

**S0779 International Ladies Garment Workers Union
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The International Ladies' Garment Workers Union was formed in New York City in 1900 in response to sweatshop conditions in the manufacture of ladies and children's clothing. By 1920 membership had reached 100, 000 members. The unemployment of the depression era cut back membership to 23, 000, but during the New Deal period of 1932-1934 it rose to 217, 000. In 1938 the ILGWU produced a musical on Broadway entitled Pins and Needles with a cast made entirely mad up of union members. It ran longer than any other show had previously. In 1995 the 150, 000 members ILGWU merged with the Amalgamated Clothing and Textile Workers Union (ACTWU) to Form the Union of Needletrades, Industrial and Textile Workers (UNITE).

The collection contains photographs of organizing meetings, members from the St. Louis area, work places, strikes and union meetings. The photographs are entered into the Western Historical Manuscript Collection Photograph Database.

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