AN INVENTORY OF THE RECORDS OF THE
BRANCH #45 NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF
LETTER CARRIERS, SPRINGFIELD, OHIO

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Introduction

The records of Branch #45 of the National Association of Letter Carriers of Springfield, Ohio consist of six books of minutes. They date from its inception on August 3, 1890 to December of 1948. There is a period from June of 1929 to January 1932 for which there are no records. The records remained for many years in the possession of Mr. Ernest Headley of Springfield, Ohio. After his death they passed to his daughter, and in June of 1978 were placed in the Wright State University Archives and Special Collections by her son-in-law, Mr. Dale Faugh of Donnelsville, Ohio.

Subsequently, they were returned to the union offices in Springfield, Ohio. In 1982, the Ohio Labor History Project re-opened contact with the union and on May 20, 1982 they were donated to the Archives & Special Collections.

The records are open to use without restriction. Branch #45 reserves the right to have the records returned at any time for reference use by the officers and members for as long as they need them.
Agency History

The letter carriers of the city of Springfield met on August 3, 1890 to establish a permanent organization to be admitted to the National Association of Letter Carriers. Mr. B. F. Seaton was elected President, Ed Corrway was elected Vice President, George Zollinger was elected Secretary and Delegate to the Convention of National Association of Letter Carriers, and L. J. Vester as Treasurer.

On Tuesday, August 12, 1890, at the First Annual Convention of the National Association of Letter Carriers, the Springfield Association was admitted to the National Association to be known as Branch 45 of that Association.

A constitution and by-laws drawn up by a committee of Branch 45 was adopted on August 22, 1890 until the time when a constitution and by-laws would be furnished by the NALC. The purpose of the organization was to perpetuate fraternal feelings among letter carriers and the advancement of their interests as letter carriers.
SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The material contained in the records of the National Association of Letter Carriers Branch #45 is primarily minutes. There are six books of minutes from 1890 to 1948 with minutes from June of 1929 to January of 1932 missing.

The first book, 1890 - 1907, has information on the first meeting, the first annual convention of the National Association of Letter Carriers, and the constitution and by-laws that were drawn up by the Branch #45.

Within each book, at the front of the book, are "roll-call" lists which show the membership for the various years. There are also entries for receipts and expenditures for each particular year.

These books contain all the written records of this branch.
Minute Book  1890 - 1907
   At the end of the book are membership roll call lists from 1890, 1901 - 1904, 1906.

Minute Book  1907 - 1909
   At the end of the book are membership roll call lists from 1908, 1909 and receipts and expenses for the years 1908, 1909.

Minute Book  1909 - 1918
   At the end of the book are receipts and expenses for the years 1909 - 1918 and membership roll call lists for 1909 - 1915.

Minute Book  1919 - 1929
   At the end of the book are membership roll call lists for unidentified years and receipts and expenses for the years 1919 - 1927.

Minute Book  1932 - 1934
   At the front of the book are membership roll call lists and a list of officers for 1932, 1933 and 1934.

Minute Book  1935 - 1948
   At the front of the book is a membership list and an officer list for 1938. At the back of the book are roll call lists for the years 1935 - 1948 and receipts and expenditures for the years 1935, 1936, 1938 - 1948.