

C Tindall, Virginia (1907-1998), Papers, 1931-1990  
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#### INTRODUCTION

The records of Virginia Tindall contain information about the Women's International Auxiliary to the International Typographical Union, photographs, convention materials, and other information pertaining to Tindall's activities working in labor rights.

#### DONOR INFORMATION

The records were donated to the University of Missouri by Robert Franklin Tindall, Jr. on 29 February 2000 (Accession No. 5842).

#### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Virginia Pearl Fenton Tindall was born April 24, 1907, to Caleb Anthony Fenton and Ora Pearl Mordica Fenton. Besides her union work, Tindall was a member of the America War Dads (an organization supporting parents of children in the military), an American Red Cross grey lady, and the AARP. As a member of St. Joseph, Missouri's Women's Auxiliary to the International Typographical Union (an organization for the wives of ITU members), Tindall promoted women's labor rights, equal pay, and the purchasing of union-made goods.

In 1955, Tindall was elected national president of the WIA-ITU, a position she held until 1961. During her time as president, Tindall made frequent tours of cities in the U.S. and Canada with an ITU presence, strengthening the Women's Auxiliaries that already existed and founding new ones. Only a few months after her election Tindall was a delegate to the merger convention of the American Federation of Labor and the Congress of Industrial Organizations to form the AFL-CIO, the largest federation of unions in the United States. Over her six years as president of the WIA-ITU, Tindall helped to either establish or reactivate 37 Women's Auxiliaries.

Tindall passed away in Weslaco, Texas, on December 25, 1998, at the age of 91.

#### SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The records of Virginia Tindall consist of a history of the WIA-ITU from 1955 to 1961 written by Tindall, promotional material and membership information for the Women's International Auxiliary to the International Typographical Union, materials from conventions Tindall attended, newsletters and clippings of articles written by or about Tindall or her husband, photographs, and a collection of miscellaneous materials including her son's certificate of retirement from the army and an AFL-CIO book of union songs. The membership information contains a ledger of every women's auxiliary to the ITU, its founding date, charter members, and union number. The photographs were largely taken at union events, although there some personal photos of Tindall and her husband.

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