

Julia Ruuttila Papers, 1878-2004

Overview of the Collection

Creator	Ruuttila, Julia, 1907-1991
Title	Julia Ruuttila Papers
Dates	1878-2004 (inclusive) 1878 2004 1935-1970 (bulk) 1935 1970
Quantity	5 linear ft. (6 document cases, 2 oversize folders)
Collection Number	Mss250
Summary	Papers of a prominent Northwest labor activist and journalist include correspondence, ephemera, legal papers, manuscripts, and published materials.
Repository	Oregon Historical Society, Davies Family Research Library Davies Family Research Library Oregon Historical Society 1200 SW Park Avenue Portland, OR 97205 Telephone: 503-306-5240 Fax: 503-219-2040 libreference@ohs.org
Access Restrictions	The collection is open to the public.
Languages	English
Sponsor	Funding for encoding this finding aid was provided through a grant awarded by the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Historical Note

Julia Ruuttila (1907-1991) was born in Eugene, Oregon, to John and Ella Godman, who were labor and women's suffrage activists. She grew up in logging camps and on a farm, as well as in Eugene. After one short-lived early marriage to William Bowen, Julia attended the University of Oregon during the 1925-1926 school year and then married Maurice "Butch" Bertram and had her only child, Michael Jack, in 1928. After living in California, Oregon, Denver and Chicago, the Bertrams returned to Oregon in early 1929. Butch worked at the West Oregon lumber mill in Linnton, and Julia bought a typewriter. In 1943, Julia divorced Butch and married Ben Eaton, a seaman. That marriage lasted until 1946. She married Oscar Ruuttila in 1951, and they lived in Astoria, Oregon, until his sudden death from a heart attack in 1962. They had no children but raised Julia's grandson, Shane McDonald.

Julia's labor activism included organizing for the woodworkers' union, and she was instrumental in organizing women's auxiliaries of the woodworkers' and longshoremen's unions. In 1936, Julia created the Free Ray Becker Committee to obtain the release of the last IWW prisoner from the Centralia, Washington, tragedy of 1919. She became a lifelong activist on behalf of workers, for peace, and against racial prejudice and political repression, forming many committees and participating in many protests.

Although she wrote poetry, novels, and stories, Julia became best known for her journalism. She wrote for union papers, *The Timber Worker* (International Woodworkers of America) and the *Dispatcher* (International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union); the *People's World*; and for Federated Press, a news service. She wrote under several names: Julia Godman, Julia Bertram, Julia Eaton, and Julia Ruuttila, as well as pen names, Kathleen Cronin and Kathleen Ruuttila.

After World War II, Julia worked as a secretary for the State Public Welfare Commission before being dismissed for her writing and political activities. She then worked as a secretary for the Longshoremen's Union and fishermen's unions. In 1956, she was subpoenaed to testify at the House Un-American Activities Committee hearings in Seattle, Washington, based in part on her participation in the Oregon Committee for Protection of the Foreign Born. She had been the subject of FBI surveillance since the early 1940s.

Julia continued her journalism and activism into old age and spent much of 1970 doing interviews and research on Louise Bryant for Virginia Gardner, who published *Friend and Lover: The Life of Louise Bryant* in 1982. Ill health forced Julia to move to the Marshall Union Manor, a union-operated retirement home, in 1976. Soon, she was editing the Manor's newsletter. Julia became a historical resource herself, frequently speaking to high school and college classes and organizations on labor, civil rights, and women's history. She spent the last years of her life with her grandson, Shane, and his family in Anchorage, Alaska, where she continued to participate in committees and protests.

NOTE: *Sticking to the Union: An Oral History of the Life and Times of Julia Ruuttila* by Sandy Polishuk provides a full account of Julia's life, much of it in her own words.

Content Description

The Julia Ruuttila Papers consist of correspondence, ephemera, legal papers, interview transcripts and reports, manuscripts, published materials, and her FBI File, which was obtained by her biographer, Sandy Polishuk, under the Freedom of Information Act.

Correspondence, manuscripts, and published materials do not represent her full output but provide a good sampling of her career as a journalist and writer and of her wide-ranging activities on behalf of labor, civil rights, and peace movements protesting the Vietnam and Gulf wars. The collection also reflects her research contributions to a biography of Louise Bryant, *Friend and Lover*, by Virginia Gardner.

Much of the collection is original materials, but it also includes photocopied materials. A few of these were collected by Julia Ruuttila in the course of her work, but most of the photocopies, including family correspondence, were collected by Sandy Polishuk.

The collection includes Julia's own contributions to the history of labor, civil rights, and peace movements as reflected in her correspondence, manuscripts, and published materials. Although most of her published work is journalistic in nature, the collection reflects her love of writing poetry and includes an unpublished novel.

Use of the Collection

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Administrative Information

Arrangement

The collection is organized into the following series and subseries:

Series A: Correspondence, Ephemera and Legal Documents, 1907-2004

Subseries 1: Julia Ruuttila's Correspondence

Subseries 2: Correspondence and Papers of Family Members

Subseries 3: Ephemera and Legal Papers

Subseries 4: Sandy Polishuk's Correspondence

Series B: Activism and Organizations, circa 1920-1988

Series C: Manuscripts, circa 1935-1991

Series D: Published Materials and Writings by Others, 1925-1990

Subseries 1: Published Materials

Subseries 2: Writings by Others

Series E: Research for Biography of Louise Bryant, 1878-1987

Subseries 1: Virginia Gardner

Subseries 2: Julia Ruuttila

Subseries 3: California and Nevada Research

Series F: Julia Ruuttila's FBI File, 1941-1993

Custodial History

Julia Ruuttila made several donations of papers to the Oregon Historical Society between 1970 and 1990. Sandy Polishuk donated papers she had collected from or copied from Ruuttila and her family, along with oral history audio tapes and FBI files that she used in writing Julia's biography. Arthur Spencer, a former librarian at the Oregon Historical Society, added correspondence that he had conducted with Ruuttila in the course of her research for journalism and book projects.

Acquisition Information

Gift of Julia Ruuttila, 1970-1990 (Accession nos. 11735, 11755, 11785, 18187, 18677, and 20152). Gift of Sandy Polishuk (Accession no. 25451).

Processing Note

Accessions arrived at the Oregon Historical Society in no particular order. Some items were transferred to vertical files and to the artificial Labor Collection (Mss1505) at the time of donation. To the extent that these could be identified, they were pulled from these locations and reunited with the collection. Previously, two accessions were given the designations: Mss250-1 and Mss250-2. These have been incorporated into the series arrangement of Mss250.

Separated Materials

Photographic materials were separated into the Julia Ruuttila Photographs Collection (Organized Lot 700). Ruuttila's material on the Free Ray Becker Committee was separated into Mss2003. A large group of oral histories conducted by Sandy Polishuk with Julia Ruuttila, her friends, co-workers, and family members were transferred to the Oral History Collection (interviews with Ruuttila, SR11030.1-25; interviews with others, SR11031-11060; ILWU convention, SR11061; farewell luncheon, SR11062). Transcripts prepared by Polishuk are available. Some books that accompanied the collection were transferred to the Research Library Book Collection and are cataloged individually.

Bibliography

Gardner, Virginia. *Friend and Lover: The Life of Louise Bryant*. New York: Horizon Press, 1982.
Polishuk, Sandy. *Sticking to the Union: An Oral History of the Life and Times of Julia Ruuttila*. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2003.

Detailed Description of the Collection

Series A: Correspondence, Ephemera, and Legal Documents, 1907-2004, (bulk 1940-1988)

Selected correspondence between Julia Ruuttila and union associates, publishers and editors, friends, and relatives. The series includes Sandy Polishuk's correspondence with Julia and others in the course of writing Ruuttila's biography, *Sticking to the Union*. Also included in the series is a small quantity of ephemera and legal papers. The correspondents lists include only those who are fully identified; those identified only by first name are not listed. The series is organized into the following sub-series: 1) Julia Ruuttila's Correspondence, 2) Correspondence and Papers of Family Members, 3) Ephemera and Legal Papers, and 4) Sandy Polishuk's Correspondence.

Container(s)	Description	Dates
	Sub-series 1: Julia Ruuttila's Correspondence	1927-1988
Box/Folder		
1/1	Outgoing Correspondence Correspondents include: Allan Fletcher (Federated Press), Bishop A. Raymond Grant (Methodist Church, Portland, Oregon), Rev. Orval M. Whitman (Methodist Church, Astoria, Oregon), Ruova Anna Nevalainen (Helsinki, Finland), Charles Humboldt (<i>Mainstream</i>), William O. Walker and Carol Williams Walker (North Bend, Oregon), Morgan Coe (<i>The Daily Astorian</i>), James Aronson (<i>National Guardian</i>), Richard C. Berner (University of Washington Library), Ronald Roley (International Woodworkers of America, Portland, Oregon), Ed Mapes and R.J. Keenan (Columbia River District Council,	1946-1970

Container(s)	Description	Dates
	IIWU, Portland, Oregon), Robert E. Burke (<i>Pacific Northwest Quarterly</i>), and Otto Hartwig.	
1/2	<p>Outgoing Correspondence</p> <p>Includes an autobiographical memo, dated April 6, 1978, addressed to "Danny," who requested a resumé to accompany a grant application to the National Endowment for the Humanities, possibly to support lectures by Julia. Correspondents include: Matt Cullen, Nancy Clay, Arthur Spencer (Oregon Historical Society Research Library), Earl B. Kirkland (Union Labor Retirement Association, Portland, Oregon), and President [Jimmy Carter?] re. nerve gas stored at the Umatilla Army Depot, Hermiston, Oregon.</p>	1971-1980
1/3	<p>Outgoing Correspondence</p> <p>Includes correspondence seeking assistance for Julia's former granddaughter-in-law, Ruth Ruuttila, who had been seriously injured in a car accident. Correspondents include: Jerry Baum, International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union (Portland, Oregon), John McClellan, Jr., and editor of the <i>Oregonian</i>.</p>	1981-1988
1/4	<p>Outgoing correspondence--to Valerie Taylor [and Norma Wyatt]</p> <p>Valerie Taylor was president of the Federated Auxiliaries of the ILWU for many years, Norma Wyatt was secretary, and Julia Ruuttila was in charge of publicity. Letters, which are photocopies obtained by Sandy Polishuk, also include Julia's news releases.</p>	1961-1967
1/5	<p>Incoming Correspondence</p> <p>A 1927 letter from William Dietrich (Communist Party, Denver, Colorado), includes information on Julia's early union organizing among coal miners. A 1940 letter from Francis Murnane, president, announced her honorary life membership in the Plywood and Veneer Workers Union Local No. 9-102, Portland, Oregon. Other correspondents: Mary Heaton Vorse (Provincetown, Massachusetts), W.J. Baker (Plywood, Veneer and Box-Shook Council, International Woodworkers of America, Olympia, Washington), Ora Goodman, Miriam Kelkin, Irvin Goodman (Portland attorney), William Chester (International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union, San Francisco, California), William Price (New York City), Al Richmond (publisher, <i>People's World</i>), Ben Anderson (Portland attorney), and Anne Braden (Southern Conference Educational Fund, Louisville, Kentucky).</p>	1927-1958
1/6	Incoming Correspondence	1962-1970

Container(s)	Description	Dates
	<p>Included are many letters and cards of condolence, from people representing all aspects of her life, on the unexpected death of Julia's husband, Oscar Ruuttila, in December 1962. Other correspondents include: Milton Meltzer (editor, <i>Pediatric Herald</i>), Morgan Coe (publisher, <i>The Daily Astorian</i>), James Aronson (editor, <i>National Guardian</i>), Richard C. Berner (University of Washington Library), Jean Van Erman (Seattle, Washington), Oona MacIver (<i>The Dispatcher</i>), Harold Symmonds (Astoria, Oregon), Robert E. Burke (<i>Pacific Northwest Quarterly</i>), Albert F. Gunns (University of Washington), Francis J. Murnane, Leo Coe, Millard McClung (Oregon Historical Society Library), and Lloyd Anderson (Portland city commissioner).</p>	
1/7	<p>Incoming Correspondence Includes circular letter in support of Julia Ruuttila and other Vietnam War protestors who had refused to pay their telephone tax that had been levied specifically to support the war. Also includes a get well card from Harry Bridges of the ILWU, with handwritten personal message. Other correspondents include: Millard McClung (Oregon Historical Society Library), Carl Haessler (Detroit, Michigan), Kenneth Porter (Eugene, Oregon), Tom Copeland (St. Paul, Minnesota), Valerie Seyffert (of Alcoholics Anonymous to <i>The Dispatcher</i>, praising article by Julia Ruuttila), C.H. Blyth (of International Transport Workers' Federation to Harry Bridges of the Longshoremen's Union praising article by Julia on plight of the crew of the ship, <i>Elgreca</i>), Juanita Scanlon (Salem, Oregon), Pedro Felipe Ramirez (Valparaiso, Chile--Spanish with English translation), Gloria T. Collantes (Manila, Philippines), Vernice Berg (Astoria, Oregon), Charles L. Geiger (Association of Western Pulp and Paper Workers, Oregon City Local 68), Harry Bridges, Lisa Uhlman ("Town Hall" KATU television program), Walter Sakai (of Portland Chapter Japanese American Citizens League to Curtis McClain, ILWU, San Francisco, copy to Julia Ruuttila), Thomas Vaughn (Oregon Historical Society), and James W. Overgaard (Union Labor Retirement Association).</p>	1971-1987
1/8	<p>Incoming correspondence re. stories and letters submitted to pulp magazines McFadden Publications, including <i>True Story</i> and <i>Cash Box</i>, for which Julia Ruuttila's submissions won contests: "My Husband was Impotent", 1958; "Important Only to God," 1959; and "I Married an Old Country Finn," 1960. <i>True Confessions</i>.</p>	1957-1962
	<p>Sub-series 2: Correspondence and Papers of Family Members</p>	1938-1963

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
1/9	Maurice Bertram (Julia's husband) Includes note from Lumber and Sawmill Workers Union Local 3, Portland, Oregon, summoning him to meet with National Labor Relations Board, and a State Relief Committee of Oregon commodity distribution card.	1938
Michael McDonald (Julia's son)		
Box/Folder		
1/10	Photocopies of letters to his mother obtained by Sandy Polishuk	1945-1952
1/11	Letters and telegrams to and from Julia about her son	1958-1959
1/12	Doreen McDonald Martinez (Julia Ruuttila's daughter-in-law and mother of Shane McDonald Ruuttila) Photocopies of letters to Julia and Shane obtained by Sandy Polishuk.	circa 1950-1963
1/13	Shane McDonald Ruuttila--correspondence re. adoption by Julia Ruuttila	1963
Oscar Ruuttila		1950-1962
Box/Folder		
1/14	Correspondence, ephemera, greeting cards, and newspaper clippings of Oscar's letters to the editor. Ephemera includes a hand annotated brochure, "The Exile of Hamish MacKay and William Mackie." Also included are personal letters and a magazine profile of Oscar with photo, all in Finnish (no translations).	
1/15	Correspondence re. Coast Guard denial of Port Security card	1951-1954
Sub-series 3: Ephemera and Legal Documents		1907-1973
Ephemera		1946-1948; 1973
Box/Folder		

Container(s)	Description	Dates
1/16	American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Oregon State Employees Association, Portland Local No. 191--membership book, Julia Ruuttila	1946-1948
1/16	CIO Convention, Portland, Oregon--press card, Kathleen Cronin of Federated Press	1948 November 22-26
1/16	Bloody July Fifth parade and memorial service--sticker	1973
Legal documents		1907-1972
Box/Folder		
1/17	Birth certificate (photocopy), Julia Evelyn Godman	1907 April 26
1/17	Marriage certificate (photocopy), William Clayton Bowen and Julia E. Godman	1924 March 13
1/17	Divorce decree (photocopy), Juulia Bowen from William Bowen	1925 January 30
1/17	Marriage certificate (certified copy), Maurice A. Bertram and Julia Godman	1926 July 6
1/17	Affidavit re. 1937 International Woodworkers of America strike	1947 February 28
1/17	Court summons to appear re. Shane Ruuttila's arrest in a protest at the Sheraton Motor Hotel, Portland, Oregon	1966 December 21
1/17	Papers re. Internal Revenue Service collection of federal telephone tax that Julia Ruuttila had refused to pay on principal	1972
Sub-series 4: Sandy Polishuk Correspondence		1988-2004
Box/Folder		
1/18-20	Incoming correspondence from Julia Ruuttila	1988-1991
1/21	Other correspondence--letters, emails, and notes Correspondents include: John R. Godman (Huntsville, Alabama, Julia's brother), Valerie Taylor, Rickie Sollinger (Boulder, Colorado), Virginia Warner Brodine (to Richard Meigs,	1992-2004

Container(s)	Description	Dates
	copy in Sandy Polishuk's files), Cindy Shadd (Clatsop County Circuit Court), Linda Showalter, and (Marietta College Library).	

Series B: Activism and Organizations, circa 1920-1988

The largest part of this series represents Julia Ruuttila's activities with the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union and Federated Auxiliaries. The series is arranged alphabetically by names of activities and organizations.

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
2/1	Anti Tax Shifting League--flier	1936
2/2	Cheryl James Committee--leaflet and circular letter	1972
2/3	Columbia River Fishermen's Protective Union--flier	1952
2/4	Committee Against Higher Utility Rates--fliers, news clippings, press releases	1975
2/5	Council of Women of Organized Labor--convention program, Seattle, Washington	1937 November 6-7
2/6	Emergency Peace Mobilization, Chicago--program	1935
2/7	Free Ray Becker Committee--circular letter and letterhead (blank) The Free Ray Becker Committee Records are collection number, Mss 2003, at the Oregon Historical Society Research Library.	1936
2/8	House Un-American Activities Committee Includes subpoena and letter requiring Julia Ruuttila to testify at hearings in Seattle, Washington, conducted by Representative Francis E. Walters of Pennsylvania. Also newspaper clippings reporting Julia's testimony and including a photograph of her.	1956 November-December
2/9	Industrial unions organizing conference, Portland, Oregon--minutes	1938 December 7
	Industrial Workers of the World (IWW or Wobblies)	circa 1920; 1922; 1979

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
2/10	Membership book	circa 1920
2/10	"Preamble and Constitution"	1922
2/10	Report by Mary Catherine Lamb of Centralia Massacre 60th anniversary commemoration, Montesano and Chehalis, Washington--from unidentified publication	1979 November
2/10	International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union (ILWU)	
Box/Folder		
2/11	Convention reports, Vancouver, British Columbia	1965 April 5
	Correspondence and testimony	1966; circa 1970
Box/Folder		
2/12	Letter from Howard Bodine to Matt Meehan recalling struggle for health and welfare benefits	1966 March 31
2/12	Testimony by John J. Fougrouse, representing ILWU pensioners, to Portland City Council in favor of peace resolution	circa 1970
Box/Folder		
2/13	Civil lawsuit against ILWU Local No. 8, Portland, Oregon, re. race discrimination	1968-1969; 1993
2/14	Fougrouse Defense Committee--pamphlet and letterhead (blank) The committee was formed in response to an Immigration Service arrest and attempted deportation of John J. Fougrouse, Portland longshoreman.	1951
2/15	Mechanization and Modernization Agreement--photo book, <i>Men and Machines: A Story about Longshoring on the West Coast Waterfront</i> Photographs by Otto Hagel, text by Louis Goldblatt. Published by the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union and the Pacific Maritime Association.	1963

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Federated Auxiliaries		
Records and newspaper clippings		1937; 1957-1969
Box/Folder		
2/16	Minutes of First City Wide Conference of Union Auxiliaries, Portland, Oregon	1937 September 29
2/16	Constitution, 1957 April, and revision	1965
2/16	"Never Underestimate the ILWU Women," <i>The Dispatcher</i>	1959 March 13
2/16	Convention, San Francisco, California--letters and press releases	1967 June
2/16	"Longshore Auxiliary Lends Helping Hand" re. Portland housewives' meat boycott protesting high prices, <i>People's World</i>	1969 August 1
Box/Folder		
2/17	Handbook	1965
2/18	Regional conference, Portland, Oregon--executive board meeting minutes and newspaper clippings	1964 September 18-19
2/19	International Women's Day, Portland State University--program Lists Julia Ruuttila and Artha Adair speaking on "Working Women and History of International Women's Day."	1973 March 7-8
International Woodworkers of America (IWA)		1937-1940
Box/Folder		
2/20	Manual	1937
2/20	Resolution re. West Oregon Mill strike	1937 March
2/20	News bulletin re. AFL and CIO dispute at Plylock Plant, Portland, Oregon	1937

Container(s)	Description	Dates
2/20	President's Address by Harold J. Pritchett, second constitutional convention, Seattle, Washington	1938 September 12-17
2/20	Newsletter, <i>The Saw</i> , re. West-Oregon Mill strike	1938
2/20	Newspaper clippings re. West-Oregon Mill strike and other IWA issues and activities, including some about Julia Bertram	1938; 1940
Box/Folder		
2/21	Labor for Jobs and Peace--organizational meeting minutes	1971 March 11
2/22	Multnomah County Citizen Involvement Committee--newspaper, <i>Conduit</i>	1988
2/23	National Lawyer's Guild--excerpt from <i>Bulletin</i> re. Harry Bridges trial (photocopy)	1938
2/24	Oregon Labor Press	1941; undated
Box/Folder		
2/24	Clipping (photocopy), "Free Speech and the Courts" by C.E.S. Wood, excerpt from brief in the case of Dr. Marie Equi	1918
2/24	Pamphlet (photocopy)-- <i>The Enemy Within: Dealing with the Enemy within the gates--The Trojan Horses of the Democracies--the Communists</i>	1941 An original is located in Mss 1505; Labor Collection
	Oregon state	circa 1920; 1929
Box/Folder		
2/25	Industrial Accident Commission--pamphlet, <i>Work-Accidents in Oregon</i>	circa 1920
2/25	Legislature--directory of committee rooms, 35th Legislative Assembly	1929
Box/Folder		

Container(s)	Description	Dates
2/26	Oregon State Federation of Labor (AFL)--leaflet, "An Exposé of the Anti-Labor Bill" (Ballot Measure 317)	1938
2/27	<i>People's World</i> --flier, testimonial to Floyd Ramp, Portland, Oregon	1975 January 26
2/28	Petition re. Medicare and Social Security Signed by residents of Marshall Union Manor, addressed to Mark Hatafield, Bob Packwood, and Les AuCoin.	1980
2/29	Poor Peoples Alliance (Portland, Oregon)--bus petition asking lower fares	undated
2/30	Portland Labor Unity Council--flier	circa 1940
2/31	Radical Education Project (Detroit, Michigan)--pamphlet, <i>Double Jeopardy: to be Black and Female</i>	circa 1970
2/32	St. Johns workers (Portland, Oregon)--resolution condemning relief agencies	1937 November 12
2/33	Unions--list of locals in Oregon, by location	undated
2/34	United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners Ladies Auxiliary--ritual	1927
2/35	United States Senate--report, "Violation of Free Speech and Rights of Labor"	1937
2/36	Women's International League for Peace and Freedom--circular letter asking support of Bail Fund	1972

Series C: Manuscripts, circa 1935-1991

Selected typescript manuscripts by Julia Ruuttila include a never-published novel, *The Wolf at the Door*, as well as articles, biographical sketches, memorials and obituaries, poetry, speeches, and testimony at hearings. The folders are arranged alphabetically by type of materials, and chronologically thereunder. Folder descriptions list names she wrote under.

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Articles		

Container(s)	Description	Dates
By Kathleen Cronin		1953; 1959
Box/Folder		
3/1	"The Sage of Yoncalla" [about Jesse Applegate by Kathleen Cronin]	1953
3/1	"The Great-Hearted Strangers" [published as "Forgotten men in Oregon's History," <i>People's World</i> , 1959 June 13]	
3/1	"What the Foreign Man Said to Dan McGann" [published as "Economic base: native timber, foreign labor," <i>People's World</i> , 1959 June 20]	
3/1	"The Union Card in the Red Plaid Pocket" [Labor's great awakening in Oregon," <i>People's World</i> , 19519 June 27]	
By Julia Ruuttila		circa 1970-1979
Box/Folder		
3/2	"Origin and Meaning of the Peace Symbol"	circa 1970
3/2	"Viet Nam" [sic]	circa 1970
3/2	Untitled [re. Cheryl James case]	1972
3/2	"The 1948 Strike, Portland"	circa 1975
3/2	Untitled [re. federal legislation to ban log exports]	1978
3/2	Untitled [report of Bloody July 5 memorial speech by Everett Ede]	1978 [?]
3/2	Untitled [report of Pacific Northwest Labor History Association 60th anniversary commemoration of Centralia tragedy]	1979
By Julia Ruuttila		1980; circa 1980
Box/Folder		
3/3	Untitled [memories of the waterfront strike, 1934]	1980

Container(s)	Description	Dates
3/3	"Cowtown in the Eagle Valley"	circa 1980
3/3	Untitled [Joe Hill, one-time Longview, Washington, longshoreman, and his book of poetry, <i>We Are Portland Too!</i>]	circa 1980
3/3	Untitled [Astoria and Finnish immigrants]	circa 1980]
3/3	"ILWU" [re. Bloody July 5 commemoration and Francis J. Murnane]	circa 1980
Box/Folder		
3/4	Autobiography [fragments], "Only the Lonely"	1970
3/5	Biographical sketches, tributes by others, and maternal genealogy	1972-1991
3/6	Book--untitled, re. civil rights [partial] Chapter titles include: "The Civil Rights Law," "The Fair Employment Practices Act: Discrimination by the Employers and Jimcrow [sic] in the Unions," "Discrimination in the Civil Service," "Legal Redress," "The Negro in Politics," "The Vanport Flood," "Jimcrow [sic] in Death," "No Room at the Inn," "Does Education Draw a Color Line in Portland?" "The NAACP," "Role of the Urban League," and "Housing: Last Beachhead of Bigotry."	circa 1975
3/7	Interview--Blake Harris (Vancouver, British Columbia)	undated
3/8	Memoir-- <i>The Bridges of Cé</i> [foreword, chapter titles, and conclusion only]	circa 1960
3/9	Memorials and obituaries Subjects: Oscar Ruuttila, Delbert Dietz, John Zeide, and Harold Pritchett [memorial folder].	1962-1982
3/10	Notes	undated
3/11-17	Novel-- <i>The Wolf at the Door</i>	circa 1938
3/18	Poetry	circa 1935-circa 1985
3/19	Poetry-- <i>Rhea's Garden of Verses</i>	1971

Container(s)	Description	Dates
	Speeches, class presentations, etc.	1937-1987; undated
Box/Folder		
4/1-4	Untitled, re. need for relief assistance for wood workers, public meeting	[1937]
4/1-4	"How Labor Goals Have Changed During the Growth of the Trade Union Movement," Astoria High School	circa 1964
4/1-4	"Bonafides," unidentified school	circa 1970
4/1-4	Untitled, re. Angela Davis	1971 January
4/1-4	Untitled, re. Labor History, Roosevelt High School, Portland, Oregon	1971
4/1-4	Untitled, Julia's 65th birthday celebration	1972 April
4/1-4	Untitled, re. political prisoners, Unitarian Church, Vancouver, Washington	1972
4/1-4	"Westward the Course of Empire Holds Its Sway," social studies class, unidentified school	1974
4/1-4	"Women in the Labor Movement: A Personal Overview," Pacific Northwest Labor History Conference	1975 May 9
4/1-4	Untitled, re. politics, political science class, Oregon State University, Corvallis	1975
4/1-4	Untitled, re. Spanish Civil War, Roosevelt High School, Portland, Oregon	1978
4/1-4	Untitled, thank you speech for ILWU award, presented in San Francisco	1978
4/1-4	Untitled, re. anti-war movement and ILWU	1978
4/1-4	"Why Unions? The Labor Movement in the Northwest", [one version may have been for radio broadcast	circa 1985

Container(s)	Description	Dates
4/1-4	Comments on the book, <i>Blue Collar Marriage</i> by Mirra Komarovsky, conference presentation	1987
	Testimony at hearings	1966; 1975; 1977; 1980
Box/Folder		
4/5	In protest of police violence, Portland City Council	1966
4/5	In opposition to a Pacific Power and Light rate increase	1975
4/5	On behalf of ILWU Women's Auxiliary No. 5 in support of the Health Security Act	1977 October 7
4/5	In support of Kennedy-Waxman bills on health care	1980

Series D: Published Materials and Writings by Others, 1925-1990

The series is organized into two subseries: 1) Published Materials and 2) Writings by Others.

Container(s)	Description	Dates
	Sub-series 1: Published Materials The published writings of Julia Ruuttila are arranged by type of publication: magazine, newsletter, and newspaper, and thereunder chronologically. The names she wrote under are listed in the content description. Following those files are newspapers clippings about Ruuttila and clippings she collected about subjects of interest, arranged chronologically.	1925-1990
	Magazines	1925-1974
Box/Folder		
4/6	"Shelling Peas" [poem by Julia Godman], <i>Extension Monitor</i>	1925
4/6	"Welcome to America" [letter to the editor by Kathleen Cronin], <i>The Nation</i>	1947 December 27
4/6	"The Caulk Boots are Marching: CIO Woodworkers United Behind a Fighting Program" [article by Kathleen Cronin, Northwest correspondent], <i>March of Labor</i>	1952 March

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4/6	"What's Behind the Screen?" [first in series re. Coast Guard waterfront screening by R.J. Keenan, ghostwritten by Julia Ruuttila], <i>March of Labor</i>	1952 April
4/6	"Design for Union Busting" [second in series re. Coast Guard waterfront screening by R.J. Keenan, ghostwritten by Julia Ruuttila], <i>March of Labor</i>	1952 May
4/6	"United in the Sawdust Belt" [article by Kathleen Cronin], <i>March of Labor</i>	1954 September
4/6	"America's Stepchildren" [article by Julia Ruuttila], <i>People's World Magazine</i>	1956 February 17
4/6	"The Life and Death of An American Town" [article by Kathleen Cronin]	1958 August
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Oversize folder 1	"Christ May Have Begun It: Some comments on the struggle of the Have-nots against the Establishment" [article by Julia Ruuttila], <i>Metropolis</i> (Portland State University)	1974
4/7	Newsletter-- <i>ManorGram</i> [Marshall Union Manor, Julia Ruuttila, editor]	1978 October-1985 October
Newspapers		1937-1990; undated
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4/8	Letters to the editor of the <i>Oregon Journal</i>	1937; 1951
4/8	Articles in the <i>Timber Worker</i> by Julia G. Bertram	circa 1938-1940
4/8	Articles in <i>People's World</i> and <i>People's Daily World</i> by Kathleen Cronin (including a series, "Oregon's First 100 Years" for the state centennial, 1959)	1945-1946; 1959
4/8	Article in <i>The Dispatcher</i> by Kathleen Cronin	1948 April 2
4/8	Articles in <i>The Changing Woman</i> by Kathleen Ruuttila	1972

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4/8	Poem, "Hello to the Night Star," by Julia Ruuttila, in the <i>Oregonian</i>	1973 June 17
4/8	Letter to the editor by Julia Ruuttila, <i>Willamette Week</i>	1987 April 2
4/8	Letter to the editor by Julia Ruuttila, <i>Anchorage Daily News</i>	1990 August 18
4/8	Poem, "The Heart's Geography," in an unidentified Finnish newspaper, possibly at Astoria, in memory of Oscar Ruuttila by Julia Ruuttila	undated
Oversize folder 1	Articles by Kathleen Cronin in <i>Daily Peoples World</i>	1947; 1958
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4/9	Newspaper articles about Julia Ruuttila Includes coverage of the firing from the Oregon Welfare Commission of Julia Eaton [Ruuttila], 1948, and Ruuttila's appearance at the House Un-American Activities Committee hearings in Seattle, 1956 December.	1948-1990
4/10	Newspaper articles collected by Julia Ruuttila Topics include shipping, unions, strikes, log export ban, and Francis J. Murnane, labor leader.	1929-1966
Oversize folder 2	Includes advertisement from Ralph and Stanley, Portland grocers, with anti-union message	1938 February
Sub-series 2: Writings by Others		1950-1974
Includes articles, a manuscript, a school report and speech arranged alphabetically by last names of the authors. "Elmer Smith, 'Wobbly Lawyer'," article, <i>Industrial Worker</i> , 1973 February <i>Lumberjacks' Lawyer: The Story of Elmer Smith and the Centralia Tragedy of 1919</i> , manuscript (rough draft), undated		
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4/11	Tom Copeland	1973; undated
4/12	John Godman Articles by Julia Ruuttila's brother on hypnosis, <i>The Huntsville Times</i> (Alabama)	1973-1974

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4/13	Irvin Goodman and John Caughlan "Laura Law--Murdered Labor Leader," manuscript chapter that appears as Chapter 2 of <i>They Were Called Reds</i> in Mss 1811, Irvin Goodman Papers.	1950
Oversize folder 2	"The Truth in the Case of Laura Law, Murdered Labor Leader"-- tabloid version of chapter in 4/13, published by Civil Rights Congress	1950 October
4/14	John M. McClelland, Jr.--article, "Terror on Tower Avenue," <i>Pacific Northwest Quarterly</i>	1966 April
4/15	Michael Jack McDonald--poems by Julia Ruuttila's son	1945; undated
4/16	Harold Symonds--student report on socialism in Astoria, Oregon Cites a personal interview with Julia Ruuttila. Folder includes a letter Symonds received from the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service in response to his request for information about deported Finnish aliens.	1965
4/17	Speech by unidentified Filipino-American union leader at event honoring Martina G. Curl	undated

Series E: Research for Biography of Louise Bryant, 1878-1987

The author, Virginia Gardner, received a Rabinowitz Foundation grant for research into Louise Bryant's background and youth. She arranged for Julia Ruuttila to conduct interviews and do other research for the Oregon portion of this work, beginning in 1970. In the course of this research, Gardner and Ruuttila corresponded, and Gardner sent Julia copies of correspondence from others on background. The book, *Friend and Lover: The Life of Louise Bryant*, was published in 1982. The series is organized into three subseries: 1) Virginia Gardner, 2) Julia Ruuttila, and 3) California and Nevada Research. It includes correspondence, interview notes and transcripts, manuscript, research materials (dates given are dates of materials, not dates they were collected), and book reviews.

Container(s)	Description	Dates
	Sub-series 1: Virginia Gardner Virginia Gardner also signed herself Virginia Gardner Marberry and Virginia Marberry.	1916-1987
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5/1	Outgoing Correspondence	1970-1977; 1987

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	Correspondents include: Bishop H. Jesse (Trinity Episcopal Church, Reno, Nevada), Julia Ruuttila (also addressed as Kathleen), Arthur Spencer (Oregon Historical Society, Portland), Charles Ashleigh (Sussex, England), Edmund Wilson (New York), Margaret Bome (Reno, Nevada), National Archives (Washington, D.C.), Kenneth Durant (East Jamaica, Vermont), Giovanni Gullace (Binghamton, New York), Diane McNychuk (Syracuse, New York), Hazel Hunkins-Hallinen, Horace V. Gregory (Palisades, New York), Anne Bullitt (Louise Bryant's daughter), Doris Alexander, and Robert A. Rosenstone.	
5/2	Incoming Correspondence Correspondents include: Charles A. Pierce (Tarrytown, New York), Sara Bard Field Wood (Berkeley, California), Miriam Van Waters (Framingham, Massachusetts), Hazel Hunkins-Hallinan, Doris Alexander, Robert A. Rosenstone, Louis Shaeffer, and Malcolm Cowley (Sherman, Connecticut).	1969-1975
5/3	Interviews Interviewees include: Andrew Dasburg (artist, Taos, New Mexico), Frank Touchet (psychologist), Kitty Cannell, and Albert Boni (New York).	1972-1973
5/4	Interviews--"Life Among the Bohemians: An Interview with Floyd Dell"	1968 October 31
5/5	Notes	1973
5/6-12	Manuscript [partial draft] with outline	circa 1970
	Research materials collected [photocopies]	1919-1934
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5/13	Letters, Louise Bryant to Jack Reed	1919
5/13	Letter, Sara Bard Field to Louise Bryant	1922 January 26
5/13	Henry G. Reed letters to Robert Hallowell and Granville Hicks	1934 October 6
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5/14	Report of Louise Bryant's testimony before the Overman subcommittee of the United States Senate Judiciary Committee	1919 February

Container(s)	Description	Dates
	Louise Bryant's writing	1916-1925; undated
<i>Box/Folder</i>		
5/15	"Two Judges" [typescript transcript], <i>The Masses</i>	1916 April
5/15	"The Poets' Revolution" [photocopy], <i>The Masses</i>	1916 July
5/15	Poem, "Aftermath" [typescript transcript], <i>Current Opinion</i>	1922 July
5/15	"A Turkish Divorce" [photocopy], <i>The Nation</i>	1925 August 26
5/15	Poem, "Russian Memories" [typescript transcript], <i>The Dial</i>	undated
5/15	Untitled manuscript re. Jack Reed [photocopy]	undated
	Sub-series 2: Julia Ruuttila Includes correspondence, typescript reports and transcripts of interviews, and photocopies of research materials. The correspondence not only reports results to Virginia Gardner, seeks information, and describes the research work, but also includes aspects of Ruuttila's life other than the Louise Bryant research project. Letters to Gardner are sometimes signed "Julia" and sometimes "Kathleen." The subseries also includes Julia's reviews of the completed book.	1878-1987
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5/16	Outgoing Correspondence Correspondents include: Virginia Gardner, Richard C. Berner (University of Washington, Seattle), Kenneth W. Porter (University of Oregon, Eugene), Mrs. ? Crichton (Portland, Oregon), Edwin R. Bingham (University of Oregon, Eugene), Mr. and Mrs. William J. Graeper (Portland, Oregon), Mrs. ? Jenkins (Portland, Oregon), Evelyn Averbuck, Tess Mack, Floyd Ramp (Eugene, Oregon), Vera Ramp, Gertrude Haessler (Eden, New York), Miss ? Gray, Mrs. ? Irwin, Bill Chevalier (Friday Harbor, Washington), Leslie Smith Miller (Gearhart, Oregon), Alma Davidson, Helmi Mattson, and Lela Goodard Fenton.	1970-1977; undated
5/17	Incoming Correspondence	1970; 1977; 1987; undated

Container(s)	Description	Dates
	Correspondents include: Richard C. Berner, Kenneth W. Porter, Arthur Spencer (Oregon Historical Society, Portland), Floyd Ramp (Eugene, Oregon), and Virginia Gardner.	
5/17	Interviews Typescript reports and transcriptions include good descriptions and background information on the people Ruuttila interviewed, as well as of their homes when she visited them in person. Some interviews were conducted by telephone.	1970 April-1973
5/18	Interviews Subjects: Mrs. Linley Chrichton, Lela Fenton, Elizabeth Oliphant, Marie Louise Feldenheimer, Mrs. Frances Nelson Carroll, Gladys Mackenzie Hug, Alice Bretherton Powell, Theresa Mack, Olive Vinton, and Mrs. Frank Jenkins.	1970 April-June
5/19	Interviews Subjects: Mrs. Lesley Smith Miller, Mrs. Frank Jenkins, Mrs. Frances Nelson Carroll, Claude Washburne, Louise Gray, Mrs. Mortimer Hartwell, and Margaret Beasley Campbell	1970 July-August
5/20	Interviews Subjects: Leila Borchers Irwin, Myra Loveridge Cannon, Erskine Wood, Ruth Trullinger, Alfred Powers, Edward N. Weinbaum, Theresa Mack, and Louis Levy.	1970 September-December
5/21	Interviews Subjects: Lura Cronyn and Lucia Wilkins Moore.	1971-1973
5/22	With Floyd Ramp	[1970]
5/23	Notes	[1970]
	Research materials collected [photocopies]	1878-1959; undated
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5/24	Profile of Hugh J. Mohan from <i>Pen Portraits</i> , R.R. Parkinson, compiler	1878
5/24	Baptismal and genealogical information for John Reed from Trinity Episcopal Church	1888

Container(s)	Description	Dates
5/24	University of Oregon senior play (cast included Louise Bryant)-- yearbook pages and page from scrapbook of Helene Robinson	1908
5/24	Charles Jerome Reed's obituaries	1912 July
5/24	Newspaper notice of marriage of Louise Bryant and John Reed	1916 July 12
5/24	Photo and article re. Henry D. Green, <i>The Blue Flame</i> (Northwest Natural Gas newsletter)	1959 January
5/24	Pages from unidentified book in chapter, "'United Front' in the '20's"	undated

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5/25	Reviews of <i>Friend and Lover</i>	1982
	Sub-series 3: California and Nevada Research Evelyn Averbuck served as an interviewer in California for her friend, Virginia Gardner. Margaret Bome served as her interviewer and researcher in Nevada.	1970-1971

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5/26	Interviews by Evelyn Averbuck in California Subjects include: Adele Trullinger, Mrs. Fred Cabanski, Jacob Proebstel, Ben Legere, Sara Bard Field Wood, and Bertha Dorris.	1970 June-July
5/27	Interviews and research by Margaret Bome in Nevada Subjects include: Ferris Cunningham and Millie Hunewill Hamblet. Folder includes notes on research in Washoe County and at the Nevada State Historical Society.	1970-1971

Series F: Julia Ruuttila's FBI File, 1941-1993

The FBI placed Julia under surveillance beginning in 1941 as a suspected subversive. With Julia's permission, Sandy Polishuk requested Ruuttila's FBI file under the Freedom of Information Act in January 1990. However, the files did not arrive until more than a year after Julia's death. The FBI provided about 500 pages of the total 1,236 pages in Ruuttila's file. Some of the pages are photocopies of her published writings, some are copies of newspaper articles covering her activities, but most are reports and memos. These include annual reports, lists of participants in demonstrations, and narrative reports of organizations and activities. Much detail is blacked out. Some files are from Headquarters (HQ) and some from the Portland District office (PD). They are arranged in that order.

Container(s)	Description	Dates
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6/1	FBI responses to Sandy Polishuk's request for the Ruuttila files	1992-1993
6/2-7	Headquarters files	1941 February-1972 May
6/8-13	Portland District files	1941-1977
6/14	Other files with prefix, SE	1946 October-1956 December

Names and Subjects

Subject Terms :

Civil rights--Oregon.
 Labor unions and communism--United States.
 Labor unions--Northwest, Pacific--History--20th century.
 Labor movement--Oregon--History--20th century.
 Peace movements--United States.
 Women in politics--Northwest, Pacific.
 Women labor union members--Oregon.
 Women labor leaders--Northwest, Pacific.
 Women social reformers--Oregon.
 Women journalists--Northwest, Pacific.
 Women radicals--Oregon.

Personal Names :

Bertram, Maurice.
 Bridges, Harry, 1901-
 Bryant, Louise, 1885-1936
 Gardner, Virginia.
 Goodman, Irvin, 1897-1958
 James, Cheryl D.
 McDonald, Michael Jack.
 Murnane, Francis J., 1914-1968
 Polishuk, Sandy, 1940-
 Ramp, Floyd Cleveland, 1882-1984
 Ruuttila, Julia, 1907-1991
 Ruuttila, Oscar.

Corporate Names :

Industrial Workers of the World.
 International Woodworkers of America.
 International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union.

Oregon State Employees Association.
Oregon. State Public Welfare Commission.
United States. Congress. House. Un-American Activities Committee.
United States. Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Form or Genre Terms :

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