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Summary

- Main entry:** International Typographical Union. No. 6 (New York, N.Y.)
- Title:** New York Typographical Union No. 6 Records, 1829-1988
- Size:** 24.5 linear feet (16boxes, 143 volumes)
- Source:** Gift of the New York Typographical Union No. 6, 1982, 1986, 1996.
- Abstract:** The New York Typographical Union No. 6, representing printers in New York City, was founded in 1850. It was preceded by the New York Typographical Society, which was founded in 1809. Horace Greeley was the union's first president. The parent organization of the New York Typographical Union No. 6 is the International Typographical Union, headquartered in Colorado Springs, Colorado. The collection contains official union records including charters, constitutions, minutes, membership lists, and dues records, plus scrapbooks and printed matter.
- Access:** Apply in the Special Collections Office for admission to the Manuscripts and Archives Division.
- Microfilm must be used when available.
- Preferred citation:** New York Typographical Union No. 6 Records, Manuscripts and Archives Division, The New York Public Library.
- Special formats** Photographs, scrapbooks
- Alternate formats:** Executive Committee minutes, 1870-1884, 1893-1899 and Regular Committee minutes, 1870-1917 are available on microfilm.

Related materials note

New York Typographical Society Records, 1816-1885. Manuscripts and Archives Division, New York Public Library..

Historical note

The New York Typographical Union No. 6 was founded in 1850 for and by printers in New York City. The long history of trade unionism for printers can be traced to the printers trade unions of the eighteenth century. Union No. 6 traces its immediate origins to the New York Typographical Society that was formed in 1809. Horace Greeley was the union's first president. The parent organization of the New York Typographical Union No. 6 is the International Typographical Union, headquartered in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

The New York Typographical Union No. 6 shared the same basic objectives as many other unions. The leadership aimed to secure good working conditions, fair wages, compensation for injuries and disabilities on the job, job protection, and training in new technologies and techniques for its members. Union No. 6 has participated in various strikes over issues such as low wages and the maltreatment of union workers.

Union No. 6 developed a well organized administration around committees, including a Board of Directors, Executive Committee, Regular Committee, Discipline Committee, and Membership Committee. The Board held regular meetings regarding issues of concern to the workers. Union No. 6 kept the membership abreast of current issues through the monthly bulletins.

As Union No. 6 moved into the late twentieth century, there was a growing concern among its membership over the new typesetting technology being implemented by newspapers, such as the *New York Post* and *Daily News*. In the twenty-first century, Union No. 6's role has demised; however, it continues to play a smaller but important role in today's emerging printing technologies.

Scope and content note

The New York Typographical Union No. 6 records contain the union's constitution; membership rolls; minutes of the executive, regular, membership, and discipline committees; dues ledgers; scrapbooks; and printed material, including publications issued by Union No. 6 and its parent, the International Typographical Union.

Arrangement note

The New York Typographical Union No. 6 Records are organized in the following series:

- Series I. Constitution and bylaws, Membership List, Charters, 1859 - 1966
- Series II. Executive Committee Minutes, 1870 - 1980
- Series III. Regular Committee Minutes, 1870 - 1988
- Series IV. Discipline Committee Minutes, 1949 - 1977
- Series V. Membership Committee, 1914 - 1970
- Series VI. Dues ledgers, 1860 - 1945
- Series VII. Scrapbooks, 1931 - 1979
- Series VIII. Chronological File of Informational Printed Matter, 1961-1988
- Series IX. Photographs, Printed Souvenirs, Miscellany

Series descriptions and container list

Series I. Constitution and bylaws, Membership List, Charters, 1859-1966

1 volume, 2 boxes

This series includes one volume containing the constitution of the Union as revised and adopted in 1859 followed by a list of members names from 1859-1966. The series also contains published versions of the constitution and bylaws, and charters of incorporation for Union No. 6 and the Women's Typographical Union No. 1.

Series IV contains more membership lists. Published versions of the membership list are available in NYPL's Science, Industry, and Business Library.

		Constitution
<u>Vol</u>		Constitution and membership list, 1850 - 1966
1		
<u>Box</u>	<u>Fol</u>	
1	1-4	Printed constitution and by-laws, 1850-1946
<u>Map</u>		
<u>Case</u>		Charters
D10		National Typographical Union - establishing New York Typographical Union No. 6, 1852
		Incorporation of New York Typographical Union No. 6, 1868
		International Typographical Union - establishing New York Typographical Union No. 6, 1871
		Women's Typographical Union, 1869

Series II. Executive Committee Minutes, 1870 - 1980

38 volumes

These minutes were originally recorded in longhand script until the changeover to the typewriter in 1911. Beginning in 1916, the pages were mounted and bound in volumes. In the early, formative years of the Union, the Board met at least twice a month. Meetings were less frequent in later years. Relevant printed matter accompanies the minutes. This series also includes printed versions of the 1969 and 1970 minutes.

Microfilm of volumes 2 and 4 must be consulted in lieu of the originals.

<u>Reel</u>	<u>Vol</u>	
1	2	1870 - 1884
<u>Vol</u>		
3		1885 - 1893 Mar
<u>Reel</u>	<u>Vol</u>	
1	4	1893 Apr - 1899 Nov
<u>Vol</u>		
5		1899 Dec - 1911
6		1911 - 1915
7		1916 - 1920 (2 vols. in one case)
8		1923 - 1925
9		1925 - 1927

<u>Vol</u>	
10	1927 - 1929
11	1929 - 1931
12	1931 - 1932
13	1932 - 1933
14	1933 - 1935
15	1935 - 1936
16	1936 - 1937
17	1937 - 1938
18	1938 - 1939
19	1939 - 1940
20	1940 - 1941
21	1941 - 1942
22	1942 - 1943
23	1943 - 1945
24	1945 - 1947
25	1947 - 1949
26	1949 - 1951
27	1951 - 1953
28	1953 - 1955
29	1955 - 1957
30	1957 - 1959
31	1959 - 1961
32	1961 - 1963
33	1963 - 1965
34	1965 - 1967
35	1967 - 1969
36	1969 - 1971
37	1972 - 1974
38	1975 - 1977
39	1978 - 1980

Series III. Regular Committee Minutes, 1870 - 1988

38 volumes

These minutes were originally recorded in longhand script until the change over to the typewriter in 1911. The minutes include Membership Committee reports, reports on election laws, printed matter, and applications for various benefits.

Microfilm of volumes 40-47 must be consulted in lieu of the originals.

<u>Reel</u>		1870 - 1880
2	40	
2-3	41	1881 - 1890 Mar
3	42	1890 Apr - 1895 Jul
4	43	1895 Aug - 1898
4-5	44	1899 - 1901 Jul
5	45	1901 Aug - 1906 Apr (Original volume missing)
	46	1906 May - 1909
	47	1909 - 1917 Oct
<u>Vol</u>		1917 Nov - 1920
48		
49		1924 - 1926
50		1927 - 1929
51		1930 - 1931
52		1932 - 1933
53		1934 - 1935
54		1936 - 1937
55		1938
56		1939
57		1940 - 1941
58		1942 - 1943
59		1944 - 1945
60		1946
61		1947 - 1948
62		1949 - 1950
63		1951 - 1953
64		1954 - 1955
65		1956
66		1957 - 1959
67		1959 - 1960
68		1961 - 1962
69		1963 - 1964

<u>Vol</u>	
70	1965 - 1966
71	1967 - 1969
72	1970 - 1971
73	1972 - 1974
74	1975 - 1977
75	1978 - 1980
76	1981 - 1982
77	1983 - 1984
78	1985 - 1986
79	1987 - 1988

Vol
80

Series IV. Discipline Committee Minutes, 1949 - 1977

1 volume

The Discipline Committee Minutes, 1949-1977, contain information on the status and resolutions of grievances filed by the members.

Series V. Membership Committee, 1914 - 1970

9 volumes, 4 boxes

The minutes, 1914-1970, are arranged somewhat unevenly -chronologically and alphabetically- and sometimes overlap with information in the Regular Committee minutes. Topics covered by the minutes include union members' test results, work histories, and status within the organization. This series also includes membership lists. (See also Series I. and published versions of these lists in NYPL's Science, Industry, and Business Library.) Additional material includes test results, miscellaneous notes and correspondence regarding membership matters, and two certificates of membership to the New York Typographical Society.

Minutes, 1914-1970

Vol
81

1914 - 1920

82

1931 - 1933

83

1941 - 1943

84

1945 - 1947

Box

Fol

1

5-8

1948 - 1951

2

1-5

1951 - 1956

3

1-5

1856 - 1960

4

1-2

1961 - 1970

Membership lists

Vol
85

Membership register, 1901 - 1927

New members

86

1907 - 1911, 1909

87

1912 - 1916

88

1938 - 1963

89

Deaths, 1916 - 1957

Box

Fol

4

3

Test results and miscellaneous notes and correspondence, 1887, 1957 - 1969, undated

16

1

Certificates of membership to the New York Typographical Society, 1829, 1879

Series VI. Dues Ledgers, 1860 - 1945

43 volumes

The Dues and Yearly Ledgers (the name changed in 1904) provide a monthly record of the dues paid by each member. Member names are listed alphabetically within each year.

<u>Vol</u>	
90	1860 - 1865
91	1868 - 1871
92	1872
93	1873
94	1874
95	1875
96	1876
97	1877
98	1878
99	1879
100	1880
101	1881
102	1882
103	1883
104	1884
105	1885
106	1886
107	1887
108	1888
109	1889 - 1890
110	1890 - 1891
111	1892 - 1893
112	1893 - 1894
113	1894 - 1895
114	1895 - 1896
115	1896 - 1897
116	1897 - 1898
117	1898 - 1899
118	1899 - 1900
119	1900 - 1901
120	1901 - 1902

<u>Vol</u>	
121	1904 - 1905
122	1905 - 1906
123	1909 - 1910
124	1910 - 1911
125	1914 - 1915
126	1915 - 1916
127	1920 - 1921
128	1925
129	1930
130	1935
131	1940
132	1945

Series VII. Scrapbooks, 1931 - 1979

12 volumes

The scrapbooks contain printed matter and ephemera regarding Typographical Union No. 6 and information of interest to its membership including the business of its brotherhood unions.

<u>Vol</u>	
133	1931 - 1934
134	1933 - 1940
135	1934 - 1942
136	1942 - 1949
137	1945
138	1948 - 1949
139	1949 - 1955
140	1955 - 1961
141	1961 - 1967
142	1968 - 1975

<u>Box</u>	<u>Fol</u>	
4	4-6	1976 - 1977
5	1-8	1977 - 1979

**Series VIII. Chronological File of Informational Printed Matter,
1961-1988**

10 boxes

This series consists of material distributed for the information of union members, and includes fliers, brochures, letters, and ballots concerning elections, meetings, as well as general union business.

<u>Box</u>	
6	1961 - 1966
7	1967 - 1970
8	1971 - 1972
9	1972 - 1974
10	1974 - 1976
11	1976 - 1977
12	1977 - 1978
13	1978 - 1979
14	1979 - 1983
15	1986 - 1988

Series IX. Photographs, Printed Souvenirs, Miscellany

1 box

<u>Box</u> 16	2	Photo of union members at award dinner, undated
<u>Map</u> <u>Case</u> D10	<u>Fol</u>	Photo and etching of Horace Greeley
<u>Box</u> 16	<u>Fol</u> 3	New York Herald Chapel Souvenir, 1906
	4	New York Morning Newspaper Baseball League. Souvenir of the First Printers' National Baseball Tournament, 1908
	5	Sheet music for "Big Six Band March" by J. Clayton Heaton, undated
<u>Vol</u> 143		New York Sun Compositor's Bill Book, 1858