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Thomas Young papers

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Summary

Creator: Young, Thomas Grayson, 1902-1998

Title: Thomas Young papers

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Abstract: A native of St. Kitts, Thomas Young (1902-1998) was a founder and long-term vice president of Local 32B, Building Service Employees International Union (BSEIU), AFL-CIO. He was active in the New York State Republican Party and served as a commissioner of the New York State Commission of Correction from 1946 until the 1970s. The Thomas Young Papers reflect Young's involvement in the founding and some of the daily operations of Local 32B of the Building Service Employees International Union (BSEIU), his other labor and civil service responsibilities, and his political activities. The collection consists of biographical material and files related to Local 32B of the BSEIU including the formation of the union, news clippings regarding strikes in the 1930s-1940s, and Young's speeches regarding that union and other aspects of American labor. The Organizational and Agency Affiliations series contains correspondence and reports from a wide variety of organizations, most notably the New York State Commission of Correction, as well as labor and political activities with which Young was involved. The collection also contains five scrapbooks that include news clippings about Local 32B's early history and strikes, and Young's service for the New York State Commission of Correction.

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Key Terms

Subjects

African American labor union members
African Americans -- Political activity -- New York (State) -- New York
Black author
Elections -- New York (State) -- New York
Labor leaders -- New York (State) -- New York
Labor unions -- United States -- Officials and employees
Service industries workers -- Labor unions -- United States
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Genre/Physical Characteristic

Scrapbooks

Names

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New York (State). Department of Correction
Republican Party (N.Y.)