

# Terry Pettus papers, 1927-1984

## Overview of the Collection

<b>Creator</b>	Pettus, Terry, 1904-1984
<b>Title</b>	Terry Pettus papers
<b>Dates</b>	1927-1984 (inclusive) 1927 1984
<b>Quantity</b>	approximately 2.71 cubic feet of textual materials, plus 2 folders, 1 looseleaf notebook, added ephemera 10 cassettes
<b>Collection Number</b>	0139, 0463
<b>Summary</b>	Correspondence, tape recordings and tape recorded interview of president of Tacoma Newspaper Guild and provisional president of Seattle Chapter
<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>	Open to all users.
<b>Languages</b>	English

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## Biographical Note

Terry Pettus was a labor organizer and the first president of the Pacific Northwest Newspaper Guild. He gained notoriety as an editor of a local Communist newspaper and was investigated by the House Un-American Activities Committee during the 1950s. In later years, Pettus became a member of the King County Board of Adjustment, Director of the Floating Homes Association, and member of a local society to save historic ships. He died in 1984 at the age of 80.

## Content Description

Correspondence regarding the American Newspaper Guild, sound recordings and transcripts of interviews with Pettus, writings and research notes relating to Pettus' writing projects, and materials related to his activities as a houseboat owner to improve the rights of houseboat dwellers.

## Use of the Collection

### Restrictions on Use

Creator's literary rights transferred to the University of Washington Libraries.

## Administrative Information

### Arrangement

Organized into 5 accessions.

Accession No. 0139-001, Terry Pettus interviews and correspondence, 1966-1967

Accession No. 0463-002, Terry Pettus lecture, 1954

Accession No. 0463-003, Terry Pettus interview, 1979

Accession No. 0463-004, Terry Pettus papers, 1927-1984

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## Detailed Description of the Collection

### Accession No. 0139-001: Terry Pettus interviews and correspondence, June 30, 1966; Feb. 1967

.63 cubic feet of textual materials plus 3 cassettes

Scope and Content: Correspondence regarding American Newspaper Guild, and P.I. Strike, 1935-1937.

Restrictions on Access: Open to all users.

Restrictions on Use: Creator's literary rights not transferred to the University of Washington Libraries.

Acquisition Info: Gift of Terry Pettus, Nov. 28, 1960

Container(s)	Description	Dates
	Correspondence: Incoming	
<u>Box/ Folder</u>	<u>Accession</u>	
1/1-2	0139-001 American Newspaper Guild. British Columbia	1936-1939
1/3	0139-001 American Newspaper Guild. California	1935-1937
1/4	0139-001 American Newspaper Guild. Montana	1936-1937
1/5	0139-001 American Newspaper Guild. New York	undated

Container(s)	Description	Dates
1/6-9	0139-001 American Newspaper Guild. New York. National Headquarters	1935-1937
1/10	0139-001 American Newspaper Guild. Portland	1936-1937
1/11	0139-001 American Newspaper Guild. Saint Louis	1937
1/12	0139-001 American Newspaper Guild. Salt Lake	1936
1/13-19	0139-001 American Newspaper Guild. Seattle	undated; 1936-1939
1/20	0139-001 American Newspaper Guild. Spokane	1936-1937
1/21	0139-001 American Newspaper Guild. Tacoma	1935
1/22	0139-001 Boiler Makers, Iron Ship Builders & Helpers. International Brotherhood, #568	1936
1/23	0139-001 Strong, Anna Louise	1936
1/24	0139-001 Typographical Union. Local 201	1936
Box/ Folder	Accession	
1/25-31	0139-001 Correspondence: Outgoing	1936-1937
1/32	0139-001 Correspondence: General	1936
1/33	0139-001 Constitution, By-Laws & Contracts	1936-1937
Box/ Folder	Accession	
1/34	0139-001 Copies of Consitution, By-Laws, Drafts of Contracts	1936-1937
Bulletins		
Box/ Folder	Accession	
1/35	0139-001 American Newspaper Guild. California	1936

Container(s)	Description	Dates
1/36	0139-001 American Newspaper Guild. National Headquarters	1937
1/37	0139-001 American Newspaper Guild. Seattle	1937
1/38	0139-001 American Newspper Guild. Tacoma	1936-1937
1/39	0139-001 American Newspaper Guild. Unidentified	1936
Miscellany		
Box/ Folder	Accession	
1/40	0139-001 American Newspaper Guild. Seattle	undated
1/41	0139-001 American Newspaper Guild. Tacoma	undated
Interviews		
Box/ Folder	Accession	
2/1	0139-001 Interview with Al Acena re: Washington Commonwealth Federation	June 1966
2/2	0139-001 Interview with Richard Berner-Mr. Yarnell re: Washington Pension Union	Feb 1967
Box/ Folder	Accession	
2/3	0139-001 Bowen Trial Testimony	undated
2/4	0139-001 Notes--Political Issues	1956
2/5	0139-001 Ephemera	undated
Cassette		
Audio Cassettes 32, 33, 34	0139-001 Terry Pettus interviews	undated

## Accession No. 0463-002: Terry Pettus lecture, 1954

2 cassettes (60 min. each )

Scope and Content: Tape recording of lecture on Seattle Smith Act Trial, 1954?, and personal reminiscences.

Restrictions on Access: Open to all users.

Restrictions on Use: Creator's literary rights transferred to the University of Washington Libraries.

Acquisition Info: Donated by Howard Droker, February 28, 1979

## Accession No. 0463-003: Terry Pettus interview, 1979

5 cassettes (60 min. each )

1 transcript (58 pages)

Scope and Content: Tape-recorded interviews, with transcript, 1979.

Pettus talks about Seattle in the 1930's. The questions of the 3 interviewers do not appear in the transcript; Pettus' answers run together in a single narrative. Also the tapes may contain more material than is in the transcript; the transcript is a selection of the most interesting and valuable material and was produced for a slide show. The ten sections of the transcript correspond to the ten sides of the tapes. These interviews were made for the Seattle Public Library series "This City, Seattle." David Current has the original reel-to-reel recordings; can refer users who wish to do productions with broadcast quality to Mr. Current.

Restrictions on Access: Open to all users.

Restrictions on Use: Creator's literary rights transferred to the University of Washington Libraries.

Acquisition Info: Donated by David Current, November 01, 1981.

## Accession No. 0463-004: Terry Pettus papers, 1927-1984

2.08 cubic feet (4 boxes)

Scope and Content: Correspondence, research notes, writings, ephemera, 1927-1984.

Bulk of the accession is writings by Pettus and research notes for writing projects; but also covered are his activities as a houseboat owner to improve the rights of houseboat dwellers.

Restrictions on Access: Open to all users.

Restrictions on Use: Creator's literary rights transferred to the University of Washington Libraries.

Acquisition Info: Donated by Howard Droker, October 24, 1984.

Container(s)	Description	Dates
<b>Series 1: Terry Pettus personal papers</b>		
Box/ Folder	Accession	

Container(s)	Description	Dates
1/1	0463-004 Biographical Features	1984, undated
1/2	0463-004 Incoming Letters: DeLacy, Hugh	1948-1984
1/3	0463-004 Incoming Letters: Droker, Howard	1979-1980
1/4	0463-004 Incoming Letters: Weeks, Ramona	1964
1/5	0463-004 Incoming Letters: Williams, Forrest	1979-1983
1/6	0463-004 Incoming Letters: A-C Miscellaneous	1937-1983
1/7	0463-004 Incoming Letters: D-H Miscellaneous	1927-1984
1/8	0463-004 Incoming Letters: J-N Miscellaneous	1930-1984
1/9	0463-004 Incoming Letters: O-P Miscellaneous	1948-1983
1/10	0463-004 Incoming Letters: R-S Miscellaneous	1933-1984
1/11	0463-004 Incoming Letters: T Miscellaneous	1937-1984
1/12	0463-004 Incoming Letters: W-Y Miscellaneous	1964-1983
1/13	0463-004 Incoming Letters: Unidentified	1960-1980
1/14	0463-004 Outgoing Letters	1953-1964
1/15	0463-004 General Correspondence	1954-1979
1/16	0463-004 Financial Records	1942
1/17-19	0463-004 Research Notes for Research Projects: Arctic Telegraph	1961-1963
1/20	0463-004 Research Notes for Research Projects: Christmas Ship	1959
1/21-23	0463-004 Research Notes for Research Projects: Fort Nisqually	1960
1/24-27	0463-004 Research Notes for Research Projects: Hydrofoils	1960
1/28	0463-004 Research Notes for Research Projects: Lightship "Relief"	1961-1964

Container(s)	Description	Dates
1/29	0463-004 Research Notes for Research Projects: MacDonald, Angus	1961
1/30-32	0463-004 Research Notes for Research Projects: Parker, John F.	1957-1960
1/33	0463-004 Research Notes for Research Projects: Pickett, James Tilton	1961-1963
1/34-36	0463-004 Research Notes for Research Projects: Pig War	1961-1964
1/37	0463-004 Research Notes for Research Projects: "Unionism or Hearst"	1977-1979
1/38-39	0463-004 Writings: Everett Massacre	undated
1/40	0463-004 Writings: Miscellaneous	undated
1/41	0463-004 Writings By Others: Berta Pettus	undated
1/42	0463-004 Writings By Others: Miscellaneous	1963, undated
1/43-44	0463-004 Publications containing writings by Terry Pettus: The Show-Goer	1928-1929
1/45	0463-004 Newspapers edited by Terry Pettus: Seattle Daily World	1945
2/1	0463-004 Scrapbook: Newspaper Articles By Terry Pettus	1943
<b>Box:Oversize</b>		
3	0463-004 Scrapbook: Clippings and Articles	1930's
3	0463-004 Scrapbook: Clippings and Articles	1954
4	0463-004 Scrapbook: Newspaper Articles by M.B. Pettus	undated
<b>Box/ Folder</b>		
2/2	0463-004 Reports	1962-1976
2/3	0463-004 Lists	1951-1981

Container(s)	Description	Dates
2/4	0463-004 Newsletters	1963
2/5	0463-004 Sheet Music	undated
2/6	0463-004 Programs	1931-1980
2/7	0463-004 Map	1968
2/8	0463-004 Clippings: Movie Reviews	1928, undated
2/9	0463-004 Clippings: Articles	1936-1977
2/10	0463-004 Clippings: Miscellaneous	1961-1984
2/11	0463-004 Ephemera	1928-1981
2/12	0463-004 Subject Series: Bush, George Washington	1962-1963
2/13	0463-004 Subject Series: International Woodworkers of America	1978-1979
2/14	0463-004 Subject Series: "Men and Machines"	1963-1964
2/15	0463-004 Subject Series: New World (Newspaper)	1944, 1947
2/16-17	0463-004 Subject Series: O'Connor, Harvey	1964-1971
2/18-19	0463-004 Subject Series: Oxford/Berkeley Program	1977, 1980
2/20	0463-004 Subject Series: Peace	1981-1982
2/21	0463-004 Subject Series: Seattle/Tashkent Sister City Tour	1983-1984
2/22-23	0463-004 Subject Series: Smith Act And Walter McCarran Act	1954
2/24	0463-004 Subject Series: Tribute To Terry Pettus	1982

### Series 2: Tenus Chuck Floating Home Moorage

Box/ Folder	Accession	
2/25	0463-004 Organization	1977



Container(s)	Description	Dates
2/26	0463-004 Incoming Letters	1971
2/27	0463-004 Outgoing Letters	1976, 1978
2/28	0463-004 Correspondence Collected By Terry Pettus	1977-1978
2/29	0463-004 Financial Records	1969-1978
2/30	0463-004 Memoranda	1977
2/31	0463-004 Notice	1980

### Series 3: Floating Home Association

Box/ Folder	Accession	
2/32	0463-004 Outgoing Letters	1971, 1980
2/33	0463-004 Correspondence Collected By Terry Pettus	1978-1980
2/34	0463-004 Agenda	1980
2/35	0463-004 Minutes	1980
2/36	0463-004 Reports	1980, undated
2/37	0463-004 Clippings	1975, 1977

### Series 4: Lake Union Coalition

Box/ Folder	Accession	
2/38	0463-004 Incoming Letters	1973
2/39	0463-004 Outgoing Letters	1973-1974
2/40	0463-004 Correspondence Collected By Terry Pettus	1973-1974, undated
2/41	0463-004 Reports	1974

Container(s)	Description	Dates
2/42	0463-004 Project And Planning Files	undated
2/43	0463-004 Speeches And Writings	1973, undated
2/44	0463-004 Memoranda	1973
2/45	0463-004 Lists	undated
2/46	0463-004 Clippings	1973

### Series 5: Lake Investment Fund

Box/ Folder	Accession	
2/47	0463-004 Organization	undated
2/48	0463-004 Incoming Letters	1977
2/49	0463-004 Financial Records	1976
2/50	0463-004 Memoranda	undated
2/51	0463-004 Lists	1977
2/52	0463-004 Ephemera	undated

### Series 6: Seattle Adjustment Board

Box/ Folder	Accession	
2/53	0463-004 Incoming Letters	1974-1979
2/54	0463-004 Reports	1977-1980
2/55	0463-004 Ordinance	1979
2/56	0463-004 Rules Governing Hearings	undated
2/57	0463-004 Lists	1974-1980

Container(s)	Description	Dates
<b>Series 7: Watermark Press</b>		
Box/ Folder	Accession	
2/58	0463-004 Incoming Letters	1978
2/59	0463-004 Outgoing Letters	1978
2/60	0463-004 Correspondence Collected By Terry Pettus	1977
2/61	0463-004 Financial Records	1978
2/62	0463-004 Mailing	1978
2/63	0463-004 Lists	1978-1979, undated
2/64	0463-004 Flyers	undated
<b>Series 8: Pacific Northwest Book Publishers Association</b>		
Box/ Folder	Accession	
2/65	0463-004 Outgoing Letters	1978-1979
2/66	0463-004 Bibliography And Directory	1978
2/67	0463-004 Newsletters	1978-1979
<b>Series 9: Seattle Newspaper Guild</b>		
Box/ Folder	Accession	
2/68	0463-004 Organization	1940-1942
2/69	0463-004 Incoming Letters	1938-1943
2/70	0463-004 Outgoing Letters	1943

Container(s)	Description	Dates
2/71	0463-004 Reports	undated
2/72	0463-004 Writings	undated
2/73	0463-004 Newsletters	1940, 1943
2/74	0463-004 Programs	1943, 1952
2/75	0463-004 Flyers	undated
2/76	0463-004 Clippings	undated

## Names and Subjects

### Subject Terms :

Labor leaders--Washington State--Seattle

Personal Papers/Corporate Records (University of Washington)

### Personal Names :

Abrams, Ted

Beck, Dave Daniel

Bowen, Paul Miller

Callahan, Kenneth, 1905-

DeLacy, Hugh, 1910-1986

Dore, John F

Droker, Howard

(interviewer)

Fields, Earl

Hamilton, Doc

James, Burton W

James, Florence Bean, 1892-1988

Lindberg, William J. (William James), 1904-1981

Magnuson, Warren G. (Warren Grant), 1905-1989

Meyers, Victor A

Nester, Barney

Pennock, William J. (William Jonathan), -1953

Pettus, Terry, 1904-1984--Archives

Weeks, Ramona

Wetjen, Albert Richard

Williams, Forrest V

Zioncheck, Marion A. (Marion Anthony), 1901-1936

### Corporate Names :

American Newspaper Guild. Seattle Chapter

Cherry Street Art Colony

Communist Party of the United States of America

Communist Party of the United States of America (Wash.)

Floating Homes Association (Seattle, Wash.)  
Industrial Workers of the World  
Lake Investment Fund  
Lake Union Coalition  
People's World (newspaper)  
Seattle, (Wash.). Board of Adjustment  
Tenas Chuck Floating Home Moorage  
Unemployed Citizens' League of Seattle  
Washington Commonwealth Federation  
Watermark Press

**Titles within the Collection :**

Shogor  
Town Crier

**Other Creators :**

**Personal Names :**

Parry, Will  
(creator)

**Corporate Names :**

Northwest Citizens' Defense Committee  
(creator)

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