



## Historical Society *of* Pennsylvania

### **Workmen's Circle, Philadelphia District records (additions), 1940-1981**

**MSS 045**

#### **Summary Information**

**Repository:**

Historical Society of Pennsylvania  
1300 Locust Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107  
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**Creator:** Workmen's Circle (U.S.). Philadelphia District

**Title:** Workmen's Circle, Philadelphia District records (additions)

**Collection number:** MSS 045

**Dates:** 1940-1981

**Extent:** 2.6linear feet (5 boxes, 3 volumes)

**Language:** The collection is primarily in English with some items in Yiddish.

**Abstract:**

The Workmen's Circle, a national Jewish fraternal organization, was founded in 1892 by Russian Jewish immigrants. The first Philadelphia branch was probably chartered in 1904. The organization promoted the development and preservation of Yiddish culture in the United States, and its members were active in the labor movement. The Workmen's Circle was aligned with the Socialist Party for three decades, then increasingly supported liberal democratic policies and Jewish nationalism. For related materials see the Workmen's Circle Philadelphia District Records (MSS042).

**Conditions governing access:** The collection is open for research.

**Immediate source of acquisition:** Gift of Workmen's Circle.

**Accession numbers:** 1980.020, 1983.015, 1984.004

MSS 45

WORKMEN'S CIRCLE, PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT RECORDS, 1940-1981  
[Additions to MSS 42]

## BOX LIST

Box No.	Folder No.		
SERIES I: City and District Committee			
1	1	Constitutions	1948, 1959, 1963, 1971
	2	City and District minutes	1951-1952
	3	City Central Committee minutes	1977-1981 [scattered]
	4	Eastern Region #3 minutes	1974
	5	Council of Yiddish-speaking branches minutes	1970-1976
		Joseph Bragin correspondence	
	6	Personal	1940-1981 [scattered]
	7	Workmen's Circle	1970-1973
	8	Workmen's Circle	1974-1980
	9	D. Braginsky correspondence	1954, 1962, 1982
	10	Correspondence, dissolving branches	1979
	11	Announcements	1951, 1953, 1955, 1957
	12	Announcements	1968-1972
	13	Announcements	1974-1975
2	1	Announcements	1976-1980
	2	Announcements	1982-1983
		Administrative Records	
	3	Eastern Zone Conference	1963
	4	Regional Board #3 members list	1967-1968 [scattered]



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SERIES I: City and District Committee (cont'd)

Administrative Records (cont'd)

2	5	Eastern Region #3 conference reports	1976
	6	District Conference agendas	1971-1972, 1977, 1979
	7	Region #3 branches, members lists	1966-1976
	8	Region #3 branches, members lists	1977, n.d.
	9	City Committees, members lists	1957-1975
	10	City Committees, dues cards	1957-1975
	11	Membership Director's kit	1964-1966
	12	Membership Prospects	1975-1976
	13	Membership Prospects	1975-1976
	14	Membership Prospects	1975-1976

Financial Records

3	1	Audits	1953-1981
	2	Festival program	1975
	3	Ephemera	n.d.

SERIES II: CEMETARY DEPARTMENT

Financial Records

4		Audits	1964-1981
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SERIES III: MEDICAL DEPARTMENT

Financial Records

5		Audit	1965
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Box Folder  
No. No.

SERIES IV: EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT

Workmen's Circle Schools

Central Committee

3	6	Agendas	1958
	7	Minutes	1960-1962
	8	Minutes	1959-1967
	9	Minutes	1968-1972
	10	Correspondence	1948-1975 [scattered]
	11	Proposed merger with Folkshuln	1959-1972
	12	Kinder Ring/May Day Celebration	n.d.
	13	Newspaper clippings	1958-1982 [scattered]
OS	folder 1	West Oak Lane construction plan	1962

Administrative records

4	1	Third Seder reservations	1969-1981
	2	Student records	n.d.

Financial Records

	3	Monthly school reports	
		Annual statements	
		Enrollment statistics	1973-1974
	4	Audits	1964-1980
	5	Ephemera	n.d.

Camp Hofnung

Legal records

	6	Dissolution	1968
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Box Folder  
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SERIES V: BRANCH 124

4	7	Minutes	1961-1964
		Financial records	
OS	Box 1	Members ledger	n.d.

SERIES VI: BRANCH 138

		Financial records	
4	8	Medical benefits	1941-1943, 1951-1953
volume 1		Member's ledger	1951-1957
OS	Box 2	Member's ledger	1963-1967

SERIES VII: HOME FOR THE EASTERN REGION

4	9	Ephemera	n.d.
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SERIES VIII: BRANCH 186E

10		Correspondence	1945-1982 [scattered]
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SERIES IX: BRANCH 447

11		Financial records	1978-1979
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SERIES X: BRANCH 1032

		Financial records	
volume 2		Income	1969-1972
4	12	Miscellany	1978-1979



Box Folder  
No. No.

SERIES XI: BRANCH 1033

4 13 Financial records 1979

SERIES XII: BRANCH 1093

14 Financial records 1979

Miscellaneous:

OS Folder 2 Newspaper clippings 1952-1953

## Addendum

## Workmens Circle

## Series I: City and District Committee

Ephemera

OS Folder 3

City of Philadelphia Certificate

1975

## Series VI: Branch 138

Members Ledger

1948

13 April 1989



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SEPARATION RECORD

The following items were removed from the Workmen's Circle, Philadelphia  
District Records, accession number(s) Mss. 45  
and have been sent to the division or section indicated. Any items that should  
receive special disposition are clearly marked.

Museum:

Library:

1) Printed works:

Other: 4 record sets (all duplicates) of the Workmen's Circle  
Choir entitled "Legend of Toil".

Supervising Processor's signature:



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SEPARATION AND TRANSFER RECORD

The following non-manuscript items were removed from the Workmen's Circle  
Records, accession number/Mss. number MSS 45  
and have been transferred to the division or the section indicated.

MUSEUM:

LIBRARY:

1) Printed works:

- 1 50th anniversary of B. Vladeck Branch 138
- 1 Workmen's Circle Branch 124 20th anniversary

2) Other

- 1 audio recording of "Legend of Toil" by the Workmen's Circle  
Chorus--a three record set

Supervising processor's signature:

*Carl B. Zimmerman*