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### Leslie Bloom Collection

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#### Content Note

This collection contains material written and collected by WSU alumnus Leslie Robert Bloom with respect to his unfinished master's thesis on the Industrial Workers of the World (IWW) and its presence in early 20<sup>th</sup> century Kansas. Items include drafts of Bloom's thesis, correspondence, copies of academic publications and IWW literature, press clippings, an interview transcript, federal agency and bureau reports, and assorted research notes. Inclusive dates are from 1910 to 1992.

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#### Administrative History

The Industrial Workers of the World, an international labor union, was founded in Chicago, Illinois, on June 27, 1905. Since its inception, the IWW's purpose has been to unite all wage-earning laborers for the purpose of overthrowing capitalism and the wage labor system, thereby bringing about an economic state of affairs in which laborers cooperate in the means of production. The union's headquarters are still in Chicago.

The IWW became prominent during World War I due to its stances against conscription and various economic and political policies enacted by the federal government after America declared war on Germany on April 6, 1917. In September of that year, dozens of union members were arrested in Chicago, Wichita, San Francisco, and other locations for their alleged activities against the draft and

the Espionage Act of 1917, along with other charges. Following a months-long delay, C.W. Anderson and others arrested in Kansas were tried and found guilty in federal court on various counts and sentenced to imprisonment in Leavenworth in December 1919. Following an appeal which reversed the federal court's ruling on a charge of sabotage, as well as requests by various parties for amnesty, all of the imprisoned IWW members were pardoned or granted commuted sentences by the end of 1923.

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## Series Listing

Series 1	Box 1 FF 1-7	Master's Thesis. This series contains "Kittens in the Wheat: The History of the Industrial Workers of the World in Kansas, 1907-1923," Leslie Bloom's unfinished thesis on the IWW presence in Kansas during the early 20th century, with particular emphasis on the 1919 court case <i>United States vs. C.W. Anderson et al</i> , 1966-67. Arranged by chapter.
Series 2	Box 1 FF 8-15	<i>United States vs. C.W. Anderson et al</i> . This series contains copies of correspondence, legal documents, publications, biographical data, notes, and press clippings directly concerned with the above case, 1917-1923, 1967, n.d. Material arranged by year.
Series 3	Box 1 FF 16-48	Research and Supplementary Material. This series largely contains primary and secondary sources consulted and/or cited by Bloom during the researching and writing of his thesis. Also included is Bloom's 1966 interview with IWW General Secretary-Treasurer Carl Keller, copies of newspaper clippings, research notes, and related correspondence written by or sent to Bloom concerning his project, 1910-1992, n.d. Arranged alphabetically by creator or title, both of which are sometimes altered for brevity. When applicable, Bloom's notes relating to a given folder item are maintained therein.
Series 4	Box 2	Microfilm. This series contains eight reels of reference material used by Bloom, including a dissertation, Department of Justice records on the IWW, IWW-produced newspapers, and assorted leaflets and pamphlets on the IWW, 1917-1951. Arranged alphabetically by creator.

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## Box and Folder Listing

### Series 1 – Master's Thesis

Box 1	FF 1	Kittens in the Wheat, Chapter 1: Background to 1908
Box 1	FF 2	Kittens in the Wheat, Chapter 2: 1909-1914
Box 1	FF 3	Kittens in the Wheat, Chapter 3: 1915
Box 1	FF 4	Kittens in the Wheat, Chapter 4: 1916
Box 1	FF 5	Kittens in the Wheat, Chapter 5: 1917

Box 1	FF 6	Kittens in the Wheat, Chapter 6: 1917-1918
Box 1	FF 7	Kittens in the Wheat, Chapter 2: 1909-1914

### **Series 2 – United States vs. C.W. Anderson et al**

Box 1	FF 8	1917
Box 1	FF 9	1918
Box 1	FF 10	1919
Box 1	FF 11	1920
Box 1	FF 12	1921
Box 1	FF 13	1922
Box 1	FF 14	1923, undated material
Box 1	FF 15	Biographical profiles of imprisoned IWW workers, c. 1919, 1967, n.d.

### **Series 3 – Professional Correspondence**

Box 1	FF 16	Agricultural Workers Industrial Union [AWIU]. Leaflet for harvest workers, 1916. "Bylaws for the AWIU No. 400," 1917. "What is the IWW Preamble?," c. 1922.
Box 1	FF 17	Bloom, Leslie. Correspondence and receipts pertaining to institutional copying fees and microfilm orders, 1966-1967.
Box 1	FF 18	Bloom, Leslie. Correspondence on IWW research, 1966-1967.
Box 1	FF 19	Bloom, Leslie. "The History of the Industrial Workers of the World in Kansas with Background," 1966.
Box 1	FF 20	Bloom, Leslie. Index of pertinent IWW-published newspaper articles, c. 1966.
Box 1	FF 21	Bloom, Leslie. Interview with Carl Keller, 1966.
Box 1	FF 22	Bloom, Leslie. Research notes and other source material, n.d.
Box 1	FF 23	Department of Justice. Report on the Investigation Activities of the Department of Justice, 1919.
Box 1	FF 24	Felix, David. <i>Protest: Sacco-Vanzetti and the Intellectuals</i> , 1965.
Box 1	FF 25	Goldwater, Walter. <i>Radical Periodicals in America</i> , 1966.
Box 1	FF 26	IWW. <i>List of Delinquent Industrial Union Delegates</i> , 1922. "A Message to the Oil Workers!," c. 1917. Meeting minutes, 1914-1915.
Box 1	FF 27	IWW. "The One Big Union Monthly," 1919-1920.

Box 1	FF 28	IWW. "Preamble and Constitution of the IWW," 1916.
Box 1	FF 29	Jamieson, Stuart Marshall. <i>Labor Unionism in American Agriculture</i> , 1945.
Box 1	FF 30	Kansas State Board of Agriculture. Biennial Reports for 1915-1916, 1917-1918, and 1919-1920.
Box 1	FF 31	Latchem, E. W. "The IWW in the West – Its Significance," n.d.
Box 1	FF 32	Lescoher, D. D. "With the IWW in the Wheat Lands," 1923.
Box 1	FF 33	Lusk Committee Report on Radicalism, 1920.
Box 1	FF 34	Naas, Bernard G. and Carmelita S. Sakr. <i>American Labor Union Periodicals</i> , 1956.
Box 1	FF 35	Newspaper clippings, 1910-1920, 1966, n.d.
Box 1	FF 36	Parker, Albert. <i>Life and Labor in the Mid-Continent Oil Fields, 1859-1945</i> , 1951.
Box 1	FF 37	Perlman, Selig and Philip Taft. <i>History of Labor in the United States, 1896-1932</i> , 1935.
Box 1	FF 38	Russell, Francis. <i>Tragedy in Dedham</i> , 1971.
Box 1	FF 39	State Geological Survey of Kansas. <i>Geology of the Eldorado Oil and Gas Field, Butler County, Kansas</i> , 1921.
Box 1	FF 40	Taft, Philip. "The Federal Trials of the IWW," 1962; "The IWW in the Grain Belt," 1960; <i>Organized Labor in American History</i> , 1964.
Box 1	FF 41	Untitled academic paper, n.d.
Box 1	FF 42	U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. <i>Labor Unionism in American Agriculture: Bulletin No. 836</i> , 1946.
Box 1	FF 43	U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. <i>Monthly Labor Review</i> , April 1922.
Box 1	FF 44	U.S. House of Representatives. Commission on Industrial Relations, 1912-1915, Final Report of the Commission on Industrial Relations, 1916.
Box 1	FF 45	Veblen, Thorstein. "An Unpublished Paper on the IWW," 1918.
Box 1	FF 46	Wayne State University. Box and folder listing for IWW collection, n.d.

#### **Series 4 - Microfilm**

Box 2	FF 1	American Civil Liberties Union. Records, Vol. 55 and Vol. 86, pgs. 245-337, 1917-1919. [one reel]
Box 2	FF 2-4	Department of Justice. Files concerning the IWW in Kansas and Oklahoma and the IWW trial, 1917-1921. [three reels]

Box 2	FF 5	Federal Records Center. Files concerning the IWW in Kansas, 1917-1919. [one reel]
Box 2	FF 6	IWW. "Industrial Worker," April 1, 1916-May 25-1918. [one reel]
Box 2	FF 7	Joseph A. Labadie Collection at the University of Michigan. Leaflets and pamphlets: "Sabotage," "More Truth about the IWW," "The Truth about the IWW," "The Truth about the IWW Prisoners," "Agriculture," "Justice and the IWW," "Persecution of the Radical Labor Movement in the U.S.," "The IWW: Its History, Structure and Methods," and "Hot Shots from the Gateway," 1918, n.d. [one reel]
Box 2	FF 8	Parker, Albert. <i>Life and Labor in the Mid-Continent Oil Fields</i> , 1951. [one reel]

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