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.

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Languages
English

Content Description

Joe Hill, originally Joel Emanuel Hagglund from Sweden, 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.

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Administrative Information

Arrangement

Collection is arranged topically.

Processing Note


Detailed Description of the Collection

Personal, family, friends and events

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Photograph number 1-4: Clippings concerning Joe Hill.  
Photograph number 5: Shelter for the homeless at the Sailors Rest, San Pedro, California, 1914.  
| 1 4         | 75th Anniversary of Joe Hill's Execution  
Photograph number 1-3: Color prints of gathering. |

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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