Fulton County Typographical Union, No. 268; Records apap018

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Summary Information

Repository: M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections & Archives
Creator: Typographical Union No. 268
Title: Fulton County Typographical Union No. 268 Records
ID: apap018
Date [inclusive]: 1894-1973
Physical Description: 1.25 cubic ft.
Physical Location: The materials are located onsite in the department.
Language of the Material: English
Abstract: The Fulton County Typographical Union No. 268 records document the workings of this union, primarily, in the form of minutes, from 1894-1973.

Preferred Citation

Preferred citation for this material is as follows:

Identification of specific item, series, box, folder, Fulton County Typographical Union No. 268 Records, 1894-1973. M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University at Albany, State University of New York (hereafter referred to as Fulton County Typographical Union No. 268 Records).

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.

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.
Arrangement of the Collection

The collection is organized into the following series:

1. Series 1 - Minutes, 1894-1963, Undated

Administrative Information

Publication Statement
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Encoded in EAD by Michael Carroll 2014

Processing Information
Processed in 1999 by Geoffrey A. Huth.

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.

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

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