

Irene B. Hull papers, 1933-2006

Overview of the Collection

Creator	Hull, Irene B
Title	Irene B. Hull papers
Dates	1933-2006 (inclusive) 1933 2006
Quantity	6 cubic feet
Collection Number	3783
Summary	Papers of a Seattle labor and peace activist regarding his activity/ membership in Citizen's Child Care Committee, and Grassroots Assembly of Women, Child Care Committee and personal papers
Repository	University of Washington Libraries, Special Collections Special Collections University of Washington Libraries Box 352900 Seattle, WA 98195-2900 Telephone: 206-543-1929 Fax: 206-543-1931 speccoll@uw.edu
Access Restrictions	Open to all users.
Additional Reference Guides	
Languages	English
Sponsor	Funding for encoding this finding aid was partially provided through a grant awarded by the National Endowment for the Humanities

Biographical Note

Irene Hull is a child care, labor, and peace activist based in Seattle, Washington. She was born in Republic, Kansas in 1913. Hull installed insulation on deck heads and bulk heads in shipyards during World War II and also taught in child care centers in Vancouver, Washington and Seattle. At the end of the war, nurseries funded by the Lanham Act were slated to lose their federal funding and close. In response, Hull joined the Citizens' Child Care Committee to keep the nurseries open for working mothers. The Seattle-based committee, with Hull as secretary and Marijo Lawrence as chair, worked to maintain and expand the state's child care program on a permanent basis. They were successful in persuading the Seattle School Board to keep the Seattle nurseries open for three years after the war.

A peace activist since 1960, Hull was a member of Seattle Women Act for Peace and Women's International League for Peace and Freedom. In 1969 Hull joined the Grassroots Assembly of Women, an organization established in 1968 by Jeanette Rankin. Its concerns were poverty, racism, and war, particularly their effect on women. Hull also became involved with the Assembly's Child Care Committee, which advocated for a child care system modeled on the Lanham Act nurseries of World War II. Throughout the 1970s and 1980s, Hull made several trips to Cuba and Russia and, from 1942, was a member of the Communist Party in the United States.

Irene Hull was also active in the labor movement. In 1955, Hull went to work at Farwest Printing and Lithograph as a bindery apprentice and joined the International Brotherhood of Bookbinders Local 87. She worked for two and a half years before losing her job for failing a security clearance. In 1971-1975 Hull served as co-secretary of the Seattle Rank and File Labor Committee, which was formed in 1969 and was affiliated with the National Coordinating Committee for Trade Union Action and Democracy (NCCTUAD). NCCTUAD was an organization of union activists who advocated for union solidarity through rank and file action and democracy within their unions, as well as legislative action in their communities. Irene Hull attended the founding convention for the Coalition of Labor Union Women (CLUW) in 1974. CLUW was founded to organize affirmative action for women and people of color, and encourage women's involvement in union activities. Hull served for several years as chair of the Puget Sound Chapter of CLUW's publicity committee and as its corresponding secretary in the 1990s. Hull also served as a delegate to the King County Labor Council beginning in 1980, and as a member of the Advisory Council of the Evergreen State College Labor Center in the early 1990s. Seattle Mayor Norm Rice proclaimed September 7, 1996 Irene Hull day in honor of her accomplishments.

Content Description

Consult the scope and content information for each accession listed below.

Use of the Collection

Restrictions on Use

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Administrative Information

Arrangement

Arranged in three accessions:

Accession No. 3783-001, Irene B. Hull papers, 1945-1986

Accession No. 3783-007, Irene B. Hull papers, 1933-1998

Accession No. 3783-008, Irene B. Hull papers, 1934-2006

Detailed Description of the Collection

Accession No. 3783-001: Irene B. Hull papers, 1942-1986

2.10 cubic feet (5 boxes)

Arrangement: Arranged in 3 series:

Citizens' Child Care Committee, 1945-1947

Grassroots Assembly of Women, Child Care Committee, 1969-1977

Personal Papers, 1942-1986

Irene B. Hull papers, 1933-2006

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Scope and Content: Accession includes material pertaining to Hull's activity/membership in Citizen's Child Care Committee, and Grassroots Assembly of Women, Child Care Committee, plus personal papers. The Citizens' Child Care Committee series spans 1945-1947 and includes correspondence, meeting minutes, writings, reports, clippings and a transcript from a dialogue between Pearl A. Wanamaker and E. L. Linderman, Washington State Superintendent of Public Instruction. The Grassroots Assembly of Women, Child Care Committee series, 1969-1976, includes historical features, correspondence, legislative files, and clippings. This series also includes a subject file regarding the King County Child Care Coordinating Committee. Personal papers reflect Hull's interest in a variety of social issues, including left wing politics (especially communism), labor, women's issues, and the peace movement. The bulk of the accession consists of mailings, ephemera, newsletters and other material relating to these topics, and spans the years 1953-1986.

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Acquisition Info: Donated by Irene Hull in 1986 and 1987.

Processing Info: Processing levels vary. Contact repository for details.

Container(s)	Description	Dates
	Citizens' Child Care Committee	1945-1947
Box/ Folder	Accession	
1/1-4	3783-001 Incoming Letters <u>Scope and Content:</u> Includes Hugh De Lacy and Pearl A. Wanamaker	1945-1947
1/5	3783-001 Outgoing Letters	1945-1947
1/6	3783-001 Minutes	1945-1947
1/7	3783-001 Minutes of Other Organizations	1945-1947
1/8	3783-001 News Releases	1945-1947
1/9	3783-001 Legislation	1945
1/10	3783-001 Resolutions	1945-1946
1/11	3783-001 Reports	1947
1/12	3783-001 Writings	1945-1947
1/13	3783-001 Lists	1946

Container(s)	Description	Dates
1/14	3783-001 Notes	undated
1/15	3783-001 Transcript of Dialogue Between Pearl A. Wanamaker and E. L. Linderman Regarding State Funding for Children.	undated
1/16	3783-001 Clippings	1945-1947
	Grassroots Assembly of Women, Child Care Committee	1969-1977
Box/ Folder	Accession	
1/17	3783-001 Historical Features	1969
1/18	3783-001 General Correspondence	1969-1976
1/19	3783-001 Mailings	1969-1971
1/20	3783-001 Legislative Files	1969-1977
1/21	3783-001 Statistics	1972
1/22	3783-001 Child Care Glossary	undated
1/23	3783-001 Clippings	1971
1/24	3783-001 Subject File: King County Child Care Coordination Committee	1969-1972
	Personal Papers	1942-1986
Box/ Folder	Accession	
1/25	3783-001 Incoming Letters	1971-1985
1/26	3783-001 Outgoing Letters	1974-1984
	Subject Files	
Box/ Folder	Accession	

Container(s)	Description	Dates
1/27	3783-001 Classroom Materials	undated
1/28-29, 2/1-2	3783-001 Communism	1965-1986
2/3-4	3783-001 Conflict in Spanish Speaking Countries	1973-1986
2/5	3783-001 Consumer Publications	1968-1979
2/6	3783-001 Family Violence/Child Abuse	1975-1983
2/7	3783-001 Gardening	1966-1976
2/8	3783-001 Health and Aging	1961-1983
3/1	3783-001 Homeless/Low Income Populations	1982-1983
3/2	3783-001 Humor	1972-1985
3/3	3783-001 Integration and Bussing	1972-1985
3/4	3783-001 Issues of Concern to Women	1970(?)-1985
3/5	3783-001 Henry M. Jackson	1971-1983
3/6-7, 4/1-2	3783-001 Labor	1910-1983
4/3	3783-001 Papers and Articles Pertinent to Children	1972-1983
4/4	3783-001 Peace Movement	1974-1983
4/5-6	3783-001 Race Relations	1964-1986
4/7	3783-001 Seattle Women Act for Peace	1976-1986
5/1	3783-001 Taxes	1960-1985
5/2-4	3783-001 U.S. Government	1963-1983
5/5	3783-001 Washington Department of Social and Health Services	1976-1977

Container(s)	Description	Dates
5/6	3783-001 Washington Women's Heritage Project	1980-1985
5/7	3783-001 Women for Racial and Economic Equality	1978-1983
5/8	3783-001 Women in the Labor Force	1953, 1980-1982
5/9	3783-001 Women's International League for Peace and Freedom	1975-1986
Box/ Folder	Accession	
5/10-11	3783-001 Clippings	1958-1982
5/10-11	3783-001 Ephemera	1942-1985

Accession No. 3783-007: Irene B. Hull papers, 1933-1998

2.48 cubic feet (3 boxes and one oversize folder)

Arrangement: Arranged into 5 series:

Personal Papers, 1933-1997

Coalition of Labor Union Women, Puget Sound Chapter, 1955-1997

Seattle Rank and File Labor Committee, 1970-1982

Seattle Women Act for Peace, 1971-1997

Evergreen State College Labor Education and Research Center, Advisory Committee, 1987-1996

Scope and Content: This accession spans 1948-1997 and documents Hull's involvement in labor organizations and peace activism. Personal Papers include correspondence with Senators Warren Magnuson and Henry Jackson, congressmen, other politicians, and newspapers editors. Included with her personal papers are writings such as school reports and personal reflections. Hull also collected writings of others, newsletters, clippings, and ephemera. Subject files document her involvement and interest in union coalitions, peace and justice organizations, and several trips she made to Cuba and Russia.

A major series is devoted to the Coalition of Labor Union Women (CLUW), with which Hull was involved and served as chair of the Publicity Committee from 1974-1996. The records concern organizing efforts by CLUW and their support for affirmative action for women, and include historical and organizational information such as brochures, correspondence with labor unions, meeting minutes, resolutions and agenda packets from national CLUW conventions, and a small quantity of newsletters, ephemera, and newspaper clippings.

The Seattle Rank and File Labor Committee series includes correspondence with labor unions, elected officials and the National Coordinating Committee for Trade Union Action and Democracy (NCCTUAD), written statements, resolutions, and newsletters and ephemera concerning the committee's lobbying on behalf of legislation favorable to workers and their anti-war positions. Much of the Committee's work was coordinated with NCCTUAD.

The series on Seattle Women Act for Peace includes correspondence and general mailings, a budget report, a petition to the Joint Senate-House Budget Committee to create a human needs budget, newsletters, and ephemera, from 1971-1997.

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Acquisition Info: Donated by Irene Hull between 1989 and 1998.

Processing Info: Processed by Shauna Dean in 2006.

Processing Info: Coalition of Labor Union Women, Puget Sound Chapter newsletters, 1986-1997, are catalogued separately in the Pacific Northwest Collection in 2006.

Container(s)	Description	Dates
	Personal Papers	1933-1997
Box/ Folder	Accession	
1/1	3783-007 Biographical Information	undated
1/2-5	3783-007 Incoming Letters	1947-1997, undated
1/6-12	3783-007 Outgoing Letters	1952-1996, undated
1/13-14	3783-007 Reports	1949, 1971-1974, 1987, undated
1/15	3783-007 Writings	1933, 1965, undated
	Writings of Others	
Box/ Folder	Accession	
1/16	3783-007 Donahue, Peter	1991
1/17-23	3783-007 Miscellaneous <u>Scope and Content:</u> Includes typescripts (some titled "northwest copy"), flyers and photocopied articles on regional and national topics regarding labor, race relations	1966-1997, undated

Container(s)	Description	Dates
	and activism. Also includes a few poems. Some articles may have been written by Hull, but are unsigned.	
Box/ Folder	Accession	
1/24	3783-007 Legislation	1948, 1971-1977, 1995-1996
Subject Files		
Box/ Folder	Accession	
1/25	3783-007 Association of Western Pulp and Paper Workers	1969-1972
1/26	3783-007 Coalition of Black Trade Unionists	1992-1997
1/27	3783-007 Cuba Trips	1986-1987
1/28	3783-007 Equity in Trades Network	1995-1996
1/29	3783-007 Grassroots Assembly of Women	1969-1972
1/30	3783-007 Jobs with Justice	undated
1/31	3783-007 King County Labor Council of Washington	1991-1998
1/32	3783-007 Labor for Peace	1972
1/33	3783-007 National Committee Against Repressive Legislation	1970-1977, 1991-1992
1/34	3783-007 Peace and Freedom Party	1968
1/35	3783-007 People's Coalition for Peace and Justice	1971-1974
1/36	3783-007 Puget Sound Council of Senior Citizens	1991-1997
1/37	3783-007 Russia Trips	1979-1990
1/38	3783-007 Seattle Bookbinders Union	1971

Container(s)	Description	Dates
1/39	3783-007 Women's International League for Peace and Freedom	1971, 1997
Box/ Folder	Accession	
1/40	3783-007 Conferences and Conventions	1977, 1996-1997, undated
1/41	3783-007 News Releases	1984-1985, undated
1/42	3783-007 Grievance File Regarding Irene Hull and Craftsman Press	1974
1/43	3783-007 Petitions	1971-1972, 1995-1996, undated
1/44	3783-007 Resolutions	undated
2/1	3783-007 Handbook (Untitled)	undated
2/2-3	3783-007 Publications	1968, 1992-1994, undated
Newsletters		
Box:Oversize	Accession	
Miscellaneous oversize box 10	3783-007 <i>Free Angela</i>	1971
Miscellaneous oversize box 10	3783-007 Lewis McCord Free Press	1971
Box/ Folder		
2/4	3783-007 <i>Mac Paps News Bulletin</i>	1973-1977
2/5-8	3783-007 Miscellaneous	1944-1997

Container(s)	Description	Dates
	<u>Scope and Content:</u> Predominantly related to labor.	
Box:Oversize		
Miscellaneous oversize box 10	3783-007 Miscellaneous	1971-1973, 1992
Membership Cards		
Box/ Folder	Accession	
2/9	3783-007 Communist Party, USA	1988
2/9	3783-007 Hotel and Restaurant Employees and Bartenders International Union	1956
Notes		
Box/ Folder	Accession	
2/10	3783-007 Class	undated
2/11	3783-007 Meeting	1974
2/12	3783-007 Miscellaneous	1962, undated
Box/ Folder	Accession	
2/13	3783-007 Certificates	1947, 1965-1996
2/14	3783-007 Programs	1964, 1984-1989
2/15	3783-007 Photographs <u>Scope and Content:</u> Includes one undated color photograph of Hull picketing with Graphic Arts Local 530, one color photograph of the CLUW convention circa 1970s, four undated photographs (color and black and white) of CLUW protesting South African apartheid, and one photograph (black and white) of confiscated evidence against white supremacists.	undated

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Clippings		
Box/ Folder	Accession	
2/16	3783-007 Detroit Riots	1967
2/17	3783-007 Regarding: Irene Hull	1963, 1980-1987, undated
2/18-21	3783-007 Miscellaneous	1944-1945, 1968-1997, undated
Ephemera		
Box/ Folder	Accession	
2/22	3783-007 Communist Party, USA	1976, 1992-1997, undated
2/23-27	3783-007 Miscellaneous <u>Scope and Content:</u> Mostly local and national ephemera regarding labor, women's rights and politics.	1936, 1963-1997, undated
Box/ Folder	Accession	
2/28	3783-007 Miscellany	undated
Coalition of Labor Union Women, Puget Sound Chapter		1955-1997
Box/ Folder	Accession	
2/29	3783-007 Historical Information	1974-1995
2/30	3783-007 Organizational Information	1975, 1993
2/31	3783-007 Incoming Letters	1989-1997

Container(s)	Description	Dates
2/32	3783-007 Outgoing Letters	1974-1994
2/33	3783-007 Intraorganizational Correspondence	1993-1997
2/34	3783-007 Minutes	1988-1997
2/35	3783-007 Speeches and Writings	1986-1997
2/36	3783-007 Resolutions	1990-1994
2/37	3783-007 Membership Records	1955-1997
2/38-39	3783-007 Newsletters	1988-1997, undated
2/40	3783-007 Conferences and Conventions	1993, 1996
2/41	3783-007 Anniversary Book	1974-1994
2/42	3783-007 Clippings	1993, undated
2/43	3783-007 Ephemera	undated
	Seattle Rank and File Labor Committee	1970-1982
Box/ Folder	Accession	
2/44	3783-007 General Correspondence	1970-1982
2/45	3783-007 Interorganizational Correspondence with National Coordinating Committee for Trade Union Action and Democracy	1971-1973
2/46	3783-007 Statements and Writings	1970-1973
2/47	3783-007 Resolutions	undated
2/48	3783-007 Newsletters of Other Labor Committees	1971-1972
2/49	3783-007 Newsletter/Meeting Notices	1971-1973

Container(s)	Description	Dates
2/50	3783-007 Ephemera	1972, undated
	Seattle Women Act for Peace (SWAP)	1971-1997
Box/ Folder	Accession	
2/51	3783-007 Mailings/Correspondence	1972-1974, 1997
2/52	3783-007 Financial Records	1971
2/53	3783-007 Petition	1990
2/54	3783-007 Newsletters	1971-1974, 1997
2/55	3783-007 Ephemera	1973, undated
	Evergreen State College Labor Education and Research Center, Advisory Committee	1987-1996
Box/ Folder	Accession	
2/56	3783-007 General Correspondence	1987-1996, undated
2/57	3783-007 Minutes	1993-1996
3/1	3783-007 Speeches and Writings	1989-1996, undated
3/2	3783-007 Budget	1994-1995
3/3	3783-007 Lists	1992, undated
3/4	3783-007 Conferences and Conventions	1991-1996, undated
3/5-12	3783-007 Notebook <u>General Notes:</u> Literature distributed by the Labor Center. Contains writings and articles regarding various labor activities.	1991-1996, undated

Container(s)	Description	Dates
3/13	3783-007 Newsletters: <i>Labor Center News</i>	1994-1996

Accession No. 3783-008: Irene B. Hull papers, 1934-2006

1.44 cubic feet (2 boxes)

Arrangement: Rough sort.

Scope and Content: Correspondence, political and other ephemera, clippings, and various notes and day planners. Notable correspondents include Reps. Edward B. Murray and Jim McDermott, Sens. Jeanne Kohl-Welles and Maria Cantwell, and other civic leaders.

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Acquisition Info: Source: Irene Hull, September 2006

Names and Subjects

Subject Terms :

Child care services--Washington (State)--Citizen participation

Day care centers--Washington (State)--Citizen participation

Labor unions and communism--Washington (State)--Seattle

Pacifism--Washington (State)--Citizen participation

Peace--Societies, etc

Women in the labor movement

Women in the labor movement--Washington (State)--Seattle

Women political activists--Washington (State)--Seattle--Archives

Personal Names :

Hull, Irene B.--Archives

Lawrence, Marijo

Corporate Names :

Evergreen State College. Labor Education & Research Center. Advisory Committee

Grassroots Assembly of Women. Child Care Committee

National Committee for Trade Union Action and Democracy

Seattle Women Act For Peace

Geographical Names :

Seattle (Wash.)--Politics and government--20th century

Washington (State)--Politics and government--20th century

Form or Genre Terms :

Agendas (administrative records)

Brochures

Correspondence

Minutes

Resolutions

Transcripts

Other Creators :

Personal Names :

Linderman, E. L

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(creator)
Wanamaker, Pearl Anderson, 1899-
(creator)

Corporate Names :

Coalition of Labor Union Women (U.S.). Seattle Chapter
(creator)
University of Washington. University Archives
(creator)

Names and Subjects

Subject Terms :

Personal Papers/Corporate Records (University of Washington)

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