection was donated to the Reuther Library by Clara M. Vincent's son, Wallace "Bud" Felton, in April 2015.

**Language:** Material entirely in English.

**Access:** Collection is open for research.

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**Related Material:** Al Fishman Papers, Joe Felmet Papers, Civil Rights Congress of Michigan Records, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom Detroit Branch Records, Michigan AFL-CIO Records

**PLEASE NOTE: Material in this collection has been arranged by series ONLY. Folders are not arranged within each series – we have provided an inventory based on their original order. Subjects may be dispersed throughout several boxes within any given series.**

**Abstract**

Born in 1895 in Ingham County Michigan, Clara M. Vincent was a peace and civil rights activist. Vincent immediately became entrenched in peace activism after the end of World War I. Her activism largely focused on civil rights, peace, nuclear disarmament, world hunger, and the separation of church and state. She was involved in innumerable organizations, including: Livonia Citizens for Better Human Relations, the Detroit branch of the American Civil Liberties Union, the Unitarian Universalist Church of Farmington, the Jane Addams Peace Association, and Americans for the Separation of Church and State. Moreover, she was a member of the Warsaw Peace Congress, in addition to aiding the Progressive Party's Henry Wallace in his presidential campaign, during which she worked alongside Paul Robeson.

The Clara M. Vincent Papers includes correspondence, political flyers, and pamphlets from Vincent's political activities. Additionally, this collection contains a notable amount of newspaper clippings revolving around racism, warfare, nuclear disarmament, and the formation of the Progressive Party.

**Important Subjects:**

Pacifists  
Civil rights movements  
Nuclear disarmament  
Progressive Party (U.S. : 1948)  
Church and state  
World War, 1939-1945

**Important Names:**

Dondero, George A. (George Anthony), 1883-1968  
Ferguson, Homer, 1888-1982  
Griffiths, Martha W. (Martha Wright), 1912-2003  
McNamara, Pat, 1894-1966  
Vincent, Clara M., 1895-1990  
Wallace, Henry A. (Henry Agard), 1888-1965

**Arrangement**

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Folders in this collection are simply listed by their location within each box. They are not arranged, so any given subject may be dispersed throughout several boxes within each series.

**Box 1**

- 1 Correspondence, 1944-1988
- 2 Newspaper articles about Germany, 1946-1956
- 3 Correspondence, photocopies of newspaper clippings, and essays,  
4 peace activism and civil rights, 1949-1988
- 5 Correspondence, 1959-1982
- 6 Correspondence about Spanish refugee aid, 1959
- 7 Catholicism and the war, newspaper clippings, 1940-1946
- 8 Father Coughlin, newspaper clippings, 1940-1942
- 9 World War Two, newspaper clippings, 1940-1946
- 10 Civil rights, newspaper clippings, 1940-1946
- 11 Ku Klux Klan, newspaper clippings, 1943-1945
- 12 Charles A. Lindbergh, newspaper clippings, 1941-1942
- 13 Newspaper clippings, 1942-1987
- 14 Peace activism and civil rights, newspaper clippings, 1948-1989
- 15 Middle East, newspaper clippings, 1969-1972
- 16 Correspondence, photocopies of newspaper articles and essays  
17 about Middle East, 1967-1973
- 18 Fallout, magazine about nuclear warfare, and newspaper  
19 clippings, 1960-1961
- 20 Biographical Sketch of Fred Stover, 1986
- 21 Americans United for Separation of Church and State, The Story  
22 of the First Amendment, 1966
- 23 Meet Henry Wallace, by James Waterman Wise, 1948
- 24 Reverend Frank Gentile, newspaper clippings and pamphlets,  
25 1955-1988
- 26 The American Revolution, Pages from a Negro Worker's  
27 Notebook by James Boggs, 1963
- 28 The March of Evil, a photo-record of Axis crime, 1945
- 29 American History Illustrated, 1966
- 30 Law and Disorder, the Chicago Convention and its Aftermath,  
31 1968
- 32 The Tragedy of the U.S. Army, Look Magazine, 1957
- 33 Frank Leslie's Illustrated Newspaper, reissue of May 1865 paper,  
34 undated
- 35 Harper's Weekly, reissue of February 1869 paper, undated
- 36 Martin Luther King and the Montgomery Story, comic book,  
37 1956
- 38 Magazine issues dedicated to Martin Luther King, Jr., 1986-1989
- 39 This is What We Found, Ralph and Carl Creger, 1960
- 40 Detroit Public Library Tribute to Black America, calendar, 1975
- 41 Report of Investigation of Summary Contempt Citation Against  
42 George W. Crockett, Jr., 1950
- 43 Blacks in Michigan: A Proud Heritage, Detroit Free Press, 1987
- 44 American Civil Liberties Union, annual report, 1959-1960

- 35 The Illustrated News, A Three Part Analysis of the Black  
 Revolution, 1963
- 36 Gerald L. K. Smith, newspaper clippings and essays, 1942-1945
- 37 Bill of Rights Conference, 1949
- 38 Fund for Open Information and Accountability, Inc., Freedom of  
 Information Act and Amendments of 1974, 1975
- 39 Paul Robeson's 80th birthday celebration, 1979
- 40 A Witness to Peace Making, an autobiography by Clara Vincent,  
 1989
- 41 To Err is Reagan, Mother Jones Magazine, 1987
- 42 Rights pamphlets, the National Emergency Civil Liberties  
 Committee, 1959-1978
- Box 2** 1 Congress on civil rights and Bill of Rights essays, 1946-1952
- 2 Progressive Party, newspaper clippings, 1948-1952
- 3 Flyers, pamphlets, and correspondence about the Progressive  
 Party, 1948
- 4 Correspondence, flyers, and essays about peace activism, 1958-  
 1987
- 5 Peace activism, newspaper clippings, 1960-1989
- 6 Nuclear waste and warfare, newspaper clippings, 1977-1979
- 7 Peace activism, military spending, and separation of church and  
 state, newspaper clippings, 1953-1981
- 8 Photographs, undated
- Box 3** 1 Look Magazine, The Insane World of Adolf Hitler and World  
 War Two, newspaper clippings, 1943-1959
- 2 World War Two, newspaper clippings, 1937-1939
- 3 Henry Wallace's presidential campaign, newspaper clippings,  
 1948
- 4 Racism, low wages, and effects of war, newspaper clippings  
 scrapbook, 1937-1949
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