BROTHERHOOD OF RAILROAD TRAINMEN, SUTTER LODGE NO. 340 COLLECTION

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Descriptive Summary
Title: BROTHERHOOD OF RAILROAD TRAINMEN, SUTTER LODGE NO. 340 COLLECTION
Dates: 1890-1951
Collection Number: MS 411
Creator/Collector: Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen. Sutter Lodge
Extent: 10 oversize boxes
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Abstract: This collection contains ledgers and correspondence from the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, Sutter Lodge No. 340 and one ledger from its women's group, Golden State Lodge.
Language of Material: English
Access
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Biography/Administrative History
The Brotherhood of Railroad Brakemen was a cooperative association founded in the summer of 1883 in Albany, New York for the main purpose of providing disability benefits to its members. A rival Brotherhood of Railroad Brakemen branch was founded in 1883 by eight brakemen for the Delaware & Hudson Railroad who met secretly in Oneonta, New York. This group became Lodge No. 1 of the Brotherhood. By 1884, at their first annual convention, they had 39 lodges and 900 members in the United States and Canada. In January 1889, in Fort Gratiot, Michigan, the Brotherhood created a women's group which they named the Grand Lodge. In 1890, the name of the organization was changed to the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen. Concerned with practical issues such as providing pension and disability benefits for its members, the Brotherhood also supported shorter hours, better wages, education and other improved working conditions for its members. Grievance committees were set up to hear members' grievances against employers and to try to facilitate a resolution between employees and employers on these issues. The Brotherhood created an Auxiliary to do charitable works, such as the establishment of a home for indigent and elderly members, and tuberculosis research. In 1969, the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen merged with the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers, the Order of Railway Conductors and Brakemen, and the Switchmen's Union of North America to form the United Transportation Union.
Scope and Content of Collection
This collection is arranged into 7 series: 1 ATTENDANCE REGISTERS 2 FINANCIAL RECORDS 3 GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE 4 MEMBERSHIP AND POLICY REGISTER 5 MINUTES OF MEETINGS 6 RECORD BOOKS 7 VISITORS' REGISTER
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