

Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters Collection

## Scope Note

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The Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters Collection numbers three manuscript boxes of correspondence between the officers of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, mainly those in the Southeastern division. The collection also contains the following: form letters; legal documents; receipts and bills; receipt book; biennial convention reports; annuities; programs; book--The Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters; minutes; photographs; operation of Porter forms; printed matter; letterheads and envelopes.

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In 1909, some forty-two years after black porters had become an important fixture of the railroad and sleeping car industry, black porters made their first effort to form a union. By this time, black Pullman porters had become consciously aware of their occupational grievances and had begun to discuss the possibility of correcting them through collective action.

Sixteen years later, on August 25, 1925, in New York City, the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters was organized.

Under the leadership of A. Philip Randolph, the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, played a major role in the growth of the American labor movement.

Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters Collection  
(1940-1968)

Box 1

- f. Correspondence
  - 1--Abrams-Graham
  - 2--Gregory
  - 3--Hadley-McDonald
  - 4--McLaurin
  - 5--Meat Cutters-Yarn
  - Form Letters
  - 6--1949-1956
  - 7--1958-1962
  - 8--1962-1967, n.d.

Box 2

- f. 1--Legal Documents--1943-1956
  - 2--Receipts & Bills--1948-1953
  - 3--Receipt Book
  - 4--Seventh Biennial Convention-Report of Proceedings

Box 3

- f. 1--Annuities
  - 2--Programs
  - 3--Book--The Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
  - 4--Minutes
  - 5--Photographs
  - 6--Operations of Porter Forms--Seniority Forms--Rates of Pay
  - 7--Printed Matter--Dated
  - 8--Printed Matter--Undated
  - 9--Letterhead & Envelopes, Postcard
  - 10--Miscellaneous