Finding Aid to the Earl Noldin Papers

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Title: Earl Noldin papers
Creator: Noldin, Earl
Date (bulk): 1947-1967
Date (inclusive): 1917-1971
Collection number: larc.ms.0034
Accession number: 1987/069
Extent: 0.25 cubic ft. (1 box, 1 scrapbook)
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Languages: Languages represented in the collection: English.
Abstract: The Earl Noldin Papers contain material documenting Noldin's activity within the rail unions, and his work as an organizer for the Industrial Workers of the World (I.W.W.). Types of material include personal and union-related correspondence including letters between Noldin and a prison inmate, Dan Crombie; union card and dues books; a large scrapbook of articles written by Noldin for the I.W.W. newspaper Industrial Worker; an incomplete set of United Railroad Operating Crafts (UROC) newsletters; and photographs. The earliest correspondence is dated 1917; more recent materials include correspondence dated 1967 and newsletters and clippings from the late 1960s to 1971, with the bulk of the material from the years 1943-1967.
Location: Materials are available onsite.
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Availability
Collection is open for research.
Separated Materials
A sample ballot, dated November 6, 1928, listing the Socialist Party slate (including Upton Sinclair) has been added to the Poster Collection.
Six black and white photographs have been added to the Photograph Collection: Gremio Unido de Alijadores S. Coerl Building, Mexico, undated. School operated by Gremio Unido de Alijadores S. Coerl, Mexico, undated. Gremio Unido de Alijadores S. Coerl band, Mexico, undated. Noldin in office (Railworkers Industrial Union, No. 520?) with unidentified woman, undated. Western Pacific train, 1952. Southern Pacific train, 1952.
Preferred Citation
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Acquisition
The papers of Earl Noldin were donated by Richard Ellington on June 4, 1987. Ellington received the papers from Anna Smith, a friend of Noldin, who died in 1985.
Processing Information

Biography
Earl (Emil Raymond) Noldin (1893-1979) was a railroad worker active in various railroad unions. He was also an organizer for the Industrial Workers of the World (I.W.W.), and wrote for the organization’s newspaper, Industrial Worker. Noldin died in Berkeley, California.

Scope and Contents
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Subjects and Indexing Terms
Industrial Workers of the World.
United Railroad Operating Crafts.
Railroads--Employees--Labor unions--United States.

| Box 1, Folder 1 | 1917-1920 |
| Box 1, Folder 2 | 1943-1963 |
| Box 1, Folder 3 | Regarding termination from Western Pacific Railroad Co. for non-compliance with their union shop agreement 1954 |
| Box 1, Folder 4 | Correspondence with Dan Crombie 1964-1967 |
| Box 1, Folder 5 | Notebook pages of definitions, poems and sayings undated |
| Box 1, Folder 6 | Railroad Employee's Seniority and Time Book; Railroad Employee's guild card; dues books 1946, 1951, 1959, undated |
| Box 1, Folder 7 | United Railroad Operating Crafts (U.R.O.C.) newsletters 1954 October 15-1955 April 15 |
| Box 1, Folder 8 | Song lyrics undated |
| Box 1, Folder 9 | Newspaper clippings 1955-1971 |
| Box 1, Folder 10 | Newsletters of atheistic societies: Freethinkers of America; Society of Separation; Americans United for Separation 1967-1971 |
| Oversize-box 1 | Scrapbook of newspaper clippings of articles by Noldin published in Industrial Worker |