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Summary Information

Repository:	M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections & Archives
Title:	Fulton County Typographical Union No. 268 Records
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Abstract:	The Fulton County Typographical Union No. 268 records document the workings of this union, primarily, in the form of minutes, from 1894-1973.

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Administrative History

In January of 1894, printers of Fulton County, New York, met to consider the formation of a typographical union. On March 19 of that year, the Fulton County Typographical Union, No. 268, was chartered by the International Typographical Union (ITU) according to Fulton County Typographical Union, No. 268, Minutes, 1894. Although the union had jurisdiction over all of Fulton County, the printers were generally employed in composing rooms in Gloversville and Johnstown, the county's twin cities.

In 1933, in the middle of the depression, the printers of Fulton County endured some of their most difficult contract negotiations. The local newspaper publishers were losing advertisement because of the

economic conditions in the county and the nation as a whole, so they demanded that the printers take wage cuts. After a few months of discussion and the introduction of strikebreakers by the American Newspaper Publishers Association, the union finally acceded to the publishers' demands according to Fulton County Typographical Union, No. 268, Minutes, 1933.

The Fulton County Typographical Union, No. 268, has always been small. The union never had more than approximately 50 members, and now it has substantially less than half that number. With the difficulties of running a small union and the pressure to consolidate, the Fulton County Typographical Union might some day merge with the Albany Typographical Union No. 4.

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Scope and Contents

The records of the Fulton County Typographical Union, No. 268, are remarkable for containing a complete set of minutes (1894-1963). included in the minutes are financial statements of the union, reports of delegates to conventions, and occasional correspondence. All the contracts of the union have not survived, but there is a good selection of them for the years 1901 to 1963. There are, however, gaps of many years in these contracts, and the contracts are especially voluminous in the first twelve years of the twentieth century. A couple of other items are included in this collection--a constitution and a scale report--but they are not as important as are the other types of material.

These records provide insight into the workings of a small union over almost a century of development. The fluctuations of the workforce and the introduction of new technologies play a role in the progress of this union, as do the necessary sacrifices of a small union in an often depressed economy. In recent years, Fulton County has had the highest unemployment in New York State.

For related records, see the records of the Albany Typographical Union No. 4, 1850-55, 1869, 1874-1988; Graphic Communications International Union, Local 259-M, 1941, 1946-88; and the records of the Empire Typographical and Mailer Conference, 1919-20, 1929-75, 1983, 1985-88, 1990. Other available records related to Fulton County include the records of the Glove Cities Area Joint Board, ACTWU, 1933-89; and occasional items in the records of the Graphic Communications International Union, Local 259-M. For additional labor collections in the Department, see the online Labor subject guide.

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Arrangement of the Collection

The collection is organized into the following series:

- 1 Series 1 - Minutes, 1894-1963, Undated
- 2 Series 2 - Subject Files, 1901-1910, 1912, 1918, 1925, 1930, 1953-1954, 1957, 1959, 1961, 1963, Undated

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Administrative Information

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Access

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Acquisition Information

All items in this manuscript group were donated to the University Libraries, M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections and Archives, Fulton County Typographical Union, No. 268, CWA. The records were subsequently microfilmed as part of the Harry Van Arsdale, Jr., Labor History Project.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Labor
- Labor union locals--United States
- New York (State)
- Fulton County (N.Y.)
- Administrative records
- Minutes
- Contracts
- Fulton County Typographical Union, No. 268 Records

Collection Inventory

Minutes, 1894-1963

Title/Description	Instances	
Minutes, 1894-1901	Box 1 (1-Minutes)	Folder 1
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Minutes, 1910-1915	Box 1 (1-Minutes)	Folder 3
Minutes, 1916-1919	Box 1 (1-Minutes)	Folder 4
Minutes, 1920-1923	Box 1 (1-Minutes)	Folder 5
Minutes, 1924-1927	Box 1 (1-Minutes)	Folder 6
Minutes, 1928-1930	Box 1 (1-Minutes)	Folder 7
Minutes, 1930-1934	Box 1 (1-Minutes)	Folder 8
Minutes, 1935-1940	Box 1 (1-Minutes)	Folder 9
Minutes, 1941-1945	Box 1 (1-Minutes)	Folder 10
Minutes, 1946-1951	Box 1 (1-Minutes)	Folder 11
Minutes, 1952-1955		

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Subject Files, 1901-19121918192519301953-1963

Title/Description	Instances	
Constitution and Rules of Order, 1954	Box 1 (2- Subject Files)	Folder 1
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Contracts, American Fancier, 1901	Box 1 (2- Subject Files)	Folder 3
Contracts, A. E. Blanck, 1901-1903	Box 1 (2- Subject Files)	Folder 4
Contracts, Byron & Scovic, 1918	Box 1 (2- Subject Files)	Folder 5
Contracts, Collins & Combes Publishing Company, 1902-19051908	Box 1 (2- Subject Files)	Folder 6
Contracts, William B. Collins Company, 19011909192519301953-1963	Box 1 (2- Subject Files)	Folder 7
Contracts, James S. Comrie, 19061908	Box 1 (2- Subject Files)	Folder 8
Contracts, Daily Leader, 1905-1907	Box 1 (2- Subject Files)	Folder 9
Contracts, Fulton County Democrat, 1912	Box 1 (2- Subject Files)	Folder 10
Contracts, John B. Judson, 1901-19031905-19071909-19101925	Box 1 (2- Subject Files)	Folder 11
Contracts, Labor News Publishing Company, 1902	Box 1 (2- Subject Files)	Folder 12
Contracts, Merwin Printing Company, 1925	Box 1 (2- Subject Files)	Folder 13
Contracts, Morning Herald Printing Company, 1902-19031905-19081925	Box 1 (2- Subject Files)	Folder 14
Contracts, H. Ross [Owner of the Gloversville Standard and the Morning Herald], 1901	Box 1 (2- Subject Files)	Folder 15

Contracts, Charles M. Smith, 1901-1903	Box 1 (2-Subject Files)	Folder 16
Contracts, James W. Snyder, 19021905-19061908-1909	Box 1 (2-Subject Files)	Folder 17
History of Fulton County Typographical Union by E. L. Wert, (MISSING), Aug., 1987	Box 1 (2-Subject Files)	Folder 18
Scale Report, 1904	Box 1 (2-Subject Files)	Folder 19

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