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Collection Summary

Title: National Consumers' League Records

Span Dates: 1882-1986

Bulk Dates: (bulk 1920-1950)

ID No.: MSS34215

Creator: National Consumers' League

Extent: 81,500 items ; 178 containers plus 4 oversize ; 72.6 linear feet ; 127 microfilm reels

Language: Collection material in English

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

Summary: Organization founded in 1899 to monitor the conditions under which goods were manufactured and distributed. Correspondence, memoranda, minutes, reports, speeches, project and program files, legal files, scrapbooks, printed material, and other records relating to the league's efforts toward reform in public health, consumer protection, public welfare, and fair labor standards.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

People

Abbott, Grace, 1878-1939.

Anderson, Mary, 1872-1964.

Baker, Newton Diehl, 1871-1937.

Berry, Raymond H.

Burns, Eveline M. (Eveline Mabel), 1900-1985.

Commons, John R. (John Rogers), 1862-1945.

Costigan, Mabel Cory, approximately 1873-1951.

Dewson, Molly, 1874-1962.

Douglas, Paul H. (Paul Howard), 1892-1976

Goldmark, Josephine, 1877-1950.

Goldmark, Pauline, 1874-1962.

Hadley, Eleanor M.

Hamilton, Alice, 1869-1970.

McAllister, Dorothy Smith, 1899-1983.

Perkins, Frances, 1880-1965.

Peterson, Esther, 1906-1997.

Rankin, Jeannette, 1880-1973.

Raushenbush, Elizabeth Brandeis.

Roche, Josephine A. (Josephine Aspinwall), 1886-1976.

Ryan, John A. (John Augustine), 1869-1945.

Winant, John G. (John Gilbert), 1889-1947.

Witte, Edwin E. (Edwin Emil), 1887-1960.

Wyckoff, Florence, 1905-1983.

Zwemer, Susanna P. (Susanna Peirce), 1895-1992.

Organizations

National Consumers' League.

National Council on Agricultural Life and Labor (U.S.)

United States. Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938.

Subjects

Child labor.

Constitutional amendments--United States.

Consumers' leagues.

Consumers.
Equal rights amendments.
Hours of labor.
Migrant labor.
Public health.
Public welfare.
Reformers.
Social security--United States.
Wages.
Working class--Law and legislation.

Administrative Information

Provenance

The records of the National Consumers' League were given to the Library of Congress by Susanna P. Zwemer and other league officials between 1957 and 1986.

Processing History

The collection was processed between 1972 and 2000. The finding aid was revised in 2011.

Additional Guides

Susanna P. Zwemer, New Jersey league president and later board chairman of the national league, and Clement E. Vose originally processed portions of these records and prepared item-indexes to several series in the collection. These indexes, located in the Miscellany series, should be consulted for material dated prior to 1958.

Transfers

Items have been transferred from the Manuscript Division to other custodial divisions of the Library. Some photographs have been transferred to the Prints and Photographs Division. Audiocassette recordings have been transferred to the Motion Picture, Broadcasting, and Recorded Sound Division. All transfers are identified in these divisions as part of the National Consumers' League Records.

Related Material

Additional material on the early years of one local league, the Consumers League of the District of Columbia, is in the Manuscript Division's collection of the papers of Anna Kelton Wiley.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings in the records of the National Consumers' League is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Microfilm

A microfilm edition of Series A through Series I of these records is available on 124 reels. Raymond H. Berry papers received with this collection on a separate edition of microfilm are available on 3 reels. Consult a reference librarian in the Manuscript Division concerning purchase or interlibrary loan of the microfilm. To promote preservation of the originals, researchers are required to consult the microfilm edition.

Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container or reel number, National Consumers' League Records, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

The records of the National Consumers' League span the years 1882-1986, with the bulk of the material dated 1920-1950, a period of great activity in labor legislation. Although at one time various city and state leagues were chartered across the country, these records pertain primarily to the national organization. The collection is organized into eleven series: [Organization File](#) ; [Office File](#) ; [Projects and Programs File](#) ; [Speech, Article, and Book File](#) ; [Legal File](#) ; [Scrapbooks](#) ; [Printed Matter](#) ; [Miscellany](#) ; [Addition I](#) ; [Addition II](#) , and [Addition III](#) .

The National Consumers' League was founded in 1899 as a social reform movement concerned with the conditions under which goods were manufactured and distributed. Unlike later consumer organizations that focused upon product testing and selection among competing items, the league insisted that consumers should use their buying power to promote broad social reform. To that end, it developed a comprehensive legislative program on both the state and federal level to secure statutes regulating wages and hours, guaranteeing healthy working conditions, and prohibiting child labor. It sought to ensure public health through measures such as the Pure Food and Drug Act, and it was an early advocate of social security legislation. The league promoted the creation of administrative agencies to enforce protective legislation and played a major role in defending reform measures in court. These topics and others are covered in both the [Organization File](#) and [Office File](#) . Related subjects in the [Projects and Programs File](#) are under specific headings such as child labor, the Equal Rights Amendment, the Fair Labor Standards Act, migratory labor, minimum wages, social security, and wages and hours.

With the exception of a few years for which there are no records, the [Organizations File](#) contains a complete record of the official proceedings of the league from 1899 to 1972. Minutes, reports, speeches, correspondence, and memoranda give insight into the workings of the organization and reflect the development of twentieth-century social thought.

For the period prior to 1932, the records reflect the major role played by the league's first general secretary, Florence Kelley. League general secretaries had the dual function of carrying out league policy and coordinating the activities of the chartered leagues. Their correspondence is located in the general correspondence section of the [Office File](#) . Among the many citizens with whom Florence Kelley or later secretaries corresponded are Grace Abbott, Mary Anderson, Newton Diehl Baker, Elizabeth Brandeis Rauschenbush, Eveline M. Burns, John R. Commons, Mabel Cory Costigan, Molly Dewson, Paul H. Douglas, Josephine Goldmark, Pauline Goldmark, Eleanor M. Hadley, Alice Hamilton, Dorothy Smith McAllister, Esther Peterson, Frances Perkins, Jeanette Rankin, Josephine A. Roche, John A. Ryan, John G. Winant, Edwin E. Witte, Florence Wyckoff, and Susanna P. Zwemer.

The national organization's records also contain material generated by various state and local leagues. The chartered leagues' material relates local activities to the parent organization and reflects state and local projects. Correspondence of local leaders is located in the general correspondence section of the [Office File](#) . Records of the chartered leagues dated prior to 1966 appear as discrete headings in the [Office File](#) , but materials generated after that date are interfiled with the general correspondence. Annual reports of the various chartered leagues are located in the [Printed Matter](#) series.

The [Legal File](#) , which includes briefs of legal cases bearing on league work, is closely related to projects included in the [Projects and Programs File](#) . Material relating to the life and work of Florence Kelley can be found in both the [Speech, Article, and Book File](#) and in the [Miscellany](#) series.

Between 1951 and 1970 the league worked closely with the National Council on Agricultural Life and Labor to extend protective legislation to migratory labor. Records for this organization are located in the [Miscellany](#) and include correspondence, memoranda, reports, printed matter, and committee material.

Susanna P. Zwemer, New Jersey league president and later board chairman of the national league, and Clement E. Vose originally processed portions of these records and prepared item-indexes to several series. These indexes, located in the [Miscellany](#) series, should be consulted for material dated prior to 1958.

Series [I](#) , [J](#) , and [K](#) are subsequent additions to the records. Series [I](#) , covering the years 1957-1973, consists chiefly of administrative records. Also included in Series [I](#) are files for two state leagues, New Jersey and Ohio. Series [J](#) , covering the years 1905 to 1982, consists of correspondence and chronological files, speeches, statements, league publications and other printed matter. Of particular interest is the chronological file containing a complete set of outgoing correspondence of the league's general secretary, 1960-1972. Also of interest are reports on league activities that were issued annually, 1967-1976, giving an overview of the league's work. Series [K](#) , covering the years 1951-1985, includes records of the National Consumers' Committee for Research and Education, Inc., such as minutes of meetings, correspondence, and project and

publication files. Also in Series K are transcripts of interviews for the production of the publication *Consumer Activists: They Made a Difference*.

Arrangement of the Papers

The collection is arranged in eleven series:

- Organization File, 1899-1972
- Office File, 1897-1969
- Projects and Programs File, 1890-1970
- Speech, Article, and Book File, 1882-1970
- Legal File, 1909-1955
- Scrapbooks, 1924-1958
- Printed Matter, 1897-1959
- Miscellany, 1932-1970
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- Addition II, 1905-1982
- Addition III, 1951-1986

Description of Series

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BOX A1-A24
REEL 1-14

Series

Organization File, 1899-1972

Articles of incorporation, constitution and bylaws, charters for state leagues, minutes of meetings, correspondence, mailing lists, subject files, financial and historical material, programs, proceedings, resolutions, reports, tributes, invitations, addresses, publicity and press releases, testimony, newspaper clippings, and newsletters.
Arranged alphabetically by administrative unit.

BOX B1-B39
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Office File, 1897-1969

Correspondence, newsletters, reports, printed matter, and histories pertaining to the chartered leagues.
Arranged alphabetically by state and chronologically thereunder. General correspondence dated 1900-1958 is filed alphabetically by name of correspondent. Post-1958 correspondence is filed chronologically by year and alphabetically thereunder. Ledger books are arranged chronologically.

BOX C1-C56
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Projects and Programs File, 1890-1970

Correspondence, memoranda, reports, minutes of meetings, publicity, draft legislation, newspaper clippings, publications, legal opinions, testimony, proceedings of hearings, and background papers from the President's Commission on Migratory Labor.
Arranged alphabetically by subject. *Raymond H. Berry papers in the radium poisoning files available only on microfilm, shelf no. 16,612 (negative shelf no. 11,902) (3 reels)*

BOX D1-D5
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Speech, Article, and Book File, 1882-1970

Speeches, article and book drafts, galley proofs, reviews, leaflets, printed copies, typescripts, source material, newspaper clippings, radio addresses, testimony, and related correspondence.
Arranged alphabetically by name of author.

BOX E1-E6
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Legal File, 1909-1955

Legal briefs and analyses.
Grouped alphabetically by state and arranged alphabetically by title therein. An index to this series is located at the end of the series.

BOX F1-F5
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Scrapbooks, 1924-1958

Form letters, printed matter, newspaper clippings, and cost accounts.
Arranged chronologically.

BOX G1-G6
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Printed Matter, 1897-1959

Annual bulletins and reports of the chartered leagues, Christmas cards, leaflets, correspondence, newspaper and magazine clippings, and publications.
Arranged alphabetically by type of material.

BOX H1-H5
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Miscellany, 1932-1970

Index listing individual folder headings from a previous arrangement of the collection, biographical data on several league officials, material relating to the death of Florence Kelley, and organization records of the National Council on Agricultural Life and Labor. Arranged alphabetically by subject.

BOX I1-I7
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Addition I, 1956-1973

Correspondence, memoranda, printed matter, reports, invitations, publicity and press releases, testimonies, financial records, and miscellaneous items. Arranged alphabetically by subject.

BOX J1-J22
not filmed

Addition II, 1905-1982

Correspondence and chronological files, legal and financial records, reports, bulletins, clippings, and other printed matter. Arranged alphabetically by subject or type of material and chronologically therein.

BOX K1-K7
not filmed

Addition III, 1951-1986

Minutes, correspondence, bylaws, project and publication files of the National Consumers' Committee for Research and Education, Inc. Arranged alphabetically by subject and chronologically therein.

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| BOX A2 REEL 1-2 | 1960-1967 (7 folders) Index to minutes of meetings, 1939-1942 Kelley, Florence, centenary dinner Minutes of meetings 1921-1931 (11 folders) |
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| BOX A4 REEL 2-3 | 1950-1971 (22 folders) |
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| | Report of the secretary |
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| | Correspondence |
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| | Minutes |
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| | Report of the secretary |
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| | Testimony |
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| | Bulletin |
| | Testimony |
| BOX A17 | 1958 |
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| | Annual meeting kit |
| | Bulletin |
| | Correspondence |
| | (3 folders) |
| | Joint Conference with Women's Bureau |
| | Newspaper clippings |
| | Nominating Committee |
| | Press releases |
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| | Testimony |
| | 1958-1959 |
| | Finance |
| | Index |
| BOX A18 | Issues |
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| | Press releases |
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| | Testimony (2 folders) |
| | 1959 |
| | Area committees |
| | Legislative report |
| | Newspaper clippings |
| | Press releases |
| | Testimony |
| | 1959-1960 |
| | Index and reports |
| | Issues |
| | Letters to Congress |
| BOX A19 | Mailings |
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| | Promotion and finance |
| | Testimony |
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| | Bulletins and press releases |
| | Index and reports |
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| | Speakers |
| | Telephone Committee |
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| | Bulletins |
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| | Index and reports |
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| | 1964 |
| | Bulletins |
| | Finance |
| | Index and reports |
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| | Peterson, Esther, reception |
| | Press releases |
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| | Testimony |
| | 1965 |
| | Bulletins |
| | Consumer Clearing House |
| | Finance |
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| | Legislative report |
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| | Newspaper clippings |
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| | Testimony |
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| | Bulletin |
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| | 1971 |
| | Bulletin |
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| | Executive Committee, minutes of meetings |
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Office File, 1897-1969

Correspondence, newsletters, reports, printed matter, and histories pertaining to the chartered leagues.

Arranged alphabetically by state and chronologically thereunder. General correspondence dated 1900-1958 is filed alphabetically by name of correspondent. Post-1958 correspondence is filed chronologically by year and alphabetically thereunder. Ledger books are arranged chronologically.

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Chartered leagues

California League Committee

Connecticut, 1933-1952

(6 folders)

Delaware, 1939-1948

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District of Columbia

Florida

Kentucky

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Maryland

Massachusetts

Correspondence, 1897-1955

(5 folders)

Vorse manuscript

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REEL 16

Memoranda to state leagues, 1915-1950

(3 folders)

Michigan

Area committees

Bulletins

Correspondence

1935-1943

(3 folders)

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Correspondence

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| BOX B6 REEL 19 | 1955-1958 (2 folders) Food Producers Council v. Male, 1960 Meetings, 1961-1968 Newsletters 1939-1969 (4 folders) Printed matter |
| BOX B7 REEL 19-20 | New York Bulletins Child Labor Committee, 1924-1938 (3 folders) Correspondence, 1932-1958 (4 folders) |
| BOX B8 REEL 21 | Newsletters, 1948-1960 (2 folders) Printed matter Transfer to national |
| BOX B9 REEL 22 | Ohio Cincinnati, 1933-1941 (2 folders) Correspondence, 1934-1961 (6 folders) Printed matter Toledo, 1931-1949 Oregon Pennsylvania Area committees Eastern region Philadelphia Area Committee Western region Rhode Island Bulletin Correspondence 1933-1945 (2 folders) |
| BOX B10 REEL 23 | Utah Vermont Consumers Committee Virginia, 1937-1942 West Virginia Committee |

General correspondence

1900-1958

“A” miscellaneous

Abbott, Grace

Altmeyer, Arthur J.

American Association for Labor Legislation

American Association for Social Security

American Association of Social Workers

American Association of University Women

American Labor Education Service

American Parents Committee

American Public Welfare Association

Americans for Democratic Action

Anderson, Mary

“B”

Baker, Everett Moore

Baker, Newton Diehl

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Barnett, Albert E.

Beyer, Clara M.

Blodgett, Louise Q.

Bolton, Francis

Bowie, Jean (Mrs. W. Russell)

Bowles, Chester

Brandeis, Elizabeth

Brown, J. Douglas

Burns, Eveline M.

“C” miscellaneous

Cannon, Mrs. Henry White

Chamber of Commerce of the U.S.A.

Civil Liberties Clearing House

Committee for Nation's Health

Committee on Research in Medical Economics

Commons, John R.

Congressional Committee To Protect Consumers

Consumer Clearing House

Consumer movement

Consumers Union of United States

Costigan, Mr. and Mrs. Edward P.

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“D” miscellaneous

Democratic National Committee

Dewson, Mary

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Douglas, Helen Gahagen

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Arranged alphabetically by type of material.

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