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Introduction

These records were donated by Stanley Lathen in June 1997. They were processed by Kim Klausner in July of that year.

Biographical Note

Stanley Lathen is a labor union and political activist living in Vallejo. Lathen (known as Stanley Sapp until the early 1950s when he changed his name) was the secretary-treasurer, the executive officer, for the Retail Clerks International Association, Local 373; President of the Plasterers' Union, Local 631; and one of the founding Directors of the A.F. of L. Ball Park Board (Athletic Friends of Labor). He was active in Democratic Party politics and with the Congress of California Seniors. An oral history conducted by Harvey Schwartz is at the Labor Archives.

Scope and Content

The collection is comprised of documents and photographs from Lathen's labor and political activities in Vallejo. It ranges from a 1928 Plasterers' & Cement Finishers' Union Constitution to a 1995 holiday card from Bill and Hillary Clinton. Also included are brief letters to and from politicians Lathen supported, including Franklin & Eleanor Roosevelt, Henry Wallace, Estes Kefauver, Edmund "Pat" Brown, and Alan Cranston in the "Correspondence - Political" folder. "The Plasterer" folder preserves two issues of the Plasterers' Union publication that contain letters from Stanley Sapp. There are undated papers opposing the use of sheetrock in construction in the "Lathing and Plastering" folder.

The collection includes photographs from most of the groups Lathen worked with including many of the Athletic Friends of Labor Ball Park and the Vallejo Builders, its home team. National figures, such as Gene Autry and Lady Bird Johnson, appear in some of the photos.

Researchers interested in labor in Vallejo in the 1950s through 80s, including unions for retail clerks, plasterers, butchers, and builders, will find material here. Other topics are labor's relationship to local and state politics, especially the Democratic Party; labor's commitment to community projects such as the ball park; and the growth of the political influence of retired trade unionists through its Congress of Seniors.

Relocated to the Stanley Lathen Photograph Collection

- "A.F. of L. Ball Park" 194?, n.d.
- "California Federation of Labor" 1965, n.d.
- "Central Labor Council" 194?, 1959, n.d.
- "Democratic Party" 1956-1969, n.d.
- "LLPE Fundraisers" 194?, 1959
- "Plasterers' & Cement Masons' Union" 1936, 1940
- "Retail Clerks Union" 1953-1975, n.d.
- "Retirement Dinner, Everett Nelson" n.d.

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- "California State Federation of Labor" OVERSIZE 1956-1967
- "Retail Clerks Union" OVERSIZE 1959, 1964

Box-folder 1/1 **A.F. of L. Ball Park 1942-1943, n.d.**

Box-folder 1/2 **American Federationist 1967-1977**

Box-folder 1/3 **Building Materials Catalog 1937**

Box-folder 1/4 **California Labor COPE Convention 1972**

Box-folder 1/5 **Congress of California Seniors 1977-1982**

Box-folder 1/6 **Correspondence - Political 1944-1995**

- Box-folder 1/7 **Democratic Party 1950-1980**
- Box-folder 1/8 **Greater Vallejo Recreation District 1944-1991**
- Box-folder 1/9 **Lathing & Plastering n.d.**
- Box-folder 1/10 **Meat Cutters & Butchers Union Ruler n.d.**
- Box-folder 1/11 **NRA Collective Bargaining Agreement 1935**
- Box-folder 1/12 **Newsclippings 1943-1952**
- Box-folder 1/13 **Pamphlets - AFL-CIO 1968-1971**
- Box-folder 1/14 **Pamphlets - Department of Labor 1940**
- Box-folder 1/15 **Pamphlets - Various Labor 1970-1980, n.d.**
- Box-folder 1/16 **The Plasterer 1938-1939**
- Box-folder 1/17 **Plasterers' & Cement Finishers' Union 1928-1939, n.d.**
- Box-folder 1/18 **Retail Clerks Union 1963, n.d.**
- Box-folder 1/19 **Solano Labor Center 1961**
- Box-folder 1/20 **Specifications, Lathing 1935-1939**
- Box-folder 1/21 **Vallejo Labor Temple 1955**