

# Will Parry papers, circa 1908-2013

## Overview of the Collection

<b>Creator</b>	Parry, Will
<b>Title</b>	Will Parry papers
<b>Dates</b>	circa 1908-2013 1908 2013
<b>Quantity</b>	1.79 cubic ft (3 boxes)
<b>Collection Number</b>	5316
<b>Summary</b>	Papers of a labor activist in King County, Washington
<b>Repository</b>	<a href="#">University of Washington Libraries, Special Collections</a> Special Collections University of Washington Libraries Box 352900 Seattle, WA 98195-2900 Telephone: 206-543-1929 Fax: 206-543-1931 <a href="mailto:speccoll@uw.edu">speccoll@uw.edu</a>
<b>Access Restrictions</b>	The papers are open to all users.
<b>Languages</b>	English
<b>Sponsor</b>	Funding for encoding this finding aid was partially provided through a grant awarded by the National Endowment for the Humanities.

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## Biographical Note

Will Parry was a labor activist in King County, Washington. From 1977 to 1978, Parry and Ross Rieder, of the Washington State Labor Council, organized King County unions to assist workers in picketing automobile dealerships. The strikes were in reaction to a growing trend among the dealerships to open their shops to non-union work. Parry and Ross paired again to organize the Washington State delegation of union members and supporters for Solidarity Day -- a rally against the Reagan administration initiated by the AFL-CIO Executive Council and held in Washington, D.C., on September 19, 1981.

## Content Description

Contains strike bulletins, clippings, notes, and photographs from the auto trades strike in King County, Washington, 1977-1978. Also contains newsletters, clippings, photographs, and related items about Solidarity Day in 1981, and the United States labor movement's protest against budget cuts in social programs by the Reagan administration. Also contains newsletters, clippings, photographs and correspondence from his early life, work life and travel.

## Use of the Collection

## Restrictions on Use

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## Administrative Information

### Arrangement

Organized into 2 accessions.

Accession No. 5316-001, Will Parry papers, 1977-1981

Accession No. 5316-002, Will Parry papers, circa 1908-2013

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## Detailed Description of the Collection

The following section contains a detailed listing of the materials in the collection.

### Accession No. 5316-001: Will Parry papers, 1977-1981

.21 cubic foot (1 box)

Scope and Content: Contains strike bulletins, clippings, notes, and photographs from the auto trades strike in King County, Washington, 1977-1978. Also contains newsletters, clippings, photographs, and related items about Solidarity Day in 1981, and the United States labor movement's protest against budget cuts in social programs by the Reagan administration. Also contains newsletters, clippings, photographs and correspondence from his early life, work life and travel.

Arrangement: Arranged in multiple series:

Auto trades strike

Solidarity Day

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Processing Info: Processed by Dan Waters in 2006.

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Acquisition Info: Received from Will Parry via Ross Rieder, October 3, 2001.

Container(s)	Description	Dates
	<b>Auto trades strike</b>	
Box/ Folder		

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Container(s)	Description	Dates
1/1	5316-001 Fact sheet	1977-1978
1/2	5316-001 Boycotting lists	1977-1978
	Strike bulletins	
Box/ Folder		
1/3	5316-001 <i>Reports</i>	1977-1978
1/4	5316-001 <i>The Volunteer Picket</i>	1977-1978
1/5	5316-001 Miscellaneous	1977-1978
Box/ Folder		
1/6	5316-001 Newspaper: <i>The Scanner</i>	1977-1978
1/7	5316-001 Writing: "Strike Effort Keeps Growing"	1978
1/8	5316-001 Writings of others	1966, 1978
1/9	5316-001 Photographs <u>Scope and Content:</u> Includes 14 black-and-white and color photographs of picketers and picketing sites. Also includes 2 black-and-white photographs of strike food bank.	1977-1978
1/10	5316-001 Notes	1977-1978
1/11	5316-001 Ephemera	1977-1978
1/12	5316-001 Clippings	1977-1978
	<b>Solidarity Day</b>	
Box/ Folder		
1/13	5316-001 Fact sheets	1981
1/14	5316-001 General correspondence	1981

Container(s)	Description	Dates
1/15	5316-001 Notices	1981
1/16	5316-001 Calendars	1981
1/17	5316-001 News releases	1981
1/18	5316-001 Lists/rosters	1981
1/19	5316-001 Resolutions	1981
Newsletters		
Box/ Folder		
1/20	5316-001 <i>Jobs &amp; Justice, the Washington State Campaign for Solidarity Day</i>	1981
1/21	5316-001 Miscellaneous	1981
Box/ Folder		
1/22	5316-001 Speeches and writings of others	1981
1/23	5316-001 Photograph <u>Scope and Content:</u> 8 x 10-inch black-and-white photograph of a group of Washington State unionists at Solidarity Day, Washington, D.C., in front of a hotel.	1981
1/24	5316-001 Notes	1981
1/25	5316-001 Ephemera	1981
1/26	5316-001 Clippings	1981

## Accession No. 5316-002: Will Parry papers, circa 1908-2013

1.58 cubic ft (2 boxes)

Scope and Content: Materials documenting Will Parry's life, probably assembled for his 90th birthday celebration in April of 2010. Materials include newsclippings of articles written by Parry, photographs, birth certificates, and material on the Parry family. Records document Parry's activism on behalf of

labor rights and progressive political causes. Also included, a 1963 reprint of the June 7, 1889 Seattle PI issue on the Seattle fire.

Restrictions on Access: Open to all users.

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Acquisition Info: Imogene Williams, partner of Will Parry, 7/1/2014

Container(s)	Description	Dates
<b>Box</b>		
1	5316-002 Personal papers	circa 1908-2013
<b>Box:Oversize</b>		
2	5316-002 Reprint of June 7, 1889 Seattle PI issue	1963

## Names and Subjects

### Subject Terms :

Demonstrations--Washington (D.C.)  
Federal aid to human services--United States  
Labor disputes--Washington (State)--King County  
Labor leaders--Washington (State)--King County  
Labor leaders--Washington (State)--King County--Archives  
Personal Papers/Corporate Records (University of Washington)  
Picketing--Washington (State)--King County--Photographs  
Strikes and lockouts--Automobile industry--Washington (State)--King County

### Personal Names :

Parry, Will--Archives

### Form or Genre Terms :

Clippings (Books, newspapers, etc.)  
ephemera  
Newsletters  
notes  
Photographs  
writings

### Other Creators :

#### Corporate Names :

Labor Archives of Washington (University of Washington)  
(creator)

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