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Steel Workers Organizing Committee
Collection (1937-1940)

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Collection Information

Abstract : Newsletters of Steel Workers Organizing Committee, 1937-1940, relating to union organization at Reed & Prince, Worcester, Mass., and related material, provide insight into labor and management relations during the pre-World War II years within this company and the steel industry at large.

Finding Aid : Finding Aid in print form is available in the Repository.

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MARC Access : Collection is cataloged in MARC under the following subject headings (lcs, aat, tgm, gmgcp)

Reed & Prince Mfg. Co. (Worcester, Mass.)
Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel & Tin Workers. Lodge #1315 (Worcester, Mass.)
Steel Workers Organizing Committee. New England District. (Worcester, Mass.)
Steel Workers Organizing Committee. Heppenstall Lodge #1601.
Trade-unions – Iron and steel workers – Massachusetts – Worcester.
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Newsletters – Massachusetts – Worcester. lcs
Broad­sides – Massachusetts – Worcester. lcs

Historical/Biographical Notes

Reed & Prince Mfg. Co., screw manufacturer, was established in the late 1880s and is still in operation (2000). The plant became unionized in the late 1930s through the Steel Workers Organizing Committee (Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel & Tin Workers, CIO).

Scope and Content

The collection is comprised of newsletters published by the Steel Workers Organizing Committee, Reed & Prince, Lodge #1315, Worcester, Mass., with a few newsletters intermixed from related lodges, 1937-1941. The collection also includes newsletters of Heppenstall Lodge, #1601, S.W.O.C. [S.I.], 1938-1939, bound. The collection also includes a broadside advertising a union-sponsored dance, November 1939

The collection, largely newsletters of the organizing period, provides insight into labor and management attitudes and relationships of the period between the depression and World War II.

Series Description

Series 1: Newsletters, Reed & Prince Lodge #1315, Worcester, Mass., 1937-1941. Includes newsletters of other Worcester lodges.

Series 2: Newsletters, Heppenstall Lodge, #1601, [S.I.], 1938-1939.

Series 3: Miscellaneous.

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Series 1, Newsletters, Reed & Prince Lodge, #1315

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1	4	2000.35.1.4	Newsletters, Lodge #1315, 1940.
1	5	2000.35.1.5	Newsletters, Lodge #1885 (South Works), 1939-1940.

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Series 2, Newsletters, Heppenstall Lodge, #1601

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1	6	2000.35.2.1	Bound volume newsletters, Heppenstall Lodge, #1601, [S.1.], 1938-1939

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Series 3, Miscellaneous

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1	7	2000.35.3.1	Broadside, advertising Thanksgiving costume dance, sponsored by Steel Workers, C.I.O., Friday November 18, [1939] (Broadside torn in half and used as cover)