Joe Hill photograph collection, 1914-1990

Overview of the Collection

Collector  Curtis, Joseph
Title        Joe Hill photograph collection
Dates        1914-1990 (inclusive)
             1914 1990
Quantity      26 photographs
Collection Number P0427
Summary      The Joe Hill photograph collection contains photographs of Joe Hill and of his funeral in Chicago, photographs of family members and friends, color prints of an event commemorating the 75th anniversary of Joe Hill's execution.
Repository   University of Utah Libraries, Special Collections.
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Access Restrictions Materials must be used on-site; advance notice suggested. Access to parts of this collection may be restricted under provisions of state or federal law.
Languages    English

Content Description

Joe Hill, originally Joel Emanuel Hagglund from Sweeden, changed his name to Joseph Hillstrom and later changed it again to Joe Hill. Hill was a songwriter and organizer for the Industrial Workers of the World, IWW. He was executed for murder in Salt Lake City on November 19, 1915. His case has been one of the most controversial in American labor history.

The collection has numerous mug shots of Hill, pre and post execution, and his Chicago funeral. The Salt Lake funeral was held at the O'Donnell Funeral Home on November 21, 1915 and the funeral in Chicago, at the Westside Auditorium, was November 25, 1915. He was cremated on the 26th.

Also included are portraits of IWW friends and others concerning the case. One person, Virginia Snow Stephen, daughter of LDS church president Lorenzo Snow, was an art instructor at the University of Utah and a champion of Hill and the IWW. She was later forced to resign her position because of her identification with the IWW. As well, the portrait of Morris L. Ritchie, the judge who heard Hill's case can be found here.

Administrative Information

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**Arrangement**

Collection is arranged topically.

**Processing Note**


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**Detailed Description of the Collection**

**Personal, family, friends and events**

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<th>Box</th>
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| 1   | Folder       | Joe Hill, Portraits  
Photograph number 1: Post card with last will, Don't Mourn But Organize.  
Photograph number 2-3: Mug shots of Hill.  
Photograph number 4-6: Post execution photographs of Hill.  
Photograph number 7-8: Joe Hill's funeral in Chicago, November, 1915.  
Photograph number 9: Wall mural of Joe Hill's execution.  
Photograph number 10: Letter of Tom Mooney. |
| 2   |              | Family and Friends  
Photograph number 1: Morris L. Ritchie, Third District Judge who heard Hill's case.  
Photograph number 2-3: Unidentified people.  
Photograph number 4: Portrait of Virginia Snow Stephen.  
Photograph number 5: Unidentified man.  
Photograph number 6-7: IWW group photograph with Virginia Snow Stephen. |
| 3   |              | Newspaper Clippings and Missions  
Photograph number 1-4: Clippings concerning Joe Hill.  
Photograph number 5: Shelter for the homeless at the Sailors Rest, San Pedro, California, 1914.  
| 4   |              | 75th Anniversary of Joe Hill's Execution  
Photograph number 1-3: Color prints of gathering. |

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Names and Subjects

**Personal Names:**
Hill, Joe, 1879-1915

**Photographs**

**Corporate Names:**
Industrial Workers of the World

**Form or Genre Terms:**
Photographic prints 1914-1990
Photographic prints Color 1990
Portrait photographs

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