

Chester H. Kingsbury Papers, 1915-1994

Overview of the Collection

Creator	Kingsbury, Chester H
Title	Chester H. Kingsbury Papers
Dates	1915-1994 (inclusive) 1915 1994
Quantity	2.94 cubic feet, including textual materials and 2 VHS videocassettes (8 boxes)
Collection Number	3259
Summary	Papers of Seattle activist and business owner.
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, but advance notice is required for access to some materials. Some material stored offsite; advance notice required for use.
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

Chester Kingsbury was an activist in the University District of Seattle. He was president of the Pacific Northwest Chapter of the Methodist Federation for Social Action, a board member of the American Civil Liberties Union of Washington (circa 1954), and a delegate to the Socialist Party convention in 1936. He was also a member of the Church of the People in the University District and the owner of the North Seattle Printing Company. His wife, Elsie Kingsbury, was a member of the Seattle Branch of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom.

Content Description

Kingsbury's political and religious activities, as well as his wife Elsie Kingsbury's interest in pacifism, the cooperative movement, and similar issues, are documented in minutes, newsletters, ephemera, clippings, subject files, writings, and videorecordings, 1915-1994.

Use of the Collection

Restrictions on Use

The creator's literary rights have not been transferred to the University of Washington Libraries.

Administrative Information

Arrangement

Arranged in three accessions: Accession no. 3259-1, 1936-1973; Accession no. 3259-2, 1945-circa 1993 (bulk circa 1980-circa 1993); and Accession no. 3259-3, 1915-1994.

Processing Note

Processing completed in 2005.

Detailed Description of the Collection

Accession No. 3259-001: Chester H. Kingsbury papers, 1936-1973

.84 cu. ft. (2 boxes)

Scope and Content: Minutes, newsletters, ephemera, clippings, and subject files, 1936-1973.

Restrictions on Access: Open to all users.

Acquisition Info: Received from Chester Kingsbury, September 21, 1981.

Processing Info: Processed in 2001.

Processing Info: Issues of *The New Religious Frontier*, the newsletter of the Church of the People, were relocated to the Church of the People Records (Accession no. 1206-7) in the repository in 2001.

Container(s)	Description	Dates
American Civil Liberties Union of Washington		
Box/ Folder	Accession	
1/1	3259-001 Ephemera and Miscellany	1951-1956
1/2	3259-001 Subject Series – ACLU National	1952-1959

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/ Folder	Accession	
1/3	3259-001 Inter-Church Public Affairs Council	1952
1/4-5	3259-001 League for Columbia Valley Authority	1950
Methodist Federation for Social Action, Pacific Northwest Chapter		
Box/ Folder	Accession	
1/6	3259-001 Board of Christian Social Relations	1957-1960
1/7	3259-001 Christian Friends for Racial Equality	1948
1/8, 2/1	3259-001 National Health Act	1949-1952
Box/ Folder	Accession	
2/2	3259-001 North University Way Association	1972
2/3-5	3259-001 Socialist Party USA	1936-1938, 1953
Kingsbury, Elsie		
Box/ Folder	Accession	
2/6-7	3259-001 Womens International League for Peace and Freedom (Seattle, Wash.)	1944-1973
Personal Papers		
Subject Series		
Box/ Folder	Accession	
2/8	3259-001 Separation of Church and State	1949-1959

Container(s)	Description	Dates
2/9	3259-001 State Information Committee on Capital Punishment	1960
Box/ Folder	Accession	
2/10	3259-001 Letterheads	undated
2/11	3259-001 Ephemera	1949

Accession No. 3259-002: Chester H. Kingsbury papers, 1945-circa 1993 (bulk circa 1980-circa 1993)

1.68 cu. ft. (5 boxes); 2 videocassettes (VHS)

Scope and Content: Ephemera, letters, writings, and videotaped programs concerning pacifism, the cooperative movement (especially Group Health cooperatives), and similar causes, 1945-circa 1993 (bulk circa 1980-circa 1993).

Restrictions on Access: Open to all users.

Records stored offsite; advance notice required for use.

Acquisition Info: Received from Jan Snyder, July 18, 2003.

Processing Info: Processing Level 1.

Accession No. 3259-003: Chester H. Kingsbury papers, 1915-1994

0.42 cubic ft. (1 box)

Scope and Content: Subject files, 1915-1994. Includes correspondence, clippings, publications, ephemera, and photographs related to the cooperative movement, growth in the University District, and Mary Farquharson.

Restrictions on Access: Open to all users

Acquisition Info: Received from Jan Snyder, April 2005.

Processing Info: Processing Level 1.

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Subject Files		
Box	Accession	
1	3259-003 Farquharson Copy Materials	1944-1990

Container(s)	Description	Dates
1	3259-003 Women's International League for Peace and Freedom – Pacific Northwest History	1952-1988
1	3259-003 Farquharson, Mary	1967-1983
1	3259-003 Exile of a Race – Anne Fisher	1946-1988
1	3259-003 Hunthausen, Bishop	1982-1987
1	3259-003 Farquharson, Mary – Wage Stabilization Board	1940-1982
1	3259-003 Farquharson, F. Burt	1915-1968
1	3259-003 Lux, Eugene	1988
1	3259-003 University "Ave" [Avenue] Association	1952-1994
1	3259-003 Arthur Flemming Source Meeting	1977-1988
1	3259-003 University of Washington Medical School	1987
1	3259-003 Institute for Global Security Studies – Meconis	1988
1	3259-003 "U" [University] District Traffic	1987-1988
1	3259-003 "U" [University] District Development	1969-1970
1	3259-003 Cooperative Movements	1943-1949

Names and Subjects

Subject Terms :

Church and social problems--Washington (State)
 Civil rights--Religious aspects
 Civil rights--Washington (State)--Societies, etc
 Cooperative societies--Washington (State)
 Political activists--Washington (State)--Seattle--Archives
 Political conventions--United States
 Social action--Washington (State)--Societies, etc
 Socialist parties--United States
 Women pacifists--Societies, etc

Personal Names :

Farquharson, Mary

Kingsbury, Chester H.--Archives

Kingsbury, Elsie

Corporate Names :

American Civil Liberties Union of Washington

American Civil Liberties Union. Seattle Chapter

American Civil Liberties Union. State of Washington Chapter

Group Health Cooperative of Puget Sound

Methodist Federation for Social Action (U.S.)

Socialist Party (U.S.) National Convention (19th : 1936 : Cleveland, Ohio)

Socialist Party (U.S.)--Congresses

Women's International League for Peace and Freedom. Seattle Branch

Geographical Names :

University District (Seattle, Wash.)

Washington (State)--Politics and government

Other Creators :

Personal Names :

Kingsbury, Elsie

(creator)

Names and Subjects

Subject Terms :

Personal Papers/Corporate Records (University of Washington)

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