

MS-41, Dayton Typographical Union, Local 57 Records

Collection Number: MS-41

Title: Dayton Typographical Union, Local 57 Records

Dates: 1866-1977

Creator: Dayton Typographical Union. Local 57

Summary/Abstract: Contains a fairly complete run of minutes for the years 1866-1968 as well as legal reports, financial ledgers and journals, membership records, correspondence, and a variety of printed materials. The minutes include reports from the Executive Board and various committees, and summary financial information. Membership records contain much information on the union's apprenticeship program.

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Other Finding Aid: The finding aid is also available on the Special Collections and Archives, Wright State University Libraries web site at

http://www.libraries.wright.edu/special/collection_guides/guide_files/ms41.pdf.

Related Material:

MS-22, [International Stereotyper's & Electrotyper's Union Local #114 Records](#)

MS-222, [International Stereotyper's and Electrotyper's Union, Local 55 Records](#)

MS-47, [Springfield Typographical Union, Local 117 Records](#)

MS-50, [Urbana Typographical Union, Local 747 Records](#)

MS-56, [International Printing and Graphics Communication Workers Union, Local 48 Records](#)

MS-61, [Printing and Pressman's Union, Local 54 Records](#)

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Arrangement:

The collection is arranged into 6 series:

Series I: Legal Reports, 1932-1970

Series II: Secretary's files, 1930-1967

Series III: Printed Materials, 1866-1977

Series IV: Minutes, 1866-1968

Series V: Financial Records, 1914-1972

Series VI: Membership Records, 1896-1970

Historical Note:

The National Typographical Union, which was founded in 1852 in Cincinnati, and Canadian affiliations, formed the International Typographical Union in 1869.

The Dayton Typographical Union Local No. 57 was organized May 13, 1862 and a charter was issued to twenty-one members who met at various locations including the Sheriff's office. The union was located at 120 West 2nd Street in the Hulman Building in the 1970s. According to the Constitution and By-Laws, the purpose of the Union is to "elevate and protect the interests of the craft in general; to regulate wages and working conditions and all other things appertaining to the conduct of the printing business" within its jurisdiction.

The Constitution and By-Laws established the specific records to be kept by Union Officers. The Recorder was charged with keeping a record book of the proceedings of all meetings and recording the Constitution, By-Laws, Scale of Prices and amendments thereto, and all resolutions relating to the government of the Union. The Secretary-Treasurer was to receive and review all membership applications, register a variety of information on union members, submit financial reports to the Secretary-Treasurer of the I.T.U., answer Union correspondence, keep journals of receipts and expenditures and

ledgers of accounts. The correspondence files of three of the Union's Secretary-Treasurers – J.E. Duncan, 1918-1920; E.K. Reinhard, 1936-1938; and Merton W. Phillips, 1962-1965 are included in this collection.

Early problems encountered by the Union included difficulties in obtaining contracts, in collecting dues, and in getting its officials to attend meetings. Officials serve on a part time basis at low wages. There was no full time Secretary-Treasurer until 1938. From 1865 through 1930, the Union campaigned for the controversial 40-hour work week. Technological innovations such as the introduction of the linotype in 1891 and the teletype about 1950 created wage scale and training problems. The Union further adapted to new processes in 1955 when it initiated a vigorous training program in the use of the I.T.U.'s new ruling machines, and had the machines placed in its contractor's shops.

In addition to concern for wages and the training required to keep members abreast of new technology and techniques, the Union actively undertook to educate government officials, businessmen, and members of their families about the history of trade unionism and the importance of supporting unions by buying union-made products. The families of members became involved in the educating process through the auspices of the Women's Auxiliary of the Dayton Typographical Union No. 57, organized in 1933.

Despite problems created by increased mechanization, the Taft-Hartley Act and right-to-work legislation, the Union expanded in the late 1950's and early 1960's when it organized chapters in Greenfield, Troy, and Washington Court House in Ohio. In 1962 the Union celebrated its 100th anniversary.

Scope and Content

The records of the Dayton Typographical Union No. 57 document the growth of trade unionism and the printing industry at the local level; they also document local involvement in national and international trade union movement and national and international trends in the printing trade.

The records are arranged by type of record into six series: legal reports from 1932-1970; correspondence files of the Secretary-Treasurer from 1930-1967; a varied collection of printed material; minutes of union meetings from 1866-1968; financial ledgers and journals from 1914-1972; and membership records from 1896-1970.

Series I, Legal Reports, 1932-1970, contains arbitration and appeal cases arranged alphabetically within chronological order.

Series II, Secretary's files, 1930-1967, contains correspondence files arranged alphabetically. In these files, one can find commercial printer and newspaper contract negotiations, the minutes and reports of various Union committees, arbitration and appeal cases, membership and apprentice applications, and formal agreements with contractors.

Series III, Printed Materials, 1866-1977, contains pamphlets, journals, newsletters and miscellaneous material arranged alphabetically.

Series IV, Minutes, 1866-1968, are arranged in chronological order and include reports from the Executive Board and various committees, summary financial information and discussion of issues of concern to the Union membership.

Series V, Financial Records, 1914-1972, contains journals, ledgers, receipts and reports arranged alphabetically, then in chronological order. The financial records include accounts of dues paid, sick relief and mortuary benefits, and statistical summary reports.

Series VI, Membership Records, 1896-1970, contain registers and roll books arranged alphabetically, then in chronological order. The records include much information on individual members relating to the stages of apprenticeship, the history of their membership, and the monetary benefits received are found in the membership registers and roll books.

Gaps in the collection include missing volumes of minutes for 1891-1899 and 1919-1934; Financial Secretary's Account 1910-1914; and Membership Roll Book 1924-1926. Also, there are gaps in the Secretary's Files, particularly in the correspondence files of the Secretary-Treasurer from 1920-1936 and 1938-1962. The collection lacks the files of the Union President's office. The records of the Dayton Typographical Union No. 57, however, document the ongoing operation and concerns of a local trade union and contain extensive financial and membership information along with that of detailed contract negotiation.

Subject Terms:

Organizations/Corporate Names

Dayton Typographical Union. Local 57 – Archives.

Subjects (General)

Printing industry – Employees – Labor unions – Ohio – Dayton.

Collective labor agreements – Printing industry – Ohio.

Labor unions – Ohio – Dayton.

Material Types

Correspondence

Corporate minutes

Ledgers (account books)

Financial records

Collection Inventory

Series I: Legal Reports (Bound Reports), 1932-1970			
<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
1	1	Report of the proceedings in the trial of Herman Pohlbel.	Dec. 1932
	2	Rebuttal Brief of Dayton Typo. Union No. 57 in the case of The Newspaper Publisher's Assoc. of Dayton, Ohio vs. Dayton Typo. Union No. 57.	Dec. 1936
	3	Before the Board of Arbitration, Dayton Typo. Union No. 57 vs. the Dayton Journal et. Al. Vol. II	1942
	4	Brief of Dayton Typo. Union in the Matter of Wages Only vs. Employing Printers represented by the Printers League of Dayton, Ohio.	Feb. 1942
	5	Brief of the Dayton Typo. Union No. 57 in the Arbitration Case of D.T.U. No. 57 and the Newspapers Publishers' Assoc., Dayton, OH	May 1942
	6	Dayton Typo. Arbitration – 1942, Publishers' Brief-in-Chief.	May 1942
	7	Dayton Typographical Union vs. Printers League	Feb. 1942
	8	Publishers' Exhibit No. 11 and No. 12, Dayton Typographical Arbitration	1942
	9	Rebuttal brief of Dayton Typo. Union in the matter of wages only vs. Employing Printers represented by The Printers League of Dayton, Ohio.	Mar. 1942
	10	Robert M. Comer. File of notes and papers.	undated
2	1	Monthly Stamp Report	Jan. 1940-Dec. 1960
	2	Receipts – Honorable Withdrawal Cards	1928-1961
	3	Receipts – Union dues	1968-1970

Series II: Secretary's Files, 1930-1967

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
3	1	Appeal – Robert Wildasin	Apr. 20, 1941
	2	Appeal – Printer's League of Dayton, Ohio Jean G. Whitaker vs. the D.T.U. No. 57	Jun. 15, 1941
	3	Appeal – Ralph C. Ryan, et. al. vs. D.T.U. No. 57	Jun. 26, 1942
	4	Appeal – Richard Danzenroth, et. al. vs. D.T.U. No. 57	Oct. 18, 1942
	5	Appeal – McCall Corporation vs. D.T.U. No. 57	Feb. 20, 1944
	6	Appeal – Arthur G. Brents	Feb. 20, 1945
	7	Applications for Apprentice Membership	1957-1960
	8	Applications for Membership	1956-1961
	9	Apprentices – Prior to 1961 (Vol. 1)	1953-1957
	10	Apprentices – Prior to 1961 (Vol. 2)	1958-1960
	11	Apprentices – 1961-1963, Info: Wolfenbarger suspension (Appeal in Appeals File) Scherer Lesson Violation, Gailbreath at Craftsman (Vol. 1)	1955-1961
4	1	Apprentices – 1961-1963 (Vol. 2)	1962-1964
	2	Apprenticeship Committee	1964-1966
	3	Apprenticeship Committee	1966-1967
	4	Apprenticeship Committee – Current, beginning	Aug. 1967-1969
	5	Arbitration – D.T.U. vs. The Egry Register Co., James F. MacDonald Case	Dec. 12, 1940
	6	Arbitration – McCall Corporation Vs. the Union, Ernest Cornell, Arbiter	Mar. 31, 1943
5	1	Arbitration – Newspaper Publishers vs. the Union	Apr. 16, 1942
	2	Arbitration – Newspaper Publishers vs. the Union, Union Exhibits	Apr. 16, 1942
	3	Arbitration – The Printers' League of Dayton, Ohio vs. the Union	Feb. 20, 1942
	4	Business Committee	Feb.-Jun. 1964
	5	Business Committee	1964-1965
	6	Charges – Howard G. Dynes vs. Joseph O. Burge	Mar.-May, 1937
	7	Charges – Warren W. Wilson vs. Fred W. Brooks	Dec. 18, 1938
	8	Charges – Edward F. Groskey vs. Fred W. Brooks	Mar. 19, 1939
	9	Commercial Scale Negotiations – 1963	1963-1965
	10	Commercial Scale Negotiations beg. Mar. 1, 1964	Jun.-Aug. 1963

6	1	Commercial Scale Negotiations – beg. in 1967, Proposed changes (Vol. 1)	Aug. 1966-Aug. 1967
	2	Commercial Scale Negotiations – beg. in 1967, Proposed changes (Vol. 2)	undated
	3	Commercial Scale Committee – 1959	Feb. 1955-Jan. 1960
	4	Commercial Scale Committee – 1960 (Vol. 1)	1960-1961
	5	Commercial Scale Committee – 1960 (Vol. 2)	undated
	6	Commercial Scale Committee – 1960 (Vol. 3)	undated
	7	International Typo. Union, Woodruff Randolph Jan. 7, 1930-Oct. 10, 1931	1930-1932
	8	International Typo. Union, Elmer Brown, President July 1962	1962-1964
<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
7	1	International Typo. Union, William R. Cloud, Secretary-Treasurer	1962-1964
	2	International Typo. Union, William R. Cloud, Secretary-Treasurer - July 1964	1964-1965
	3	Investigating Committee, Willis H. Landis (28547)	June 1938
	4	Investigating Committee, Fred W. Brooks charges filed by W.W. Wilson (Dayton Daily News)	Nov.-Dec. 1938
	5	Investigating Committee, Fred W. Brooks charges filed by Edward F. Groskey	Jan.-Mar. 1939
	6	Joint Standing Committees – Commercial	Sept.-Oct. 1938
	7	Joint Standing Committee – Egly Register Co.	1938-1939
	8	Joint Standing Committee – Newspaper	1937-1939
	9	Joint Standing Committee – Newspaper	1946-1949
	10	Label Committee – 1936-1937	1933-1936
	11	Label Committee – R.R. Rayburn, E.K. Reinhard	1936-1938
	12	Negotiations – Allied/Egly, Standard, Reynolds	1967
	13	Negotiations – Dayton Newspapers, Inc.	1963-1964
8	1	Negotiations – McCall – Proposals, Notes, Minutes	1964
	2	Negotiations – McCall – Printers League	1967
	3	Negotiations – N.C.R. – Proposals, Notes, Minutes	1964
	4	Negotiations – N.C.R.	1967
	5	Negotiations – Printer’s League, Minutes, Notes, Proposals	1964
	6	Negotiations – Proposals Adopted for 1967 Negotiations	1967
	7	Negotiations – Reynolds & Reynolds – Minutes,	1964

		Notes, Proposals	
8	8	Negotiations – Shopping News – Minutes, Notes, Proposals	1967
9	1	Negotiations – Standard and Egry – Notes and Proposals	1963-1967
	2	Newspaper Negotiations – (1961-1962) – Proposals	1955-1963
	3	Newspaper Negotiations – Notes, Records, Etc.	1967
	4	Newspaper Negotiations – Proposals Submitted, other information	1967
	5	Newspaper Negotiations – Miscellaneous files	undated
	6	Newspaper Scale Committee – 1957	1956-1959
	7	Newspaper Scale Committee – 1959	1955-1960
<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
10	1	Newspaper Scale Committee	1961-1962
	2	Newspaper Scale Committee	1963
	3	Notice of Death and Application for Mortuary Benefit	1944-1960
	4	Notice of Death and Application for Mortuary Benefit	1961-1962
	5	Secretary's File, J.E. Duncan – Sec. Treas.	1918-1920
	6	Secretary's File, Reinhard, E.K.	Jul. 1936-Dec. 1936
	7	Secretary's File, Reinhard, E.K. (Jan. 1, 1937)	Dec. 1936-Jul. 1937
	8	Secretary's File, Reinhard, E.K. (Jul. 19, 1937)	Apr. 1937-Jul. 1938
11	1	Secretary's File, Merton W. Phillips – Sec. Treas. July 1962	Dec. 1962-Jun. 1963
	2	Secretary's File, Merton W. Phillips – Sec. Treas. July 21, 1963	Aug. 1963-Jul. 1964
	3	Secretary's File, Merton W. Phillips – Sec. Treas. July 21, 1964	Jun. 1964-Jun. 1965
12	1	Strike – Greenfield Printing and Publishing Co.	1960-1964
	2	Strike – Troy Daily News	Apr.-Sept. 1960
	3	Strike – Washington Court House – Organization Efforts	Apr.-Jun. 1960
	4	Strike – Washington Court House Record Herald	1960-1965
	5	Strike – Washington Court House Record Herald, Authorization Cards, etc.	1962-1963

Series III: Printed Materials, 1866-1977

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
13	1	Agreement by and between The Printing Industry Association of Dayton, Ohio and D.T.U. No. 57	1953-1955
	2	AVA Journal and News Bulletin	Feb. 1939
	3	Book of Laws of the International Typo. Union	Jan. 1, 1977
	4	Boston – (Convention Souvenir)	1931
	5	The Bulletin	Jan.-Dec. 1923
	6	The Bulletin	1941
	7	The Bulletin	1942
	8	The Bulletin	1943
14	1	The Bulletin	1944
	2	The Bulletin	1945 Jan-Nov
	3	The Bulletin	1946 Feb - Dec
	4	Supplement to 1947 The Bulletin	1947
	5	The Bulletin	1948
	6	The Bulletin	1949
	7	The Bulletin (except June issue)	1950
	8	The Bulletin	1951
	9	The Bulletin (except Jan issue)	1952
	10	The Bulletin	1955 Sept & Oct
15	1	Constitution and Bylaws – D.T.U. No. 57	Apr. 4, 1926
	2	Constitution and Bylaws – D.T.U. No. 57	Jan. 16, 1977
	3	Constitution of the Trades and Labor Assembly of Dayton and Vicinity	1892
	4	Dayton Typographical Union No. 57 (Reorganized)	May 26, 1866
	5	Directory of Affiliates and Constitution of the American Federation of Labor	1951
	6	100 th Anniversary – D.T.U. No. 57 (Souvenir pamphlet)	1862-1962
	7	I.S.E.U. 33 rd Annual Convention, Dayton, Ohio (souvenir program)	Jul. 16-21, 1934
	8	I.T.U. Lessons in Printing – Books. Vol. 1 – Elements of Composition Vol. 3 – Job Composition	1954, 1956
	9	I.T.U. Lessons in Printing – Books. Vol. 4 – Design for Printers Vol. 5 – English for Printers	1954, 1956

15	10	I.T.U. Lessons in Printing – Books. Vol. 6 – Trade Unionism Vol. 7 – Imposition and Lockup	1945, 1958
	11	I.T.U. Lessons in Printing – Books. Vol. 10 – Photocomposition, Ruling and Pasteup	undated
	12	Folder – Miscellaneous	undated
	13	Official Yearbook of the Ohio State Federation of Labor	1930
	14	Official Yearbook of the Ohio State Federation of Labor	1932
	15	Official Yearbook of the Ohio State Federation of Labor	1933
	16	Official Yearbook of the Ohio State Federation of Labor	1934
	17	Official Yearbook of the Ohio State Federation of Labor	1935
16	1	Ohio Conference News – Three newsletters	March 1944 Jun.-Sep. 1944 Oct.-Dec. 1945
	2	Reports of officers and proceedings of the sixty-sixth session of the International Typographical Union	1921 Aug
	3	Reports of officers and proceedings of the sixty-sixth session of the International Typographical Union	1938 Sept
	4	Ohio Typographical Conference -- proceedings and reports from annual and semi-annual conferences	1939-1950
	5	The Typographical Journal – two copies	Dec 1930, Mar 1935
	6	Typographical News – twelve issues	Feb. 1936, June 1961 - May 1962
	7	Union Printers Home – Booklets – two copies	1914
	8	Union Rules and Policies – Inserts for a policy manual	1952-1959
Series IV: Minutes (Bound Volumes), 1866-1968			
<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
17	1	Minutes	Oct. 1866-Jun. 1883
	2	Minutes	Jan. 1883-May 1891

17	3	Minutes	Sep. 1899-Jan. 1905
	4	Minutes	Jan. 1906-Dec. 1910
	5	Minutes	Jan. 1911-Dec. 1917
	6	Minutes	Jan. 1918-Jan. 1919
	7	Minutes	Jan. 1935-Jan. 1941
	8	Minutes	Jan. 1941-Jul. 1946
	9	Minutes	Aug. 1946-Jun. 1954
18	1	Minutes	Jul. 1954-Jun. 1961
	2	Minutes	Jul. 1961-Mar. 1968
	3	Minutes	Jul. 1964-May 1968
Series V: Financial Records (Bound Volumes), 1914-1972			
<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
18	4	Cash Book	Jul. 1914-Jul. 1920
	5	Cash Book	Jul. 1920-Jan. 1927
SHELF		Financial Journal	1913-1921
SHELF		Financial Journal	1921-1929
SHELF		Financial Journal	1929-1932
18	6	Financial Journal	1927-1933
	7	Financial Ledger	1931-1932
	8	Financial Ledger	Oct. 1933-Nov. 1944
	9	Financial Journal	May 1933-Aug. 1945
19	1	Financial Journal	1944-1960
	2	Financial Ledger	1946-1957
	3	Financial Ledger	1957-1960
	4	Monthly Stamp Reports (see Box 2 for 1940-1960 reports)	1931-1939
	5	Monthly Summary Report	1966-1972
Series VI: Membership Records (Bound Volumes), 1896-1970			
<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
19	6	Membership Dues Cash Book	May 1919-1925
	7	Membership Dues Cash Book	1931-1951
SHELF		Membership Individual Ledger	1913-1914
19	8	Membership Register	1912-1918
	9	Membership Register	1918-1924

19	10	Membership Register	1924-1928
	11	Membership Register	1931-1954
SHELF		Roll Book – Financial Secretary’s Account	1896-1903
SHELF		Roll Book – Financial Secretary’s Account	1904-1906
SHELF		Roll Book – Financial Secretary’s Account	1908-1910
20	1	Roll Book – Loan Payment Schedule	1931
	2	Roll Book – Roll Call	1919-1923
	3	Roll Book – Roll Call	1927-1932
	4	Roll Book – Roll Call	1933-1941
	5	Roll Book – Roll Call	1941-1946
	6	Roll Book – Roll Call	1943-1955
	7	Roll Book – Roll Call	1952-1960
	8	Roll Book – Roll Call	1958-1960
21	1	Roll Book – Roll Call	1961-1964
	2	Roll Book – Roll Call	1964-1967
	3	Sick Relief Committee	1934-1945
	4	Sick Relief Payments	1933-1934
	5	Sick Relief Payments	1961-1966
	6	Sick Relief Payments	1966-1970