

Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters Records
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Collection Summary

Title: Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters Records

Span Dates: 1920-1968

Bulk Dates: (bulk 1950-1968)

ID No.: MSS48439

Creator: Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters

Extent: 41,000 items

Extent: 144 containers

Extent: 70 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

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Summary: Part I consists of general correspondence, subject files, and personal papers of the brotherhood's founder, A. Philip Randolph, documenting the growth and functions of the union chiefly after 1940. Part II consists of correspondence and subject files of brotherhood officials Benjamin F. McLaurin (international field organizer), A. Philip Randolph (founder and president), and Ashley L. Totten (secretary-treasurer), and other subject files, financial records, and miscellaneous records.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the LC Catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically.

People

Blanchette, A. R. (Arthur Robinson), 1910- --Correspondence.
Bond, Julian, 1940-2015--Correspondence.
Dellums, C. L. (Cotrell Lawrence)--Correspondence.
Dubinsky, David, 1892-1982--Correspondence.
Farmer, James, 1920-1999--Correspondence.
Green, William, 1870-1952--Correspondence.
King, Martin Luther, Jr., 1929-1968--Correspondence.
Marshall, Thurgood, 1908-1993--Correspondence.
Mboya, Tom--Correspondence.
McKissick, Floyd B. (Floyd Bixler), 1922-1991--Correspondence.
McLaurin, Benjamin F., 1905- Benjamin F. McLaurin papers.
McNeal, T. D.--Correspondence.
Meany, George, 1894-1980--Correspondence.
Murray, Philip, 1886-1952--Correspondence.
Powell, Adam Clayton, 1908-1972--Correspondence.
Quill, Mike--Correspondence.
Randolph, A. Philip (Asa Philip), 1889-1979. A. Philip Randolph papers.
Randolph, Woodruff, 1892-1966--Correspondence.
Rauh, Joseph L., Jr., 1911-1992--Correspondence.
Reuther, Roy, 1909-1968--Correspondence.
Reuther, Victor G. (Victor George), 1912- --Correspondence.
Reuther, Walter, 1907-1970--Correspondence.
Rustin, Bayard, 1912-1987--Correspondence.
Smith, Bennie, 1884- --Correspondence.
Spingarn, Arthur B. (Arthur Barnett), 1878-1971--Correspondence.
Stone, Chuck--Correspondence.
Totten, Ashley, 1884-1963. Ashley Totten papers.
Webster, Milton P., 1887-1965--Correspondence.
White, Walter, 1893-1955--Correspondence.

Wilkins, Roy, 1901-1981--Correspondence.

Young, Whitney M.--Correspondence.

Organizations

American Federation of Labor.

Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen.

Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters.

Congress of Industrial Organizations (U.S.)

National Advisory Committee on Farm Labor (U.S.)

National Sharecroppers' Fund (U.S.)

New York (N.Y.). City Council.

Subjects

African American labor leaders.

African Americans--Civil rights.

African Americans--Societies, etc.

Civil rights.

Labor movement--Africa.

Labor movement--Canada.

Labor movement--Kenya.

Labor movement--United States.

Local elections--New York (State)--New York.

Pullman porters--Labor unions--Canada.

Pullman porters--Labor unions--United States.

Railroad companies.

Railroads--Employees--Labor unions--United States.

Railroads--Employees.

Women in the labor movement--United States.

Provenance

The records of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters were given to the Library of Congress in 1971 by A. Philip Randolph and the brotherhood and in 1981 by the Chicago Historical Society.

Processing History

The records of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters were first arranged and described in 1972. Additional material received was incorporated into the collection in 1985 and this register subsequently revised in 1997.

Transfers

Items have been transferred from the Manuscript Division to other custodial divisions of the Library. Photographs have been transferred to the Prints & Photographs Division. Sheet music has been transferred to the Music Division. All transfers are identified in these divisions as part of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters Records.

Related Material

In 1983, the Library received a separate collection of the papers of [A. Philip Randolph](#). Other records of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters can be found in the Bancroft Library of the University of California at Berkeley and at the Chicago Historical Society.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The records of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters are open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

Preferred Citation

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Biographical Notes

Benjamin F. McLaurin

| Date | Event |
|--------------|--|
| 1906, May 26 | Born, Jacksonville, Fla. |
| 1925 | Moved to Chicago, Ill. Employed by the Pullman Co. |
| 1931 | Attended Brookwood Labor College, Katona, N.Y. Local organizer, Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters |
| 1935 | International field organizer, Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters |
| 1938 | Married Margaret L. Frye |
| 1945 | Labor candidate, city council, New York, N.Y. |
| circa 1959 | Eastern zone supervisor, Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters |

A. Philip Randolph

| Date | Event |
|---------------|--|
| 1889, Apr. 15 | Born, Crescent City, Fla. |
| 1914 | Married Lucille E. Campbell |
| 1917 | Organized small union of elevator operators, New York, N.Y. |
| 1921 | Socialist candidate, secretary of state for New York |
| 1925 | Organized Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters |
| 1935 | Member, Fiorello H. La Guardia's Commission on Race |
| 1941 | Organized March on Washington Movement Honorary LL.D., Howard University, Washington, D.C. Member, New York City Housing Authority |
| 1957-1968 | Vice president, American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations |
| 1963 | Participated in organization of March on Washington |
| 1964 | Awarded Presidential Medal of Freedom |
| 1979, May 16 | Died, New York, N.Y. |

Ashley L. Totten

| Date | Event |
|---------------|---------------------------------|
| 1884, Oct. 11 | Born, St. Croix, Virgin Islands |

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|------|--|
| 1905 | Immigrated to United States |
| 1911 | Naturalized as United States citizen |
| 1927 | Married Nellie V. Victoria |
| 1932 | International secretary-treasurer, Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters President, American Virgin Islands Civic Association |
| 1937 | National reporting officer, Railroad Retirement Board |
| 1963 | Died, New York, N.Y. |

Scope and Content Note

The records of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters span the years 1920-1968, with the bulk of the items dated 1950-1968. The collection is arranged into two parts and includes series related to the brotherhood and its officers.

Part I of the records spans the years 1937-1968, with the bulk of the material concentrated in the period 1950-1968. The records are organized into three series: [General Correspondence](#), [Subject File](#), and [A. Philip Randolph Papers](#).

Although the main focus of Part I is the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, the records are dominated by the personality and activities of the organization's founder, A. Philip Randolph. The [Subject File](#) contains a large quantity of material on the growth and functions of the union from 1940 to 1968 and includes agreements reached between the brotherhood and the nation's major railroad lines. Included also is material exchanged between the local unions and the brotherhood's headquarters, as well as files relating to biennial conventions, financial matters, and the ladies auxiliary. There are no records relating to Randolph's creation of the union in 1925 or to the brotherhood's subsequent struggles for existence while organizing various union locals.

The [General Correspondence](#) series contains exchanges between Randolph and his principal aides, A. R. Blanchette, C. L. Dellums, Benjamin F. McLaurin, T. D. McNeal, Bennie Smith, and Milton P. Webster, as well as extensive correspondence with the American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations and a lesser amount with labor organizations representing dining car employees, locomotive firemen, and railway clerks. Among the major labor leaders represented in the correspondence are Dave Beck, David Dubinsky, William Green, George Meany, Philip Murray, Michael J. Quill, Woodruff Randolph, and Roy, Victor, and Walter Reuther. There is also correspondence of political figures and an abundance of letters exchanged with civil rights organizations and leaders including Julian Bond, James Farmer, Martin Luther King, Jr., Floyd B. McKissick, Thurgood Marshall, Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., Joseph L. Rauh, Jr., Bayard Rustin, Arthur B. Spingarn, C. Sumner (Chuck) Stone, Jr., Walter Francis White, Roy Wilkins, and Whitney Young, Jr. Of particular interest is a group of letters from the African labor organizer, Tom Mboya, concerning his activities among the workers of Kenya.

Also received with Part I were papers of [A. Philip Randolph](#) which are not directly related to the brotherhood. These papers, organized by subject and type of material, constitute the last series of this original portion.

Acquired at a later date, Part II of the records of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters spans the years 1920-1968, with the bulk of the material concentrated in the period 1950-1968. This portion of the records is organized into the [Benjamin F. McLaurin Papers](#), the [A. Philip Randolph Papers](#), the [Ashley L. Totten Papers](#), [Subject File](#), [Financial Papers](#), and [Miscellany](#).

The records in Part II generally cover the same time period and supplement the correspondence and files of Part I. Although [A. Philip Randolph](#) remains the dominant individual in the collection, files of other brotherhood officers are included in most of the series. Randolph's correspondence contains letters from members of the brotherhood, officials of other labor unions, members of the United States Congress, educators, individuals involved in civil rights efforts, persons seeking relief from economic distress, and admirers. The most voluminous correspondence is with A. R. Blanchette, the brotherhood's international field representative in Canada, and Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. The letters of [Benjamin F. McLaurin](#), which span the years 1944-1957, are primarily confined to his services as international field organizer, while those of [Ashley L. Totten](#), dating 1937-1951, relate to his duties as secretary-treasurer of the brotherhood.

The [Subject File](#) in Part II contains additional agreements between the brotherhood and the railroad companies, but most of the files concern the participation of the union in railway and labor organizations. The most informative material relating to the organizing activities of the union can be found in the files pertaining to the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen

and Enginemen. These activities were carried out under the auspices of the Provisional Committee To Organize Colored Locomotive Firemen. The records document the struggles of African-American firemen to retain their jobs and seniority rights with the railroad companies while seeking to be represented by a labor union. Briefs of legal cases brought by the brotherhood on behalf of the African-American firemen are also included in the files. Some of the material in the files relating to Canada also touches on the organizing activities of the brotherhood.

The papers of A. Philip Randolph, Benjamin F. McLaurin, and Ashley L. Totten also contain material not directly related to the activities of the union, although some may be the result of their prominence as officers in the brotherhood. [Randolph's](#) files include material on the organization of agricultural workers, the National Advisory Committee on Farm Labor, and the National Sharecroppers' Fund, which shows his concern for farm laborers and his support of organizations seeking to better their working conditions. A significant file in [McLaurin's](#) papers relates to his campaign for a seat on the New York city council in 1945. Correspondence and a file of speaking engagements constitute the papers of [Ashley L. Totten](#). A letter written while he was president of the American Virgin Islands Civic Association is also among his papers.

Organization of the Papers

The collection is arranged in two parts composed of nine series:

Part I:

- [General Correspondence, 1940-1968](#)
- [Subject File, 1940-1968](#)
- [A. Philip Randolph Papers, 1937-1968](#)

Part II:

- [Benjamin F. McLaurin Papers, 1944-1957](#)
- [A. Philip Randolph Papers, 1935-1968](#)
- [Ashley L. Totten Papers, 1937-1951](#)
- [Subject File, 1920-1968](#)
- [Financial Papers, 1936-1968](#)
- [Miscellany, 1947-1963](#)

Description of Series

| Container | Series |
|-------------|--|
| BOX 1-34 | <p><u>Part I: General Correspondence, 1940-1968</u> Incoming and outgoing correspondence. Arranged alphabetically by name of person or organization.</p> |
| BOX 35-96 | <p><u>Part I: Subject File, 1940-1968</u> Bulletins, correspondence, financial papers, agreements, legal papers, memoranda, newspaper clippings, speeches, and printed matter. Arranged alphabetically by name of person, organization, or topic.</p> |
| BOX 97-105 | <p><u>Part I: A. Philip Randolph Papers, 1937-1968</u> Subject File consisting of correspondence, memoranda, newspaper clippings, speeches, and printed matter. Arranged alphabetically by name of person, organization, or topic. Miscellany consisting of articles, biographical information, family correspondence, financial papers, and speeches. Arranged alphabetically by type of material.</p> |
| BOX 106 | <p><u>Part II: Benjamin F. McLaurin Papers, 1944-1957</u> Incoming and outgoing correspondence. Arranged alphabetically by name of person or organization. Subject File consisting of writings, biographical information, and printed matter. Arranged alphabetically by name of person, organization, or topic.</p> |
| BOX 106-119 | <p><u>Part II: A. Philip Randolph Papers, 1935-1968</u> Incoming and outgoing correspondence. Arranged alphabetically by name of person or organization. Speeches and writings. Arranged chronologically. Subject File consisting of correspondence, memoranda, newspaper clippings, speeches, and printed matter. Arranged alphabetically by name of person, organization, or topic.</p> |
| BOX 119-120 | <p><u>Part II: Ashley L. Totten Papers, 1937-1951</u> Incoming and outgoing correspondence. Arranged alphabetically by name of correspondent. Miscellaneous material and speaking engagements. Arranged chronologically.</p> |
| BOX 121-141 | <p><u>Part II: Subject File, 1920-1968</u> Correspondence, memoranda, newspaper clippings, speeches, and printed matter. Arranged alphabetically by name of person, organization, or topic.</p> |
| BOX 141-143 | <p><u>Part II: Financial Papers, 1936-1968</u> Financial material consisting of correspondence, statements, and reports. Arranged chronologically.</p> |
| BOX 143-144 | <p><u>Part II: Miscellany, 1947-1963</u> Press releases, newspapers, and statements from various labor unions, printed matter, and reports. Arranged alphabetically by type of material.</p> |

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| BOX 2 | American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations Civil Rights Committee (2 folders) Executive Council (3 folders) General (1 folder) |
| BOX 3 | (4 folders) International Affairs Committee (1 folder) |
| BOX 4 | (1 folder) Association of General Chairmen, Standard Railroad Labor Organizations "Ab-Am" miscellaneous (3 folders) |
| BOX 5 | "An-Ay" miscellaneous Bethune, Mary McLeod <i>The Black Worker</i> (2 folders) Blanchette, A. R. (4 folders) |
| BOX 6 | (4 folders) Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen (2 folders) |
| BOX 7 | Brotherhood of Railway and Steamship Clerks Brown, Theodore E. (4 folders) Burns, James A. "Ba-Be" miscellaneous (2 folders) |
| BOX 8 | "Bi-By" miscellaneous (5 folders) China |

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| BOX 13 | "Ea-En" miscellaneous "Ep-Ez" miscellaneous Farbstein, Leonard Farmer, James Farrell, James T. Fauntroy, Walter E. Federal Housing Administration Ferguson, Homer Finkelstein, Louis Fraser, Donald M. Freeman, Orville L. Fries, Frank W. Fulton, James G. Furness, Betty "F" miscellaneous (3 folders) Gallagher, Cornelius E. Gates, Thomas S. Gavagan, James A. Geyer, Lee E. Goldberg, Arthur J. Golden, Harry Gore, Albert (1907-) Government Printing Office |

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| | Javits, Jacob K. |
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| | "J" miscellaneous (3 folders) Kaiser, Edgar F. Katzenbach, Nicholas DeB. Keating, Kenneth B. Kefauver, Estes Kennedy, Edward M. Kennedy, John F. Kennedy, Robert F. Kennedy, Stephen Kerr, Robert S. Keyserling, Leon H. |
| BOX 17 | King, Martin Luther, Jr. Kingsley, Sidney Kirchwey, Freda Kitt, Eartha Knight, Goodwin J. Knowland, William F. Knox, Frank "K" miscellaneous Labor Bureau of Middle West (5 folders) |
| BOX 18 | Labor Department (3 folders) La Farge, John La Guardia, Fiorello H. Langer, William Lawson, Howard Lehman, Edith Lehman, Herbert H. Levin, Ruben Levitas, S. M. Lewis, Jerry Lewis, John L. Library of Congress Lindsay, John Lucas, Scott W. Ludlow, Louis "L" miscellaneous (3 folders) |
| BOX 19 | Macy, John W., Jr. Marshall, Thurgood Martin, Thomas E. Martin Luther King Convalescent Fund Mathias, Charles McC., Jr. Mboya, Tom McCarthy, Joseph R. |

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| BOX 28 | Stanton, Frank Stassen, Harold E. State Department Stevens, Harold Stevenson, Adlai E. Stimson, Henry L. Stokes, Anson Phelps Stone, C. Sumner, Jr. ("Chuck") Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee Sweet, William E. Swing, Raymond Gram "Sa-So" miscellaneous (7 folders) |
| BOX 29 | "Sp-Sy" miscellaneous (2 folders) Taft, Robert A. (1889-1953) Telegrafnoe agentstvo SSSR (TASS) Thomas, Elbert D. Thomas, Norman Thye, Edward J. Tobias, Channing H. Tobin, Maurice J. |

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| | Long Island |
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| BOX 78 | (1 folder) League for Mutual Aid (6 folders) |
| BOX 79 | Legal papers (9 folders) |
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| BOX 82 | Legislation Local affiliates of the brotherhood Alabama-Canada (11 folders) |
| BOX 83 | Colorado-District of Columbia (5 folders) Florida Jacksonville (3 folders) |
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| BOX 85 | Macon-Waycross (3 folders) Illinois-Louisiana (6 folders) |
| BOX 86 | Maryland-Missouri (10 folders) |
| BOX 87 | Nebraska-North Carolina (3 folders) New York Albany-Buffalo (2 folders) New York (4 folders) |
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| BOX 92 | <i>The Messenger</i> Miscellany (5 folders) Press releases (2 folders) |
| BOX 93 | Printed matter (3 folders) Programs (3 folders) |
| BOX 94 | (2 folders) Provisional Committee to Organize Colored Locomotive Firemen Publicity Seaboard Airline Railroad Co. Shorter Work Month Movement (4 folders) |
| BOX 95 | (2 folders) Sleeping car conductors bill Teachers' unions Union shop |
| BOX 96 | Zone conferences (4 folders) |
| BOX 97-105 | Part I: A. Philip Randolph Papers, 1937-1968 Subject File consisting of correspondence, memoranda, newspaper clippings, speeches, and printed matter. Arranged alphabetically by name of person, organization, or topic. Miscellany consisting of articles, biographical information, family correspondence, financial papers, and speeches. Arranged alphabetically by type of material. |
| BOX 97 | Subject file Africa (6 folders) |
| BOX 98 | (1 folder) Articles, requests for (3 folders) India Interviews, requests for (3 folders) |
| BOX 99 | Invitations (6 folders) |
| BOX 100 | (4 folders) Japan |

Part I: A. Philip Randolph Papers, 1937-1968

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| BOX 101 | March on Washington, 1963 Memberships in various organizations (2 folders) Negro education Negro history Negro leaders (2 folders) Negro press (1 folder) |
| BOX 102 | (2 folders) Political parties (3 folders) Post War World Council Powell, Adam Clayton, Jr. (4 folders) |
| BOX 103 | (3 folders) Press releases Race Conference, Washington, D.C., 1956 Speaking engagements (6 folders) |
| BOX 104 | (3 folders) White Citizens Councils White press (4 folders) |
| BOX 105 | Miscellany Articles (2 folders) Biographical information Family correspondence Blount, Carrie Graham, Willie Mae Randolph, Lucille E. Financial papers (3 folders) Notes Speeches Statements Unidentified |
| BOX 106 | Part II: Benjamin F. McLaurin Papers, 1944-1957 Incoming and outgoing correspondence. Arranged alphabetically by name of person or organization. Subject File consisting of writings, biographical information, and printed matter. Arranged alphabetically by name of person, organization, or topic. |
| BOX 106 | Correspondence "A-W" miscellaneous Circular letters |

Part II: Benjamin F. McLaurin Papers, 1944-1957

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Subject file
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Miscellaneous biographical material
Writings

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Part II: A. Philip Randolph Papers, 1935-1968

Incoming and outgoing correspondence. Arranged alphabetically by name of person or organization.
Speeches and writings. Arranged chronologically.
Subject File consisting of correspondence, memoranda, newspaper clippings, speeches, and printed matter. Arranged alphabetically by name of person, organization, or topic.

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Correspondence
"A-B" miscellaneous
(2 folders)
Blanchette, A. R.
(1 folder)
(4 folders)

BOX 107

"C" miscellaneous

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Davis, Jerome
Dawson, William L.
"D-F" miscellaneous
(3 folders)
Goldberg, Arthur
"G" miscellaneous
Hunton, George K.
"H" miscellaneous
International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers
International Confederation of Free Trade Unions
International Union of Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers
"I" miscellaneous
Jewish Labor Committee

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"J" miscellaneous
King, Martin Luther, Jr.
"K-L" miscellaneous
(2 folders)
Merson, Edna A.
"M-P" miscellaneous
(3 folders)
Powell, Adam Clayton, Jr.

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Reuther, Walter P.
"R-S" miscellaneous
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Transport Workers Union of America
"T-V" miscellaneous
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United Negro College Fund
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| BOX 112 | American Association for the United Nations (2 folders) American Civil Liberties Union Awards, honors, etc. Biographical data Citizens Committee for \$1.50 Minimum Wage Invitations to speak 1963 1964 Jan.-Feb. |
| BOX 113 | Mar.-Dec. 1965-1968 (2 folders) Letters of thanks Miscellany |
| BOX 114 | NAACP (4 folders) |
| BOX 115 | National Advisory Committee on Farm Labor (4 folders) National Sharecroppers Fund (1 folder) |
| BOX 116 | (3 folders) New York, N.Y., hospital strike Press releases and newspaper clippings |
| BOX 117 | Protestant Council of the City of New York (3 folders) Publications file (1 folder) |
| BOX 118 | (2 folders) Recommendations and résumés (2 folders) Religion and Labor Council of America |
| BOX 119 | Requests to serve on boards (2 folders) Subscriptions (2 folders) |
| BOX 119-120 | Part II: Ashley L. Totten Papers, 1937-1951 Incoming and outgoing correspondence. Arranged alphabetically by name of correspondent. Miscellaneous material and speaking engagements. Arranged chronologically. |

Part II: Ashley L. Totten Papers, 1937-1951

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| BOX 121-141 | Part II: Subject File, 1920-1968 Correspondence, memoranda, newspaper clippings, speeches, and printed matter. Arranged alphabetically by name of person, organization, or topic. |
| BOX 121 | Agreements with railroad companies General Alton Railroad Atlantic Coast Line Baltimore and Ohio Canadian Pacific Central of Georgia Chesapeake and Ohio Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Denver and Rio Grande Western Erie Railroad Gulf, Mobile and Ohio Lehigh Valley Louisville and Nashville Missouri Pacific Missouri-Kansas-Texas New York, New Haven and Hartford |
| BOX 122 | The Pullman Co. (2 folders) Seaboard Air Line Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Co. American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations Committee on Political Education (2 folders) |
| BOX 123 | Community Services Committee (2 folders) General Industrial Union Department Bakery and Confectionary Workers' International Union |

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| | Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Co. |
| | Biennial Convention dinner |
| BOX 124 | Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen |
| | Agreements |
| | Grievances |
| | Legal action |
| | (2 folders) |
| | Local divisions |
| | Alabama, Birmingham |
| BOX 125 | Florida |
| | High Springs |
| | Jacksonville |
| | Lakeland |
| | Tampa |
| | Georgia |
| | Albany |
| | Atlanta |
| | Augusta |
| | Cedartown |
| | Columbus |
| BOX 126 | Macon |
| | Savannah |
| | (2 folders) |
| | Thomasville |
| | Waycross |
| | Miscellaneous localities |
| | Mississippi |
| | Columbus |
| | Meridian |
| BOX 127 | North Carolina |
| | Rocky Mount |
| | Wilmington |
| | South Carolina |
| | Charleston |
| | Sumter |
| | Virginia, Portsmouth |
| | Miscellany |
| | Provisional Committee To Organize Colored Locomotive Firemen |
| | Annual conferences |
| | Local conferences |
| | Brown, Theodore, case of |
| | Canada |
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| BOX 129 | (2 folders) Immigration from British West Indies Labour law Canadian Labour Congress |
| BOX 130 | (2 folders) Canadian Pacific Railway Co. General General Chairman's Association Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad Co. Citizens Union of the City of New York Committee on Organization and Education, New York division Conference of National Organizations |
| BOX 131 | (2 folders) Cooperating railway labor organizations (2 folders) Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad Co. Election results, local divisions (3 folders) Erie Railroad Co. Georgia Railroad Co. Gulf, Mobile and Ohio Railroad Co. Harvard University Trade Union Fellowship Program |
| BOX 132 | Immigration Insurance plans (2 folders) International Executive Board International Workers Order, Inc. Labor Committee to Release Imprisoned Trade Unionists and Democratic Socialists |
| BOX 133 | Legal cases <i>Cook v. Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters</i> Louisville and Nashville Railroad Co. Members' claims against railroad companies Miscellaneous National Railway Adjustment Board (2 folders) New York, N.Y. (2 folders) |
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| BOX 137 | Railway Labor Executives' Association 1958 rules movement Assessments General Railway Labor's Political League (3 folders) |
| BOX 138 | Railway Unions' Educational Council Rates of pay Red Caps Resolutions (3 folders) |
| BOX 139 | (2 folders) Seaboard Air Line Railroad Co. Social Security Board Social Security claims Songs Southern organizations and movements Sykes, Lawyer Tanner, Minnie The Thrifters (savings club) Unemployment insurance claims United States Congress |
| BOX 140 | United States labor laws (2 folders) University labor programs Various committees and organizations (2 folders) Victory tax Workers Defense League (3 folders) |
| BOX 141 | Workers to be organized World's Fair, New York, N.Y. |

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Part II: Financial Papers, 1936-1968

Financial material consisting of correspondence, statements, and reports.
Arranged chronologically.

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1949-1954

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BOX 142

1955-1962

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BOX 143

1963-1968

(5 folders)

BOX 143-144

Part II: Miscellany, 1947-1963

Press releases, newspapers, and statements from various labor unions, printed matter, and reports.

Arranged alphabetically by type of material.

BOX 143

Material from various labor unions

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BOX 144

(1 folder)

Printed matter

Blacks and discrimination

Labor disputes

Reports