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Summary Information

Repository:	M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections & Archives
Title:	Newspaper Guild of Albany, N.Y., Local 34 Records
ID:	apap005
Date [inclusive]:	1936-1989
Physical Description:	5.0 cubic ft.
Physical Location:	The materials are located onsite in the department.
Language of the Material:	English .
Abstract:	Chartered in 1934, as the Tri-City Newspaper Guild of Albany, Schenectady, and Troy, the Guild signed its first contract with the Albany Times Union in 1937. The collection includes correspondence, minutes, contracts, and organizing files. The majority of material in the collection is photocopied.

Preferred Citation

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Identification of specific item, series, box, folder, Newspaper Guild of Albany, Local 34 Records, 1936-1989. M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University at Albany, State University of New York (hereafter referred to as the Newspaper Guild of Albany Records).

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Administrative History

The Newspaper Guild of Albany, N.Y., Local 34 was chartered on March 20, 1934, as the Tri-City Newspaper Guild of Albany, Schenectady, and Troy, N.Y. as well as nearby cities. In 1937, the Guild won its first agreement and the first Newspaper Guild agreement in upstate New York when it signed a contract with the Albany Times-Union. The Albany Guild's last strike in 1964 formed the basis for *The Ink Truck*, the first published novel of William Kennedy, who was one of the strikers. The local began as a union of reporters and editors, but over the years other newspaper occupations have been organized as the Guild has subsumed independent unions. Currently, janitors and drivers, as well as employees from

the business office and sales and circulation departments are represented by the guild. Although the Guild has confined most of its activities to the tri-cities, it has opened offices in Hudson and Glens Falls, N.Y.

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Scope and Contents

This collection contains predominantly photocopies of correspondence, executive board and membership minutes, unit minutes, bulletins, contracts, a small number of grievance files, and organizing and litigation files. There are a small number of original documents, especially in the contracts series.

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Arrangement of the Collection

The collection is organized into six topical file series.

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Publication Statement

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Revision Description

Converted to EAD with EADM Machine Cristina Casado described the Organizing and Litigation Files, the President's Files and the Empire State District Council Records. Jodi Boyle completed review of all series, added Organizing and Litigation Files, the President's Files and the Empire State District Council Records series to the finding aid, and rehoused letter-sized files into legal-sized files. 2016 December 2019 2021

Processing Information

Initially processed in 1990 by Geoffrey Huth. In 2019, Cristina Casado began describing the Organizing and Litigation Files, the President's Files and the Empire State District Council Records.

In 2021, Jodi Boyle added description for these three series previously not listed on the finding aid and rehoused files previously stored in letter-sized folders.

Acquisition Information

The vast majority of items in this manuscript group were loaned to the University Libraries, M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections and Archives, by the Newspaper Guild of Albany, Local 34 and subsequently preservation photocopied as a part of the Harry Van Arsdale, Jr., Labor History Project. The originals were returned to Local 34.

Access

Access to this record group is unrestricted with the exception of a small number of files noted in series 3, Grievance Files.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Newspaper employees -- Labor unions -- New York (State).
- Journalists -- Labor unions -- New York (State).
- Newspaper publishing -- New York (State) -- Albany.
- Labor unions -- New York (State) -- Albany.
- Labor unions -- New York (State) -- Glens Falls.

- Labor unions -- New York (State) -- Hudson.
- Minutes
- Correspondence
- Newsletters
- Contracts
- Labor
- Albany, New York
- Schenectady, New York
- Rensselaer County, New York
- American Newspaper Guild.
- Independent Committee of the Albany Times Union.
- American Newspaper Guild.
- Newspaper Guild of Albany, N.Y.
- Kennedy, William, 1928- Ink truck.

Collection Inventory

Minutes, 1936-1987

Physical Description: 1 cubic ft.

Title/Description	Instances	
Executive Board Meeting Minutes, 1936-1946	Box 1 (1-Minutes)	Folder 1
Executive Board Meeting Minutes, 1947-1952	Box 1 (1-Minutes)	Folder 2
Executive Board Meeting Minutes, 1953-1962	Box 1 (1-Minutes)	Folder 3
Executive Board Meeting Minutes, 1963-1965	Box 1 (1-Minutes)	Folder 4
Executive Board Meeting Minutes, 1966-1969	Box 1 (1-Minutes)	Folder 5
Executive Board Meeting Minutes, 1970-1975	Box 1 (1-Minutes)	Folder 6
Executive Board Meeting Minutes, 1976-1978	Box 1 (1-Minutes)	Folder 7
Executive Board Meeting Minutes, 1979-1984	Box 1 (1-Minutes)	Folder 8
Executive Board Meeting Minutes, 1985-1987	Box 1 (1-Minutes)	Folder 9
Glens Falls Unit Meeting Minutes, 1985-1986		

	Box 1 (1-Minutes)	Folder 10
Knickerbocker News Unit Meeting Minutes, 1942-1956	Box 1 (1-Minutes)	Folder 11
Membership Meeting Minutes, 1936-1946	Box 1 (1-Minutes)	Folder 12
Membership Meeting Minutes, 1947-1951	Box 1 (1-Minutes)	Folder 13
Membership Meeting Minutes, 1952-1957	Box 1 (1-Minutes)	Folder 14
Membership Meeting Minutes, 1958-1961	Box 1 (1-Minutes)	Folder 15
Membership Meeting Minutes, 1962-1967	Box 1 (1-Minutes)	Folder 16
Membership Meeting Minutes, 1968-1973	Box 1 (1-Minutes)	Folder 17
Membership Meeting Minutes, 1974-1977	Box 1 (1-Minutes)	Folder 18
Membership Meeting Minutes, 1978-1979	Box 1 (1-Minutes)	Folder 19
Membership Meeting Minutes, 1980-1983	Box 1 (1-Minutes)	Folder 20
Times Union Unit Meeting Minutes, 1942-1951	Box 1 (1-Minutes)	Folder 21

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Organizing and Litigation Files, 1936-1989

Physical Description: 1.6 cubic ft.

Language of the Material: English.

Title/Description	Instances	
Capital Newspapers - Injunction Against Chester W. Vanderbilt, Pres. Local 34 (Strike Initiation), 1964	Box 1	Folder 1
Capital Newspapers - NLRB Case (Interference with Union Activity), 1988	Box 1	Folder 2
Capital Newspapers - NLRB Case on Bylines, 1985	Box 1	Folder 3
Capital Newspapers - NLRB Charges, 1968	Box 1	Folder 4
Glens Falls - Newspaper, Inc., 1989	Box 2	Folder 5
Glens Falls Newspapers and Albany Printing Pressmen, Assistants and Offset Workers No. 23 - Contract, 1983	Box 1	Folder 6

Glens Falls - NLRB (1 of 2), 1984	Box 1	Folder 7
Glens Falls - NLRB (2 of 2), 1984	Box 1	Folder 8
Glens Falls - NLRB Case (1 of 2), 1984-1987	Box 1	Folder 9
Glens Falls - NLRB Case (2 of 2), 1984-1987	Box 1	Folder 10
Glens Falls - NLRB Case, 1989	Box 1	Folder 11
Glens Falls - Organizing, 1968-1969	Box 1	Folder 12
Glens Falls - Organizing, 197319781983-1984	Box 1	Folder 13
Glens Falls - Organizing, 1984	Box 1	Folder 14
Hudson Unit - Decertification, 1987-1988	Box 1	Folder 15
Hudson Unit - NLRB Case Unfair Labor Practice, 1986	Box 1	Folder 16
Knickerbocker News - Circulation NLRB Petition, 1957	Box 1	Folder 17
Knickerbocker News - Circulation Organizing, 19501952	Box 1	Folder 18
Knickerbocker News - Circulation Organizing, 1957-1958	Box 1	Folder 19
Knickerbocker News - Editorial Employees NLRB Petition, 1938	Box 1	Folder 20
Knickerbocker News - NLRB Case, 1939-1942	Box 1	Folder 21
Knickerbocker News - NLRB Case, 1950	Box 1	Folder 22
Knickerbocker News - NLRB Charges, 1958	Box 1	Folder 23
Knickerbocker News - NLRB Charges, Scott Wanhope Case, 1945-1946	Box 1	Folder 24
Knickerbocker News - NLRB Commercial, 19421944	Box 1	Folder 25
Knickerbocker News - NLRB Petition, 1942	Box 1	Folder 26
Knickerbocker News - NLRB Petition, 1949-1950	Box 1	Folder 27
Knickerbocker News - Organization, 19471949-1951	Box 1	Folder 28
Knickerbocker News - Press Circulation Union Contracts, 1950-1951195319561958	Box 1	Folder 29
Merger - Knickerbocker News and Times-Union, 1960	Box 1	Folder 30
Non-Communist Affidavits, 19501957-1958	Box 1	Folder 31
Organizing - General, 19521954-1955	Box 1	Folder 32
Press Co. Merger - NLRB Charges (1 of 2), 1937-1941	Box 1	Folder 33
Press Co. Merger - NLRB Charges (2 of 2), 1937-1941	Box 2	Folder 1
Saratoga Organizing, 1957	Box 2	Folder 2
Schenectady Gazette Organizing, 1937-193919541982	Box 2	Folder 3
Schenectady Organizing, 1952-1953	Box 2	Folder 4

Schenectady Sun, 1938-1939	Box 2	Folder 5
Schenectady Union Star - Organizing, 1936-1939	Box 2	Folder 6
Times Union Circulation Independent Committee Contracts, 1944-1959	Box 2	Folder 7
Times Union Circulation Independent Committee NLRB Charges, 1940-1941	Box 3	Folder 8
Times Union Circulation NLRB Case, 1940	Box 2	Folder 9
Times Union Circulation NLRB Charges, 1956-1958	Box 2	Folder 10
Times Union Circulation NLRB Petition, 19381940	Box 2	Folder 11
Times Union Circulation Organizing, 1944-1947	Box 2	Folder 12
Times Union Circulation Organizing, 1958	Box 2	Folder 13
Times Union Independent Committee Organizing, 1945	Box 2	Folder 14
Times Union NLRB Petition, 1941	Box 2	Folder 15
Troy Record and Times Record Organizing, 194619481954	Box 3	Folder 1
Troy Record Organizing, 1937	Box 3	Folder 2
Union Star, 1969	Box 3	Folder 3
Union Star Organizing, 19581965-19661969	Box 3	Folder 4

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Grievance Files, 1952-1982

Physical Description: 0.2 cubic ft.

Title/Description	Instances	
Bulletin Board Problem, 1976	Box 1 (3-Grievance Files)	Folder 1
Funciello, John--Grievance, 1974	Box 1 (3-Grievance Files)	Folder 2
Graphics Editor--Grievance, 19761981-1982	Box 1 (3-Grievance Files)	Folder 3
Grievance Procedure, 1952-1953	Box 1 (3-Grievance Files)	Folder 4
Kniskern, Paul--Grievance, 1982		

	Box 1 (3-Grievance Files)	Folder 5
Riley, George--Grievance RESTRICTED, 1959 <u>Conditions Governing Access:</u> Conditions Governing Access Must consult archivist before viewing this material.	Box 1 (3-Grievance Files)	Folder 6
Rosenblatt, Linda A.--Grievance RESTRICTED, 1974-1975 <u>Conditions Governing Access:</u> Conditions Governing Access Must consult archivist before viewing this material.	Box 1 (3-Grievance Files)	Folder 7
Scott, Janet--Grievance, 1953-1954	Box 1 (3-Grievance Files)	Folder 8

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Subject Files, 1936-1989

Physical Description: 0.6 cubic ft.

Title/Description	Instances	
1957 Contract with Albany Times-Union, 1957	Box 1	Folder 1
1964-1967 Contract with Capital Newspapers Div., The Hearst Corp., 1964	Box 1	Folder 2
1967-1970 Contract with Capital Newspapers Div., The Hearst Corp., 1968	Box 1	Folder 3
1970-1973 Agreement with Capital Newspapers Division, The Hearst Corporation, 1972	Box 1	Folder 4
1979-1982 Contract with Capital Newspapers, 1981	Box 1	Folder 5
1982-1985 Agreement with Capital Newspapers Division, The Hearst Corporation, 1983	Box 1	Folder 6
1985-1988 Agreement with Capital Newspapers Division, The Hearst Corporation, 1986	Box 1	Folder 7
1988-1991 Contract with Capital Newspapers, 1989	Box 1	Folder 8
Bulletins, 1936-1941	Box 1	Folder 9
Bulletins, 1942-1946	Box 1	Folder 10
Bulletins, 1948-1949	Box 1	Folder 11
Bulletins, 1951-1957	Box 1	Folder 12

Bulletins, 1958-1959	Box 1	Folder 13
Bulletins, 1961-1966	Box 1	Folder 14
Bulletins, 1967-1968	Box 1	Folder 15
Bulletins, 1969-1972	Box 2	Folder 1
Bulletins, 1975-1984	Box 2	Folder 2
Bulletins, 1987-1988	Box 2	Folder 3
By-Laws, 1985	Box 2	Folder 4
Newspaper Guild International Convention Program, 1989	Box 2	Folder 5
Page One Ball Programs, 1958-19591967	Box 2	Folder 6
Photographs, 1964Undated Digital Object: Multiple Images	Box 2	Folder 7
Photographs, Undated	Flat-File 1	
Scrapbook Pages, 1936-19401964Undated	Flat-File 2	

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President's Files, 1941-1976

Physical Description: 0.6 cubic ft.

Title/Description	Instances	
Albany AP Guild Unit, Minutes, 1954-1955	Box 1	Folder 1
American Newspaper Guild, Correspondence, 1947	Box 1	Folder 2
Associated Press, Organizing, 1949	Box 1	Folder 3
Capital District Industrial Union Council, CIO, 1942-1947	Box 1	Folder 4
Correspondence, 1952	Box 1	Folder 5
Empire State District Council Convention in Albany, NY, 1975-1976	Box 1	Folder 6
Empire State District Council, Minutes, 195219631965-1968	Box 1	Folder 7
Empire State District Council, Minutes, 1968-1972	Box 1	Folder 8
Empire State District Council, Minutes, 1970-1975	Box 1	Folder 9
Greater New York Industrial Union Council, CIO, 1940-1942	Box 1	Folder 10
The Guild Reporter, Correspondence, 1943-1946	Box 1	Folder 11
The Guild Reporter, Correspondence, 1947-1949	Box 1	Folder 12
Independent Committee of the Albany Times Union, 1945-1946	Box 1	Folder 13

Inter-Union Cooperation, 19621964	Box 1	Folder 14
Legislation, 1941-1946	Box 1	Folder 15
Membership and Committee Lists, 1946	Box 1	Folder 16
Minutes, Pension Fund, 1964-1974	Box 1	Folder 17
Newspaper Guild of Rochester, 1948-1949	Box 1	Folder 18
Organizing, ca. 1942	Box 1	Folder 19
Political Action Committee, 1944-1946	Box 1	Folder 20
Political Action Committee, 1951	Box 2	Folder 1
Strike Steering Committee, 1964	Box 2	Folder 2
Veterans, 1946	Box 2	Folder 3
Veterans, 1947	Box 2	Folder 4
Wire Service, 1951-1954	Box 2	Folder 5

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Empire State District Council Records, 1942-1960

Physical Description: 1.0 cubic ft.

Title/Description	Instances	
A.P. Organizing, 1951-19521955	Box 1	Folder 1
Affiliation, 1952	Box 1	Folder 2
American Newspaper Guild - Correspondence, 1946	Box 1	Folder 3
American Newspaper Guild - Correspondence, 1947	Box 1	Folder 4
American Newspaper Guild - Correspondence, 1948	Box 1	Folder 5
Annual Report and Recommendations, 1946-1947	Box 1	Folder 6
Apprentice Training, 1946	Box 1	Folder 7
Associate Membership, 1948	Box 1	Folder 8
Bargaining Conference, 1948	Box 1	Folder 9
Binghamton Sun, 1946-1947	Box 1	Folder 10
Binghamton Sun - Complaint, 1946-1947	Box 1	Folder 11
Binghamton Sun Contract, 1946-1948	Box 1	Folder 12
Buffalo Newspaper Guild, Local 26, 1946-1948	Box 1	Folder 13
Bulletins of Empire State District Council, ANG, 1947-19481952	Box 1	Folder 14
By-Laws, 1946-1952	Box 1	Folder 15

Capital District and Troy Area Industrial Councils, 1947-1950	Box 1	Folder 16
Cleveland Newspaper Guild, Local 1, 1947	Box 1	Folder 17
Convention, 1944-1946	Box 1	Folder 18
Convention, 1952	Box 1	Folder 19
Correspondence (1 of 2), 1942-1948Undated	Box 1	Folder 20
Correspondence (2 of 2), 1942-1948Undated	Box 2	Folder 1
Empire State District Council, ANG, 1947-19491951	Box 2	Folder 2
Empire State District Council- Meeting, 1951-1952	Box 2	Folder 3
Gannet Chain, 1945	Box 2	Folder 4
Gannet Conference of Guilds, 1956	Box 2	Folder 5
Gannett Pensions, 1952	Box 2	Folder 6
Hearst Chain Council, 1942-1946	Box 2	Folder 7
Hearst Chain Council, 1947-19521956-1959	Box 2	Folder 8
Kingston Newspaper Guild, 1947-1948	Box 2	Folder 9
Minutes, 1945-19481952	Box 2	Folder 10
Monthly Reports of International Representative, 1946	Box 2	Folder 11
Negotiations, 1948-1952	Box 2	Folder 12
New York State CIO Council, 1951-19521955	Box 2	Folder 13
Newburgh-Beacon News, Contract Negotiations, 1946-1948	Box 2	Folder 14
Newburgh-Beacon News, Organizing, 1946	Box 2	Folder 15
Newsletter of Empire State District Council, ANG, 195319571960	Box 2	Folder 16
Newspaper Guild of Rochester, Local 17, 1946-1948	Box 2	Folder 17
Regional Institute, 1952	Box 2	Folder 18
Syracuse Newspaper Guild, Local 143, 1945-19461948	Box 3	Folder 1
Syracuse Newspaper Guild, Local 143, 1948-1950	Box 3	Folder 2
Syracuse Post-Standard, 1946-1947	Box 3	Folder 3
Training Institute, 1952	Box 3	Folder 4
Utica Newspaper Guild, Local 129, 1946-1948	Box 3	Folder 5
Utica Observer Dispatch, Contracts, 1946	Box 3	Folder 6

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