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Introduction

This collection was donated to the Labor Archives and Research Center in May and June 1991 by Joan Hardy Twomey, daughter of George Hardy, President-Emeritus of the Service Employees International Union. This donation also included photographs which have been processed as the George Hardy Photograph Collection 14. This collection was processed by Carol Cuenod in July 1992. (For History, see George Hardy Photograph Collection 14, Acc #'s: 1991/055, 1992/027.)

Scope and Content

This small collection represents a random selection of George Hardy's papers which the donor determined worth saving. The papers and records from George Hardy's terms as President of the Service Employees International Union are held by the Union in Washington, D.C. The first three folders hold items which were created by or about Hardy. A biography titled "So Much is to be Done: ..." was prepared for the dedication of the George Hardy Center in Los Angeles. It offers a comprehensive account of Hardy's life beginning with his family background up to his retirement as SEIU president.

The other folders contain material which was generated by the SEIU. Most significant is correspondence in two folders titled "George Scalise Case." Scalise was BSEIU president until 1940 when he was jailed for extortion and income tax evasion. Both George Hardy and his father, "Pop" Hardy, took leading roles in fighting this corruption within the union. There is textual and visual material in an oversize scrapbook which is part of this accession. The visual material is listed in the George Hardy Photograph Collection No. 14. The contents of the textual material are listed below. The inclusive years are 1951-1952 and researchers will find a good collection of handbills, clippings and correspondence from the theater janitors strike in 1951.

General

- Box-folder 1/1 **George Hardy: application for membership in BSEIU Local 9 1933**
George Hardy: honorable discharge from U. S. Army 1946
George Hardy: outline for job performance by office staff undated
George Hardy: letters by John O'Doyle (GH pseudonym) re San Francisco Labor Council 1969
George Hardy: remarks to Executive Council of the California Labor Federation 1969
- Box-folder 1/2 **"So Much to be Done: George Hardy's Life in Organized Labor" 1980**
Congressional Record, 6/18/80, "A Tribute to George Hardy" 1980
- Box-folder 1/3 **George Hardy: clippings, citation 1947--1985**
- Box-folder 1/4 **SEIU: unfinished manuscript on history of BSEIU, Chapters I - IV 1902--1936**
- Box-folder 1/5 **SEIU: correspondence, general 1939--1981**
- Box-folder 1/6 **SEIU: leaflets, newsletters, general 1980's**
- Box-folder 1/7 **SEIU: George Scalise Case, correspondence 1934--1940**
- Box-folder 1/8 **SEIU: George Scalise Case, correspondence 1934--1951**
- Box-folder 1/9 **SEIU: George Scalise Case, clippings 1940**
- Box-folder 1/10 **SEIU: theater janitors' strike, San Francisco 1981**
 clippings and leaflets
- Box-folder 1/11 **SEIU: Charles Hardy's application for union membership, dues record 1937--1948**

Textual Material in Oversize Scrapbook

Box-folder Pages 1 - **Theater janitors strike 1951**

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newsletters, clippings, leaflets, correspondence

Box-folder Page 13 **California State Council of BSE 1951**

clippings

Box-folder Pages 14, **Janitors strike in Boise, Ida. 1952**

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clippings

Box-folder Pages 15 **Organizing of hospital workers 1952**

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clippings, leaflets

Box-folder Page 17 **General booklets and cards 1952**

Box-folder Pages 18 **General leaflets 1951 - 1952**

Box-folder Pages 19 **General clippings, booklets, leaflets 1951, 1952**

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Box-folder Page 25 **BSEIU Western Conference in Eureka 1951**

clipping

Box-folder Page 27 **Newspapers, unmounted 1951--1953.**