

Mollie Lieber West Papers,
1916-2000, n.d.

Creator: Mollie West, 1916-2015

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Biographical/Administrative History

Mollie West was born in Soklov, Poland on February 2, 1916. In 1929, at the age of 13, Mollie immigrated to the United States. West is a true example of the struggle and the achievement of women workers in the twentieth century labor union movement.

After arriving in Chicago with her family, West had to overcome the language barrier, a physical handicap, and the process of assimilation. Because of her personal situation and the political leanings of her family she found herself continually confronted with issues of social injustice. In 1934, in the midst of the Great Depression, her high school threatened to cut the extracurricular activities. West, who enrolled in music lessons through the school, responded by organizing a student strike. She and several others were arrested and placed in a juvenile home. Claiming that this was the radicalizing moment in her life, after graduation she went on to work for the Farm Equipment Workers of America, an early CIO union. There she ran the office, wrote and distributed printed materials, and advocated community members to support strikes- at any cost. A strong presence at the Memorial Day Massacre in 1937, she led the singing at the rally and that night, after the violence, spoke out publicly against the brutality. From this point, West dedicated her life to organizing the labor movement.

A member of the Communist Party from 1935-1962, unfortunately little is known about West during these years. She initially joined the Young Communist League working as a labor organizer and later served as the secretary of the Illinois Communist Party. Married on June 30, 1940, her first husband, Carl Lieber, also a Communist sympathizer, was killed during WWII in 1945. That same year West served as an American Delegate to the World Youth Congress held in London and the World Student Congress in Czechoslovakia. Forced into underground hiding from 1953-1955 with her second husband, James West, and their adopted son Steven, she finally broke ties with the Party in 1962 stating that, while she believed in their principals, it was not her life.

Afterwards, she sought out temporary employment as a proofreader while going to night school to learn the printing trade. Until that point women in the printing trades were almost unheard of. Separating from James West in 1966, and divorced in 1969, Mollie made her way as a single mother in Chicago.

From 1960-1987, as a member of the Typographical Union, West broke gender barriers. In 1973 she was the first woman elected to a union office in the Chicago Typographical Union, Local 16 (CTU) as a delegate to the International Typographical Union (ITU) Convention held in San Diego, California. She was only one of six women among the 350 attending delegates. That same year, West was the first woman to address the International Convention Union Council, the first female elected to the Executive Committee of CTU, and the first female appointed delegate to the Illinois state AFL-CIO (American Federation of Labor-Coalition of Industrial Organizations). For over thirty years she served as a delegate to the Chicago Federation of Labor as well as to the Illinois State AFL-CIO. As founding member of Chicago chapter of CLUW (Coalition of Labor Union Women), West served on the national executive board.

At the age of sixty she entered Mundelein's Weekend College earning a Bachelor's degree in labor education. Fearful of compulsory retirement at the age of sixty-five by her employer, the Daily Racing Form, she found a way to keep herself active and involved in Chicago labor education. In 1980 she organized an annual award for women labor leaders in the Chicago Federation of Labor-Industrial Union Council. After her retirement from the printing trade in 1987, she continued to promote education and recognition for labor leaders through her work at the Illinois Labor History Society as the administrative secretary and volunteer

Since that time she has been the recipient of Annual Tribute to Labor Union Women held by the CFL-IUC (1987), inducted into Chicago Women's Hall of Fame (1990), awarded the Eugene V. Debs-Norman Thomas-Michael Harrington Annual Dinner Committee Award for achievement in service to the labor movement (1993), inducted into Senior Illinois Hall of Fame, Illinois Department of Aging (1994), and named Person of the Year by the Lake County AFL-CIO (1998).

Mollie Lieber West died August 7, 2015 at the age of 99.

Scope and Content

The papers of Mollie Sheiman Lieber West span from 1916 to approximately 2000. They are organized into thematic topics, and chronologically within each series. They document her activities as a labor activist and women's rights advocate. Most of the materials are secondary sources she saved and closely reflect her work and political ideologies. The West papers include subject files, correspondence, and pamphlets. The collection only loosely refers to West's involvement with the Illinois Communist Party and the years she spent living underground during the McCarthy era through correspondence with her two husbands. It focuses primarily on her work in the labor movement and the various issues and organizations she was involved in such as CLUW, CTU, ITU, AFL-CIO, ERA, and the Illinois Labor History Society.

Series 1: Biographical and Family Information, 1916-2000, n.d. Boxes 1-2

This series contains information about West's life as well as her father Harry Sheiman, her mother Minnie Sheiman, and her adopted son, Steven West. Formats include articles, awards, correspondence, and vital documents such as West's immigrant identification card and Polish birth record (translated into English by the FBI). Some materials are in foreign languages such as Polish and Hebrew. It is organized in alphabetic order by the title of each folder.

Series 2: Correspondence, 1947-1986, n.d. Boxes 2-3

Largely personal correspondence between West and others, this series is organized alphabetically by subject or name of correspondent. The bulk of this series contains personal letters between West and her son Steven during his time in law school. Also included is miscellaneous correspondence documenting both personal and professional relationships. Correspondence can also be found throughout the collection.

Series 3: FBI, 1940-1958, n.d. Boxes 3-4

These are the declassified FBI files kept on West which were obtained by Steven West in 1993. Though most information is blacked out, these copies offer a sketch of West's activities and movements. Included is a copy of Lieber and West's marriage license, school records, surveillance of meetings, and the book, *FBI Secrets*, by M. Wesley Swearingen. West is mentioned twice in the book.

Series 4: Mundelein College, 1976-1985, n.d. Boxes 4-5

This series includes research notes, class information, articles, and correspondence from West's enrollment in Mundelein College's Weekend College.

Series 5: Subject Files, 1956-1995, n.d. Boxes 5-6

These subject files contain secondary materials on a variety of topics- affirmative action, CHAMPUS, communism, ERA, the feminist movement, Gold Star Wives of America. Also included are materials relating to various friends and associates.

Subseries 5A: Labor 1962-1995, n.d. Boxes 7-9

The second section focuses on the labor movement and various organizations West was involved with. A large part of this section is about the AFL-CIO, CTU, Illinois Labor History Society, ITU, and PATCO. However, there is also secondary information about general history of the labor movement.

Series 6: Women in the Workforce, 1974-2002, n.d. Boxes 9-11

Mainly secondary information, this series centers on the general concerns of female workers. A lot of these materials come from West's involvement with the Illinois Commission on the Status of Women.

Subseries 6A: Coalition of Labor Union Women, 1975-1987, n.d. Boxes 11-12

This information relates to the day-to-day operations of CLUW. Comprised of both primary and secondary sources, this subseries consists of articles, correspondence, publications, legislation, and conference information.

Series 7: Photographs, 1959-1993, n.d. Box 12

Most of the photographs in this collection consist of biographical images of West in relation to her labor work. There are also images of her parents and her son as well as numerous unidentified pictures taken while on vacation.

Series 8: Audio-Visual, 1990-2005, Box 13

A collection of materials showcasing West and the labor movement. The formats in this series include DVD, VHS, CD, and audio cassette. Selections from this series are available digitally.

Subjects

AFL-CIO

Chicago history

CHAMPUS

Coalition of Labor Union Women

Communism

CTU

Equal Rights Amendment

Gold Star Wives of America

Illinois Labor History Society

Illinois Women's Agenda

International Typesetters Union

Labor History

Memorial Day Massacre

Mundelein College

West, Steven

West, James

Women's History Week

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<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Series 1: Biographical and Family Information, 1916-2000, n.d.			
1	1	80 th Birthday Official Chicago Resolution	1993
	2	AARP	1985-1986
	3	AFL-CIO Illinois Women's History Week Honor	1987
	4	AFL-CIO Person of the Year	1998
	5	Adoption Information, Steven West	1962-1963
	6	Article by West	1979
	7	Articles about West	1979-2005
	8	Barbara Merrill-Rudy Lozano Labor Reward	1986
	9	Biographical Information	n.d.
	10	Car Information	1961, 1983, 1986
	11	CHAMPUS Billing	1976-1978
	12	CHAMPUS Correspondence	1977-1979
	13	CHAMPUS General Information	[1975]
	14	Chicago Women's Hall of Fame Biography and Speech	1990
	15	Credit Issues	1983
	16	Daily Racing Form- Sprint Charges	1986
	17	Debs, Thomas, Harrington Award	1993
	18	Divorce Papers	1969
	19	Documents Found in Passport	1928, n.d.
	20	Encyclopedia of the Midwest Author's Agreement	2002
	21	Harry Sheiman- Certificate of Naturalization	1942
	22	Harry Sheiman- Correspondence AMPAL	1972
	23	Harry Sheiman- Correspondence Histadrut	1970, 1979
	24	Harry Sheiman- Correspondence Personal	1976-1979
	25	Harry Sheiman- Correspondence Social Security	1979-1980
	26	Harry Sheiman- Death Certificate and Burial Information	1979
	27	Harry Sheiman- Foreign Writings	1971, bulk 1979, n.d.
	28	Harry Sheiman- Histadrut Annuity Fund	1971
	29	Harry Sheiman- Last Will and Testament	1969, 1972
	30	Harry Sheiman- Obituaries and Remembrances	1979
	31	Harry Sheiman- Passport and ID's	1975, n.d.
	32	Harry Sheiman- Power of Attorney	1976
	33	Harry Sheiman- Receipts and Personal Accounts	1974, 1979, n.d.
	34	Harry Sheiman- Social Security	1959
	35	Immigration Identification Card	1928
2	1	Insurance Information	1985
	2	Invitation to Presidential Inauguration	1997
	3	James West- Rutger's Finding Aid	1994
	4	Memorial Funeral Programs	1962, 1977, 1995,

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		2000-2005
5	Minnie Sheiman-Passport	1929
6	Mollie West v. Sherwin Williams	1983
7	Passport	1986
8	Pension Information	1961-1980, n.d.
9	Roosevelt Certificate of Achievement	1979
10	Senior Illinoisans Hall of Fame	1994
11	Social Security Information	1981-1990, n.d.
12	Steven West- Correspondence, General	1977-1996
13	Steven West- Law School	1975-1978
14	Surgery Notes	[1939]
15	Tribute to West- House of Representatives	2003
16	Unemployment	1987
17	Women's National Hall of Fame	1995-1996

Series 2: Mollie West Correspondence, 1947-1986, n.d.

18	AMPAL	1974-1982
19	Ben Teller	1979
20	Car Insurance	1983-1984, 1985
21	Committee of Un-American Activities	1960
22	Condolences	1979

3	1	Donation of Materials	1993-2005
	2	General	n.d.
	3	General	1947-1959
	4	General	1971-1979
	5	General	1980-1997
	6	Joe Dyssegaard	1978, 1981, n.d.
	7	Raymond Cope	1985-1986
	8	Steven West	n.d.
	9	Steven West	1973-1975
	10	Steven West	1976-1979
	11	Steven West	1980-1986, 1993

Series 3: FBI File, 1940-1958, n.d.

	12	<i>FBI Secrets</i> by M. Wesley Swearingen	1996
	13	FBI File #1	n.d.
4	1	FBI File #2	n.d.
	2	FBI File #3	n.d.
	3	FBI File #4	n.d.
	4	FBI File #5	n.d.
	5	FBI File #6	n.d.

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Series 4: Mundelein College, 1976-1985, n.d.

6	Alumnae Directory	1980
7	Articles	1976-1978
8	Class Registration	1976-1978
9	Class Song and Class Notes	1976
10	Class Syllabi	1976, 1982
11	Commencement	1978
12	Correspondence	1976-1978
13	Correspondence	1979-1985
14	Course- Psychology Exams and Notes	1976
15	Course- Strategies for Learning	1976
5	1 Course- Holocaust in Word and Film Assignments	1977
	2 Course- Holocaust in Word and Film Research	1977
	3 Course- New Deal Papers and Notes	1977
	4 Mundelein Diploma	1978
	5 Financial Aid and Tuition	1976-1977
	6 Graduation Photo	1978
	7 <i>Listening</i> Publication	1978
	8 NOW	1984
	9 Personal Notes	n.d.
	10 Prime Time Weekend	1978
	11 Report Cards	1976-1977
	12 Research and Readings	n.d.
	13 Reunion Committee	1985
	14 Speech Notes	n.d.
	15 Student Handbook	1976-1977
	16 Women's Minds/Women's Bodies Workshops	1979

Series 5: Subject Files, 1956-1993, n.d.

17	Abortion	1978, n.d.
18	ACM Urban Studies Program	1979, 1986
19	Affirmative Action	n.d.
20	"An Old-Left Response to some New-Left Views on the Feminist Movement" Pamphlet	[1979]
21	Ann Brody	1986
22	Anti-Semitism	1978
23	Black Liberation Journal	1979
24	Board of Elections Commissioners	1987
25	Catholic Church Articles by Jim Stockpoole	1981
26	Chicago Coalition for National Health Service	1978
27	Chicago History	1981-1982
28	Communism Articles	1956
29	Cook County Hospital	1977

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	30	Economy	1977
6	1	Elizabeth Gurley Flynn	n.d.
	2	ERA- Advertisements and Pamphlets	1978, n.d.
	3	ERA- American Jewish Congress	1979
	4	ERA- Articles	1976-1981
	5	ERA- Citizens Advisory Council on the Status of Women Memorandum	1970, 1972
	6	ERA- Correspondence	1976-1980
	7	ERA- General Information	1972, 1973, 1979, n.d.
	8	ERA- Illinois Labor Conference for ERA	1980
	9	ERA- March for Equality	1980
	10	Federal Benefits to Veterans and Dependents Information	1976, 1984
	11	Fred Fine	n.d.
	12	Gold Star Wives- Correspondence	1983-1985
	13	Gold Star Wives- Local Newsletter	1981-1987
	14	Gold Star Wives- Members and Contact Information	1982-1985, n.d.
	15	Gold Star Wives- National Convention	1983-1984
	16	Gold Star Wives- National Newsletter	1981-1986
	17	Gold Star Wives- Pamphlets and Forms	1981, 1983
	18	Gold Star Wives- Regional Newsletter	1981-1985
	19	“Great Depression” Documentary Series	1993
	20	Greater Chicago Safety Council	1983
	21	“Growing Old in America”	1979
	22	Health Care	1978
	23	Illinois Department of Public Health	1979
	24	Illinois Department on Aging- “The Status of Older Women in Illinois Today”	1986
	25	Illinois Health Contact Lists	1977
	26	Illinois Women’s History Week	1982
	27	National Council of Senior Citizens	n.d.
	28	Northside Nuclear Freeze- “Freeze News” Newsletter	1987
	29	NOW- Position Paper	1980
	30	Older Women’s League- “The WL Observer” Newsletter	1984, 1986
	31	Retirement General Information	1980-1981, 1986
	32	S. Carl Hirsch	n.d.
	33	Social Security- Pamphlets and Brochures	1981-1987, n.d.
	34	Society for the Right to Die	1984
	35	Sue King Story	n.d.
	36	William Sennett	1982
	37	Yiddish Document	n.d.

Subseries 5A: Labor, 1962-1995, n.d.

7	1	Rally Notes	1984
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2	American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO)- Adopted Statements	1986
3	AFL-CIO- Articles	1974
4	AFL-CIO- Civil Rights	1979, 1984, n.d.
5	AFL-CIO- Illinois State Flyers	1981
6	AFL-CIO- Illinois State Historic Labor Sites	n.d.
7	AFL-CIO- Illinois State Newsletters	1986
8	AFL-CIO- Manuals	1962, 1972
9	AFL-CIO- Social Security	1978
10	AFL-CIO- "The Bulletin"	1986
11	AFL-CIO- Trade Union Women's Conference Remarks	1973
12	AFL-CIO- William Lee Tribute	1984
13	Articles	1977-1978
14	Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (CETA)- Manuals	1977, [1980]
15	Chicago Federation of Labor-Industrial Union Council (CFL-IUC)- Correspondence	1982
16	CFL-IUC- Robert Healey	1994
17	CFL-IUC- Tribute to Trade Women	1990, 1993, 1994
18	Chicago Labor Education Program	1976, 1979
19	Chicago Newspaper Publisher's Association Agreement	1983
20	Chicago Printing Trade Workers- "Printeraction" Newsletter	1981
21	Chicago Typographical Union (CTU)- Announcement of Strike and Member Information	n.d.
22	CTU- Centennial Book	1952
23	CTU- Correspondence	1976, 1980, n.d.
24	CTU- Directory	1986
25	CTU- Minutes and Meeting Notes	1980
26	CTU- "Reporter" Newsletter	1977-1983
27	CTU-Sesquicentennial	2002
28	CTU- West Elections	1979, 1981-1984
29	Coal Miner Strike Articles	1978
30	Columbia College Labor Studies Program	[1975-1978]
31	Communication Workers of America-International Typographical Union	1986
32	Detroit Typographical Union (DTU)- "The Reporter" Newsletter	1984
33	Gender Gap	n.d.
34	Haymarket Tragedy- 100 th Anniversary	1986
35	Illinois History- "Labor in Illinois"	1986
36	Illinois History- "On the Job"	1976
37	Illinois Labor History Society- 4 th Annual Social Studies Seminar	1987
38	Illinois Labor History Society- 50 th Anniversary of the CIO	1985
39	Illinois Labor History Society- Certificate of Life	n.d.

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		Membership	
	40	Illinois Labor History Society- AFL-CIO Conference	1981
	41	Illinois Labor History Society- Articles	1981, 1982, 1986
	42	Illinois Labor History Society- Correspondence, General	1978-1981, n.d.
	43	Illinois Labor History Society- Correspondence, General	1982-1986, 1995
8	1	Illinois Labor History Society- FDR Program	1982, n.d.
	2	Illinois Labor History Society- Financial Reports	1977-1984
	3	Illinois Labor History Society- Flyers	n.d.
	4	Illinois Labor History Society- Haymarket Martyrs Monument	1986
	5	Illinois Labor History Society- General Information	1979-1987, n.d.
	6	Illinois Labor History Society- Joe Hill	1979
	7	Illinois Labor History Society- Labor Service Program	1980
	8	Illinois Labor History Society- Membership	n.d.
	9	Illinois Labor History Society- Mother Jones	1980, 1981
	10	Illinois Labor History Society- Napoleon Gillette	1983
	11	Illinois Labor History Society- Pullman Model Town	n.d.
	12	Illinois Labor History Society- "Reporter" Newsletter	1978-1986
	13	Illinois Labor History Society- Reports and Meeting Minutes	1978-1986
	14	Illinois Labor History Society- Resource Kit	1986
	15	Illinois Labor History Society- "The House of Labor" Banquet	1986
	16	Illinois Labor History Society- Women's Auxiliary Speech	1976
	17	International Conference of Historians of the Labor Movement	1983, 1987
	18	International Typographical Union (ITU)- 25 th Anniversary of Membership	1986
	19	ITU- Augusta Lewis	1981
	20	ITU- Article	1983
	21	ITU- Book of Laws/Constitution	1979
	22	ITU- Correspondence	1981-1985
	23	ITU- Directory	1977
	24	ITU- Flyer	1977
	25	ITU- Illinois State Delegates Credentials Cards	1974, 1979
	26	ITU- Meeting Notes	1966
	27	ITU- Pension Plans and Benefit Funds	1974
	28	ITU- Proposals and Resolutions	1984, n.d.
	29	ITU- "Review" Newsletter	1984
	30	ITU- Special Committee on Finances	[1981]
	31	ITU- "Typographical Journal"	1978, 1979
	32	ITU- "What is a Union?" Pamphlet	n.d.
9	1	Jewish Labor Committee	1942, 1977-1979
	2	Labor Education	1965, n.d.

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3	Labor Law Reform	1978
4	Labor Research Association- "Economic Notes" Newsletter	1977, 1986
5	Labor/Union Information	1971-1984
6	Memorial Day Massacre	2005, n.d.
7	National Labor Committee Education Fund- The U.S. in Haiti	1996
8	New York University- "Oral History of the American Left" Newsletter	1977
9	Occupational Health	1976-1977, n.d.
10	Occupational Health Articles	1977-1978, n.d.
11	Professional Air Traffic Controllers Organization (PATCO)	1980-1981, n.d.
12	Roosevelt University- Labor Programs	1981
13	Seminar for Labor Leaders- University of California, Berkeley	1979
14	Seminar for Labor Leaders- University of California, Davis	1978
15	Stanley Rosen	n.d.
16	Teamsters Articles	1983, 1984
17	Title VII Fact Sheet	n.d.
18	United Farm Equipment Workers History Part 1	1984
19	United Farm Equipment Workers History Part 2	1984
20	Workmen's Compensation Pamphlet	1978

Series 6: Women in the Workforce, 1974-2002, n.d.

21	Addie Wyatt	1978, 1985, n.d.
22	Articles	1976-1984, n.d.
23	Chicago Sun Times- "The State of Women"	1986
24	Chicago World's Fair- Women's Committee	1984
25	Correspondence- Mayor's Commission on Women's Affairs	1987
26	Equal Rights Amendment (ERA)	1978, 1983, 1987, 2002, n.d.
27	Gwen Martin	1986

10	1	Illinois Commission on the Status of Women- Committee Reports and Minutes	1984
	2	Illinois Commission on the Status of Women- Meeting Notices	1984
	3	Illinois Commission on the Status of Women- Miscellaneous	n.d.
	4	Illinois Commission on the Status of Women- Newsletter	1984-1985
	5	Illinois Commission on the Status of Women- Pilot Project	1983
	6	Illinois Commission on the Status of Women- Report and Recommendations	1984

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7	Illinois Commission on the Status of Women- Report and Recommendations	1985
8	Illinois Women's Agenda	1981, 1982, 1986, 1987
9	Illinois Women's Clubs Contact Information	n.d.
10	"Labor Heroines" Booklet	1974
11	Maternity Issues	1976, 1979, 1982
12	Midwest Blue Collar Tradeswomen's Conference	1983
13	Midwest Women's Center	1978, n.d.
14	National Commission on Working Women- "Women at Work" Newsletter	1983-1986
15	National Forum for Women	1981, 1982, n.d.
16	Pauline Newman	1976
17	Personal Notes	n.d.
18	Publications- General	1974-1986
19	Sexism and the Labor Movement	1977-1980
20	Shirley Morrison	1981
21	Social Security	1977, n.d.
22	Stephanie Montgomery	n.d.
23	Unions	1975
24	Woman Owner Manager Administrator Networking (W.O.M.A.N.)	1979

11	1	Women at Washburne v. Chicago Board of Education	[1984]
	2	Women's Bureau- U.S. Department of Labor, Employment Standards Administration	1976, 1977, 1982
	3	Women's Bureau- U.S. Department of Labor, Office of the Secretary Information Packet	[1980-1987]
	4	Women's History Week	1982, 1986
	5	Women's Labor History Film Project	1978
	6	Work and Family National Conference	1986

Subseries 6A: Coalition of Labor Union Women (CLUW), 1975-1987, n.d.

7	10 th Anniversary Convention	1984
8	Affirmative Action	1986
9	Articles	1975, 1984-1986, n.d.
10	Biennial Convention- 1 st	1979
11	Biennial Convention- 3 rd	1984
12	Biennial Convention- 4 th	1986
13	Benefit Awards Committee	1987
14	"Bread and Roses" Newsletter	1978-1980
15	"Bread and Roses" Newsletter	1981-1987
16	Child Care Seminar	1977

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	17	CLUW-IN Newsletter	1984
	18	CLUW NEWS Newsletter Vol. 1-4	1975-1978
	19	CLUW NEWS Newsletter Vol. 5-8	1979-1982
	20	CLUW NEWS Newsletter Vol. 9-12	1983-1986
	21	Constitution	1982
	22	Contact Information	1980-1984, n.d.
12	1	Correspondence- General	1976-1987
	2	Correspondence- West	1978-1987
	3	Federal Job Training Act	1984
	4	Florence Criley Awards	1982-1986
	5	Flyers	1979, 1985, n.d.
	6	General Information	1974, n.d.
	7	Illinois State CLUW	1985
	8	Legislative Evening	1978
	9	Mayor's Advisory Commission Application	1986, n.d.
	10	Membership	n.d.
	11	National Board Meeting	1986-1987
	12	Notes	n.d.
	13	Organizing the Unorganized	1983
	14	Pay Equity Conference	1983-1985
	15	Procedures for Election	1979-1987
	16	Proposed Bylaws	n.d.
	17	Proposals	1983, n.d.
	18	Receipts	1984, n.d.
	19	Resolutions	1984
	20	Working Plan of Action	1979
	21	Working Women's Awareness Week	n.d.

Series 7: Photographs, 1959-1993, n.d.

	22	Birmingham Alabama	1953
	23	Chairmen's Christmas Party	1984
	24	Convention	1976
	25	Harry Sheiman- Next to Headstone	n.d.
	26	Harry Sheiman- Passport Photo	n.d.
	27	ITU	[1974]
	28	Mollie West	n.d.
	29	Mollie West- Banquet	199?
	30	Mollie West- Election Campaign	1982
	31	Mollie West- International Typographical Union	1983
	32	Mollie West- On Strike	n.d.
	33	Mollie West- Typographical Forum Committee	1964
	34	Mollie West- Vacation	1993
	35	Mollie West- With Steve	1967, 1995
	36	Steve West- Award	n.d.

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37	Steve West- Wedding with Karen	n.d.
38	Unidentified	1984, n.d.

Series 8: Audio Visual, 1995-2005, n.d.

13	1	Audio Cassette- West Interview	1995
	2	Cassette- West Interview (copy)	1995
	3	Cassette- West Interview (copy)	1995
	4	CD- Bucky Halker <i>Welcome to Labor Land</i>	2002
	5	CD- Barry Tavlin <i>Family Album</i>	1995
	6	DVD- Chuck Hall Memorial	2005
	7	VHS- Bob Weinstein Memorial	n.d.
	8	VHS- Debs, Thomas, Harrington Dinner Honoring West, Bond, and Murray	1993
	9	VHS- Remembering Chicago	1994
	10	VHS- Step by Step: Building a Feminist Movement	1998
	11	VHS- West's 80 th Birthday	1996
	12	VHS- West's 80 th Birthday	1996
	13	VHS- West Interview	n.d.
	14	VHS-West's 80 th Birthday	1996

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Biographical/Administrative History

Mollie Lieber West was born in Soklov, Poland in 1916. She immigrated to the United States in 1929. Subsequently, she was active in both Communism and the labor movement through the late 1930s until her death in 2015. For more information about the biographical history of West, please consult the Mollie Lieber West, Papers finding aid.

Scope and Content

The papers found in this addendum primarily concern West's life during her time as a Communist Party member. While very few direct references are made to this political affiliation, much of the correspondence directly reflects her activities with the Party. West's first husband, Carl Lieber, is a strong presence in this collection. Many of the correspondences are letters sent between West and Lieber. He offers social commentaries/critiques of both the United States and Europe during World War II. Many of the photographs and artifacts in this collection reflect his military experience. Also included in this is correspondence between West and her second husband, James West, and information concerning West's induction into the Illinois Senior Hall of Fame.

Series 1: Biographical and Family Information, 1916-2004, n.d. Boxes 1-2

A majority of his series includes miscellaneous biographical information concerning West's life in the 1930s-1940. There are a variety of formats which include articles, artifacts, correspondence, and news clippings. Also, there is information concerning West's induction into the Illinois Senior Hall of Fame.

Subseries 1A: Carl Lieber, 1916-1944, n.d.

This subseries include the items West saved that once belonged to Lieber. Spanning his lifetime, a majority represent his military career. There is a scrapbook, letters of recommendation from various employers and associates, IDs and membership cards, articles, and military paraphernalia.

Subseries 1B: Labor and Communist Activities, 1941-1943, n.d.

A very small subseries, this includes a handwritten memo of the Egyptian Branch of the Young Communists for Democracy. Also, there is a letter form the American Youth for Democracy and a United Auto Workers-Congress of Industrial Officers bulletin.

Series 2: Correspondence, 1941-1944, n.d., Boxes 2-5

Divided into categories based on the sender, this is a comprehensive collection of correspondence between West, her two husbands, and others. West and Lieber write very frequently through 1941-1945. Their letters deal with the social issues prevalent throughout this time, especially those concerning the war efforts and their work in the Communist Party. West and her second husband also discuss their work in the CP and talk a lot about their personal relationship.

Series 3: Photographs, n.d., Boxes 5

There are many assorted photographs from the late 1930s and 1940s which are unlabeled. Organized by subject, many concern West's activism in the labor movement. Others relate to Lieber and West's induction into the Illinois Senior Hall of Fame.

Series 4: Objects and Artifacts, Oversized, n.d., Boxes 6-9

Contains mostly three dimensional objects related to Carl Lieber including a high school pendant, army cap,

Subjects:

65th Infantry Division
American Youth for Democracy
Communism
Lieber, Carl
Singer, Herb
West, James
World War II
Young Communist League

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<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Series 1: Biographical and Family Information, 1916-2004, n.d.			
1	1	Blank Postcards	n.d.
	2	Courtship Materials	[1943]
	3	Federal Emergency Maternity and Infant Care Program	1945
	4	Fred Fine	1994, 2004
	5	Membership and ID Cards	1938, n.d.
	6	Minnie Sheiman's Memorial Guest Sign-in	1950
	7	News Clippings- General	1942-1944, n.d.
	8	Receipts- Miscellaneous	1937, 1939, n.d.
	9	Senior Hall of Fame- Articles	1994
	10	Senior Hall of Fame- General Information and Correspondence	1994-1995
	11	Tax Information- Mollie West	1944
	12	Tax Information- James West	1950
Subseries 1A: Carl Lieber, 1916-1944, n.d.			
	13	Allied Military Currency	[1944]
	14	Bar Mitzvah	1929
	15	Birth Certificate	1916
	16	German Publications	n.d.
	17	Good Conduct Medal Announcement	1944
	18	Insignia Patch- 65 th Infantry Division	[1943]
	19	Journal of Clippings- Copies	n.d.
	20	Journal of Clippings- Original	n.d.
	21	Letters of Recommendation	1935, 1936, 1943
	22	Medical History in Army	1944
	23	Membership and ID Cards	n.d.
	24	Temporary Release from Duty Papers	1943
	25	Veterans' Administration National Service Life Insurance	1943
Subseries 1B: West's Labor and Communist Activities, 1941-1943, n.d.			
	26	American Youth for Democracy- Letter	1943
	27	United Auto Workers-Congress of Industrial Officers- Bulletin	1941
	28	Young Communist League- Official Policy of Herrin Branch, Egyptian Liberals	n.d.

Series 2: Correspondence, 1941-1944, n.d.

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	29	Carl to Mollie- No Date and Empty Envelopes	1943, 1944, n.d.
	30	Carl to Mollie	1941-1942
2	1	Carl to Mollie	1943
	2	Carl to Mollie	January 1944
	3	Carl to Mollie	February 1944
	4	Carl to Mollie	March 1944
	5	Carl to Mollie	April 1944
	6	Carl to Mollie	May 1944
	7	Carl to Mollie	June 1944
	8	Carl to Mollie	July 1944
3	1	Carl to Mollie	August 1944
	2	Carl to Mollie	September 1944
	3	Carl to Mollie	October 1944
	4	Carl to Mollie	November 1944
4	1	Carl to Mollie	December 1944
	2	Carl to Mollie	January 1945
	3	Carl- General	1937-1944, n.d.
	4	Mollie to Carl	n.d.
	5	Mollie to Carl	1942
	6	Mollie to Carl	1943
	7	Mollie to Carl	1944
	8	Mollie to Carl	January 1945
	9	Mollie to Carl	February 1945
	10	Mollie- General	n.d.
	11	Mollie- General	1941-1943
	12	Mollie- General	1944
5	1	Mollie- General	1945-1946
	2	Mollie- General	2006
	3	Mollie- General, Holiday Greeting Cards	1941, n.d.
	4	Mollie- General, Western Union Telegrams	[1940]
	5	James to Mollie	August 1948
	6	James to Mollie	September 1948
	7	James to Mollie	October 1948
	8	James to Mollie	November 1948

Series 3: Photographs, n.d.

	9	Biographical	n.d.
	10	Henson Kl?k	n.d.
	11	Illinois Senior Hall of Fame	1994
	12	Miscellaneous	n.d.

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13	Negatives	[1933], [1944]
14	Organizing	n.d.

Series 4: Objects and Artifacts, Oversized, n.d.

6	1	Carl- Necklace and Union Pin	n.d.
	2	Italian 45 Record	n.d.
	3	Carl to Mollie- 45 Record, Personal Recording	[1944]
	4	Carl- Framed Military Photo	[1944]
	5	Address Label with Yellow Ribbon	1945
	6	Carl- Wallet	n.d.
	7	Goodman Field Yearbook	1945
	8	Carl- High School Diploma	1933
7	1	Carl- Burial Flag and US War Department Box	1945
8	1	Carl- Military Hat	[1945]
9	1	Carl- Oversized Military Photographs (2)	[1944]

Mollie Lieber West Papers,
1963-2008, n.d.
Addendum 2

Creator: Mollie West, 1916- 2015

Extent: 2 linear ft.

Location:

Processor: Emma Bonanomi, April 2008. Photographs and slides added by Caroline Lynd, March 2016.

Administration Information

Access Restrictions: None

Usage Restrictions: Copyright for the materials created by Mollie Lieber West and copyright for relevant materials created by Steven M. West was transferred to the Women & Leadership Archives.

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Separations: 0.25 linear feet of duplicate and extraneous materials removed.

Scope and Content

The addendum spans the years 1963-2008. The majority of the papers focus on Mollie West's activities from age sixty onward: her travel, personal correspondence with friends and family, and awards commemorating her work as a labor movement and women's movement activist. The collection is organized alphabetically within each series.

Series 1: Biographical, 1969-2005, n.d., Box 1

Contains materials related to West's life as a union member and activist, including awards, membership cards, election materials, articles, and pension information. Also includes material pertaining to West's family and her education at Mundelein College. Organized alphabetically by subject matter.

Series 2: Correspondence, 1963-2001, n.d., Boxes 1-2

Contains correspondence from family, friends, and colleagues of West. Organized chronologically.

Series 3: Secondary Materials, 1974-2005, n.d., Box 2

Contains secondary materials in West's collection relating to the Communist Party, labor union history, and local labor activism. Includes several foreign language booklets. Organized alphabetically by folder title.

Series 4: Miscellaneous, 1972, n.d., Box 2

Ephemera related to West's family and union and women's rights activism. Also contains the international driving permit of Edgar Ballard, whose connection to West has yet to be investigated.

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Series 5: Audio-Visual, 1971-2008, n.d., Box 3-4

Consists of one VHS tape, one photo collage, and approximately 300 photographs, including images of West, her son Steven, West's family and colleagues, travel, and events related to her labor activism.

Subjects:

Chicago Typographical Union (CTU)

West, James

West, Mollie Lieber

West, Steven

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<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Series 1: Biographical, 1969-2005, n.d.			
1	1	Articles about West	1987-2003, n.d.
	2	Awards – Congress Tribute to West	2003
	3	Awards – General	1979-2002, n.d.
	4	Awards – Women’s Hall of Fame	1990-1994
	5	Chicago Typographical Union (CTU) - Elections	1974-1984, n.d.
	6	CTU – Pension Plan	1987-2005
	7	Drawing of West by Kenn Redman	n.d.
	8	Essays by West	1979-1990, n.d.
	9	Illinois Motorist Reports	2000-2003
	10	James West Speech to the Saugerties Forum	1989
	11	Legal Memorandum	n.d.
	12	Membership Cards	1982-2003, n.d.
	13	Mundelein College Papers and Correspondence	1976-1995, n.d.
	14	Passports	1970-1996
	15	Steven West’s FBI File	1969-1989
Series 2: Correspondence, 1963-2001, n.d.			
	16	Correspondence	1963-1988
	17	Correspondence	1990-1995
2	1	Correspondence	1996-2001
	2	Correspondence	n.d.
Series 3: Secondary Materials, 1974-2005, n.d.			
	3	Communist History	1989-1991
	4	Illinois Labor Activity	1989-2004, n.d.
	5	Labor History – General	1979-2005, n.d.
	6	Labor History – Women	1974-2004
	7	Miscellaneous Booklets	1989-1998, n.d.
Series 4: Miscellaneous, 1972, n.d.			
	8	Edgar Ballard’s International Driving Permit	1972
	9	Ephemera – Labor Unions	n.d.
	10	Ephemera – Women’s Movement	n.d.
	11	Steven West Watch	n.d.
Series 5: Audio Visual, 1971-2008, n.d.			
3	1	“Mollie’s World As Seen by Elaine”	1996

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2	Photographs- Family: great-great grandparents	n.d.
3	Photographs- Family	n.d.
4	Photographs- Family and Friends	1988-1996, n.d.
5	Photographs- Family and Friends	n.d.
6	Photographs- Unidentified (all from same envelope)	n.d.
	Photographs- West and Friends	1989-1999, n.d.
7	Photographs- West and Friends	1994-2000, n.d.
8	Photographs- Friends: David Horowitz	n.d.
9	Photographs- Friends: Heather Bachman (West's caregiver)	n.d.
10	Photographs- Travel: Trip to Europe with Ed Ballard (with negatives)	1971-1972, n.d.
11	Photographs- Travel	n.d.
12	Photographs- Travel	n.d.
13	Photographs- Travel	n.d.
14	Photographs- Travel	n.d.
15	Travel memorabilia	n.d.
16	Photographs- Unidentified (processed June 25, 1990)	n.d.
17	Photographs- Unidentified (from Eona Pardo, Dec. 10, 1987)	n.d.
18	Photographs – “Austrian Family”	n.d.
19	Photographs – Robert (Bob) Weinstein’s Funeral	n.d.
20	Photographs- Robert (Bob) Weinstein’s Funeral	n.d.
21	Photographs – “Como Inn: Luncheon with Herb Steiner of Austria”	1989
4	1 Photographs – “Haymarket Revisited”	1989
	2 Photographs – “Important Photos: Israel Pictures and Others”	n.d.
	3 Photographs – “Pix of Ed Sharr and Jean”	1990
	4 Photographs – “Southwest Trip”	1995
	5 Photographs – “Spain, Abraham Lincoln Brigade”	n.d.
	6 Photographs – “Spain, Abraham Lincoln Brigade” negs	n.d.
	7 Photographs – “Viv’s Thing”	1997
	8 Photographs – 80 th Birthday Party	1996
	9 Photographs – Daily Racing Form (removed from Correspondence, Jerre McPartlin to West, n.d.)	1987-1994
	10 Photographs – Passport	n.d.
	11 Photographs – Portraits	1972, 1981, n.d.
	12 Photographs – Removed from Correspondence	1993-1997, n.d.
	13 Photographs – Steve West	1995-2008, n.d.
	14 Photographs – Steve West, Removed from Correspondence	1994-2001
	15 Photographs – West’s Union Activity	1981-1997, n.d.
	16 Photographs – Women’s Hall of Fame (removed from Correspondence, Angela Duff to West, March 1991)	1990
	17 VHS – “The Jungle” Video Project	1999

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18 Slides- Travel: Trip to Europe with Ed Ballard n.d.

Mollie Lieber West 1926-2008, n.d.
Addendum 3

Creator: Mollie West, (1916- 2015)
Extent: 8.75 linear feet
Location:
Processor: Amber Kappel, July 2009

Administration Information

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Separations: 9 linear feet of duplicates and materials not related to Mollie West's life and career were removed from the collection.

See Also: See also Mollie West papers, Addendum 1, Addendum 2, and James West Papers at Rutgers University.

Scope and Content

The papers of Mollie Sheiman Lieber West contain material spanning from 1926 to 2008. The collection includes papers, correspondences, photographs, photo albums, and objects from her personal, political, and professional life. The papers for the most part are secondary sources related to the Communist Party and the labor movements she was later involved with during her career. The personal papers in the collection pertain to her first husband Carl Lieber, her second husband James West, and her son Steven M. West. The collection is organized into thematic series of biographical, FBI files, political activities, professional career, photographs, A.V., and 3-D objects. Within each series the folders are organized alphabetically by folder subject. The collection is organized alphabetically.

Series 1: Biographical and Family Information, 1932-2008, n.d., Boxes 1-3

Contains material relating to the adult life of Mollie Lieber West. This series also includes information on the death of her husband, Carl Lieber, correspondence and articles related to her second husband, James West, and papers related to her adopted son Steven West. The papers also include information on her travels abroad and correspondence with friends.

Series 2: FBI File, 1941-1960, n.d., Boxes 4-5

Contains the declassified FBI files on West which were obtained by Steven West in 1994. Information on the files is blacked out; however the files remain a good source of West's early involvement with the Communist party.

Series 3: Political Activities, 1926-1951, n.d., Boxes 6-8

Contains material related to West's involvement with the Communist Party in Illinois. The series includes newsletters, programs, and pamphlets published by the Party. West's participation with the World Youth Conference is also documented in the collection with correspondences, a journal, and general information.

Series 4: Professional, 1958-2007, n.d., Box 9

Contains material related to West's professional life and work in the Labor Movement. This series also includes articles written about West as well as awards she has received, and information on the Memorial Day Massacre.

Series 5: Photographs, 1937-2006, n.d., Box 10-16

The photographs in the collection chronicle West's personal and professional life. It includes loose photographs of West, James West, Steven West, and various friends and family. The series also includes photographs of West's travels and disassembled scrapbooks.

Subseries 5A: Photo albums, [1920s]-1985, n.d.

This subseries includes photo albums from the West and Sheiman family, as well as Mollie West's trip to the World Youth Conference, and other travels. It also includes a scrap book about West's campaign for ITU Delegate. The World Youth Conference photo album is very fragile, must be handled with care and wearing gloves when handling is required.

Series 6: AV, 1977-2002, n.d., Box 17

Contains AV material pertaining to West's professional contribution through Illinois Labor History Society, experience during the Memorial Day Massacre, and interviews conducted with Mollie West. The collection includes VHS, audio cassette, and magnetic recording tape.

Series 7: Objects and Artifacts, Oversized, 1945-1973, n.d., Boxes 18-20

This series contains memorabilia from her involvement in the Labor Movement and the World Youth Conference, Sheiman family artifacts, and autograph copy of *My American Century* by Studs Terkel. The oversized materials include photographs, posters, and certificates for Mollie West and Carl Lieber.

Subjects:

AFL-CIO
Coalition of Labor Union Women
Communism
Illinois Labor History Society
International Typesetters Union
Labor History
Memorial Day Massacre
West, Mollie
West, James
World Youth Conference

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<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Series 1: Biographical and Family Information, 1932-2008, n.d.			
1	1	80 th Birthday	1995-1996
	2	Blanche Weiner-Last Will and testament	1989
	3	Copies of Mollie West Immigration cards	n.d.
	4	Correspondence: Adoption of Steven West	1962
	5	Correspondence: Between West family during James West's Moscow trip	1964-1965
	6	Correspondence: Between West family during Mollie West's Israel Trip	1959
	7	Correspondence: Between West family during Mollie West's South American Trip	1966
	8	Correspondence: Cards	1957-2008, n.d.
	9	Correspondence: Carl Lieber Military Service	1943-1948
	10	Correspondence: Carl Lieber and Parents	1944, 1945
	11	Correspondence: Ed Ballard	1978, n.d.
	12	Correspondence: Friends	1944-1945, n.d.
	13	Correspondence: Friends	1951-2006, n.d.
	14	Correspondence: James West	1954, 1962, n.d.
	15	Correspondence: James West arrest and parole	1961, n.d.
2	1	Correspondence: James West and Steven West	1954, 1955, 1958
	2	Correspondence: Joe Dyssegaard	1978
	3	Correspondence: Marcella's Birthday Fund	1979
	4	Correspondence: Miscellaneous	1957, 1987, 1993, 2001, n.d.
	5	Correspondence: Mollie West and Steven West	1958, 1962, 1984-1986, n.d.
	6	James West: Articles	1987
	7	James West: FBI case	1992
	8	James West: Harry Wexlar Autobiography	2004
	9	James West: Obituary, Memorial	2005
	10	James West: <i>70 Years of Communist Activism</i> , uncorrected proof	n.d.
	11	Marshall Review yearbook	1939
	12	Miscellaneous: Autographs	1988, n.d.
	13	Miscellaneous: "Coming to America" by H.B. Gibson	1997, 2000
	14	Miscellaneous: <i>Looking for the Future</i> , by Leon Wofsy	1994
	15	Miscellaneous: News articles	1998-2005, n.d.
	16	Miscellaneous: News clippings from Elaine Martens	1998
	17	Miscellaneous: Pamphlets	1967, 1974, 1978, 1985, n.d.
	18	Miscellaneous: Presidential Inauguration	1997

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	19	Miscellaneous: Programs	1990-1991
	20	Mollie and James West Marriage and Divorce Papers	1948, 1969
	21	Mundelein College announcement	1978
	22	Obituaries and Memorials	1995-2005, n.d.
	23	Planner and schedule	2005
	24	Progress Reports	1932, 1959, 1966
3	1	Souvenirs from James West's trip to Asia	n.d.
	2	Souvenirs from abroad	n.d.
	3	Steven West: Articles	1976
	4	Steven West: Correspondence	1960-1969, n.d.
	5	Steven West: Correspondence	1970-1995
	6	Steven West: Correspondence regarding deferment	1970-1971, 1974
	7	Steven West: FBI Files	1988
	8	Steven West: Papers	1966-1977
	9	Steven West: School papers and commencement	1954-1977, 1993
	10	Travel Information and Journals	1971, 1981, 1982, 1991, 1997, n.d.
	11	Travel Scrapbook from Istanbul Trip	n.d.
	12	West Family Information	1992

Series 2: FBI File, 1941-1960, n.d.

4	1	FBI Section 1	1941-1948
	2	FBI Section 2	1945-1952
	3	FBI Section 3	1951-1955
	4	FBI Section 4	1955-1957
	5	FBI Section 5	1957
5	1	FBI Section 6	1957
	2	FBI Section 7	1959-1960
	3	FBI Section 8	1960
	4	Enclosure	n.d.
	5	Enclosure	n.d.

Series 3: Political Activities, 1926-1951, n.d.

6	1	American Youth for Democracy, Intercollegiate, and NAACP	1945
	2	American Youth for Democracy speech by Mollie West	n.d.
	3	American Youth on Record	1943-1944
	4	Articles on Various Communists Chris Hirsch and Jack Johnston	1942, n.d.
	5	European Student Relief Fund	1939-1944
	6	Illinois State Conference Young Communist League "Proceedings"	1936, 1939

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7	Independent Youth Committee of Illinois pamphlet	1942
8	Journal from World Youth Conference	1945
9	Miscellaneous	1926-1946
10	Miscellaneous Communist Party publications	1941-1943, 1951
11	National Council of American-Soviet Friendship	1949
12	National Youth Commission Communist Party	n.d.
13	<i>The New Student</i>	1947, 1948
14	New York State Community Party: Youth Conference	1946
15	Notebook for USA Delegation of Young Communists	1944
16	Russian Communist Party Leaders	n.d.
7	1 <i>The 17th November</i> Rebellion about Czech Students:	1945
	2 UAW-CIO 7 th Annual Convention	1942
	3 United States Student Assembly	1943-1946
	4 World Youth Conference	n.d.
	5 World Youth Conference, correspondence received	1945-1946
	6 World Youth Conference, general documents	1945
	7 World Youth Conference, letters to Carl Lieber	1945-1946
	8 World Youth Conference, Photo album pieces	1945
	9 Young Communist Pamphlet and Brochure	1941, 1947

Series 4: Professional, 1958-2007, n.d.

8	1 Articles	1990-2000, 2005
	2 Awards	1978, 2004
	3 Campaign Letter	1973, 1979
	4 Chicago Federation of Labor AFL-CIO	2002, 2005
	5 Chicago Union Typographical No. 16	2005, 2006
	6 Chicago Women Hall of Fame	1990
	7 CLUW	1990
	8 Correspondence about Interviews	1995, 2000
	9 Cover Letter	1959
	10 Illinois Labor History Society	2002
	11 Labor Movement in Illinois	1976, 1981, 1984, 2002, 2005, n.d.
	12 Memorial Day Massacre	1975, 1979, 2005, 2007, n.d.
	13 Person of the Year Award, Lake County AFL-CIO	1998
	14 Print Jobs	1958
	15 Programs Honoring Mollie West	1998, 2003
	16 <i>Reporter</i>	1998, 2004
	17 Senior Illinoisan Hall of Fame	1994
	18 Speech	n.d.
	19 Speech for March Women's Activities	1989
	20 "What Happened to Chivalry"	1979

Series 5: Photographs, 1937-2006

9	1	Family: Carl Lieber and Mollie West	1941
	2	Family: Extended Family	1950-2000, n.d.
	3	Family: Great Grandfather	n.d.
	4	Family: Harry and Mindel Sheiman	1977, n.d.
	5	Family: James West	1965, 1966, 1971, 1991, n.d.
	6	Family: James West and daughter, Marilyn	n.d.
	7	Family: James and Mollie West	1959, n.d.
	8	Family: James and Steven West	1955, 1965, 1978, 1991, n.d.
	9	Family: James West trip to Asia	n.d.
	10	Family: Martin Sheiman (nephew) Family	1977-2002, n.d.
	11	Family: Mollie, James, and Steven West	1954, n.d.
	12	Family: Steven West	1954-1981
	13	Family: Steven West 50 th Birthday	2001
	14	Family: Steven West graduation	1965, 1969, 1978
	15	Family: Steven West graduation party	n.d.
	16	Family: Steven West and Mollie West	1951-1965, 2001, n.d.
	17	Family: Steven West school photos	1957-1965
	18	Friends: At the Breakers	n.d.
	19	Friends: Beatrice and Josephine Sisken	1948, 1961-1966, 1985
	20	Friends: Ed Ballard	1971-1974, n.d.
	21	Friends: Elaine and Charles Martens	1976-2000
10	1	Friends: General	1945-2006, n.d.
	2	Friends: Holiday cards	
	3	Friends: Joe Dyssegaard	1977, n.d.
	4	Friends: Leona's Wedding	1980
	5	Friends: Mollie West with friends	1968-2001
	6	Friends: Mollie West with unidentified friends	1961-2002, n.d.
	7	Friends: Tibry Schultz	1980, 1989, 1990, 2000
	8	Friends: Unidentified	1939-2000, n.d.
	9	Friends: Vivian and Robert Weinstein	1940, 1985, 1995, n.d.
	10	General: 74 th Birthday	1990
	11	General: 80 th Birthday	1996
	12	General: 83 rd Birthday	1999
	13	General: 84 th Birthday	2000
	14	General: Graduation	1978
	15	General: Mollie West	1937, 1966-1973, 1983, 1988, 2002,

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			n.d.
	16	General: Portraits	1974, 1986, n.d.
	17	General: World Youth Conference	1945
11	1	General: Youth	n.d.
	2	Miscellaneous: Paul Robson autograph	n.d.
	3	Miscellaneous: Post War Europe	n.d.
	4	Miscellaneous: Unidentified negatives and slides	n.d.
	5	Professional: American Typesetting Dinner	1963
	6	Professional: Chicago Auto Workers Striker	n.d.
	7	Professional: Chicago Women Hall of Fame Celebration at the Breakers	1993
	8	Professional: Chicago Women Hall of Fame	1993
	9	Professional: CLUW in Connecticut	1976
	10	Professional: CLUW <i>Chicago Tribune</i>	1985
	11	Professional: Democratic Socialists of America	1993
	12	Professional: Labor Activities	1940, 1977, n.d.
	13	Professional: Memorial Day Massacre memorial	n.d.
	14	Professional: Person of the Year Award Lake County, AFL-CIO	1998
	15	Professional: Retirement Party	1987
	16	Professional: Senior Illinoisan Hall of Fame	1994
	17	Professional: "Today's Chicago Women"	1990
	18	Professional: Union Activities	1973, 1980, 1981, 1988, 1990, 1997, n.d.
	19	Professional: Work	n.d., 1977, 1978
	20	Travel: China trip	1985
	21	Travel: European trip	1970
	22	Travel: Hawaii Trip	1964
	23	Travel: Israel Trip	1959, n.d.
12	1	Travel: Israel Trip Scrapbook	1997
	2	Travel: Mexico trip A.V. slides	1967
	3	Travel: Miscellaneous	n.d.
	4	Travel: San Francisco	1974
	5	Travel: South America Trips	n.d.
	6	Travel: Southwest Trip	1951
	7	Travel: Switzerland	1994

Subseries 5A: Photo albums, [1920s]-1985, n.d.

13	1	American Typesetting	1964, 1985, n.d.
	2	Egypt Trip	1983
	3	Family and Friends Photo album	n.d.

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14	1	Family and Friends Photo album	1959-1971
	2	Family and Friends Photo album	[1920s-1940s]
	3	ITU Delegate campaign scrapbook	1973

15	1	World Youth Conference (very fragile)	1945
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Series 6: AV, 1977-2002, n.d.

16	1	Audio cassette: Interview with Harry Bridges	1977
	2	Magnetic Recording Tape: Unidentified	n.d.
	3	VHS: 35 th Annual Debs, Thomas, Harrington Dinner	1997
	4	VHS: 80 th Birthday	1996
	5	VHS: <i>Commemoration of Memorial Day Massacre</i>	2002
	6	VHS: <i>Discovering Illinois Labor History</i>	1993
	7	VHS: Greyhound, Farm Workers	n.d.
	8	VHS: Interview with Larry Duncan	n.d.
	9	VHS: Interview with Stan Rosen	2000
	10	VHS: Memorial Day Massacre Observation	1999
	11	VHS: Mollie West—Labor Day	1999
	12	VHS: Person of the Year Award Lake County, AFL-CIO dinner	1998
	13	VHS: Twentieth Century Project	1994

**Series 7: Objects and Artifacts, Oversized,
1945-1973, n.d.**

17	1	AFL-CIO Auxiliaries ribbon	n.d.
	2	AFL-CIO Delegate ribbon at 8 th Annual Convention	1965
	3	AFL-CIO Delegate ribbon at 9 th Annual Convention	1966
	4	AFL-CIO Delegate ribbon at 10 th Annual Convention	1967
	5	AFL-CIO Delegate ribbon at 11 th Annual Convention	1968
	6	AFL-CIO Delegate ribbon at 11 th Annual Convention	1968
	7	AFL-CIO Delegate ribbon at 12 th Annual Convention	1969
	8	American League Against War and Fascism button	n.d.
	9	Chicago Typographical Union badge	n.d.
	10	ITU Delegate ribbon at 115 th Convention	1973
	11	National Communist Veterans Encampment	1947
	12	Russian Travel Book	1946
	13	Young Communist League Red Book	1945
18	1	Autograph copy of <i>My American Century</i> by Studs Terkel	1997
	2	Harry Sheiman Kippah	n.d.
	3	Harry Sheiman Tallis (prayer shawl)	n.d.
	4	Harry Sheiman velvet Tallis bag	n.d.
	5	Steven West Screen shirt	n.d.

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19	1	Certificate in Memory of Carl Lieber	1945
	2	Certificate Recognizing Membership on the Statewide Health Coordination Council	1976
	3	CLUW-Florence Criley Award	n.d.
	4	“Keep Abortion Legal” poster	n.d.
	5	Mollie West Marshall High School Class Picture	n.d.
	6	Photograph-6 th Annual Automobile Workers of America, CIO	1941
	7	Photograph-8 th Annual Automobile, Aircraft, and Agricultural Implement Workers	1943
	8	Photographs-Delegates to the 1 st Constitutional Convention of the Illinois Trade Union Council, CIO	1941
	9	Photograph-Hq. Co. 2 nd Bn. 261 st Infantry Camp Shelby, Mississippi	1944
	10	Photograph-Testimonial Banquet in Honor of Ed Hall	1941
	11	Portrait of Mollie West	n.d.
	12	Proclamation by State Senator Terry Link	1998
	13	Resolution from Alderman Helen Shiller	1990
	14	Resolution from Alderman Mary Ann Smith	1993
	15	Rhone American Cemetery and Memorial-Carl Lieber	n.d.

Mollie Lieber West Papers, Addendum 4
1916-2015

Creator: Mollie Lieber West (1916-2015)

Extent: 7.7 linear ft.

Processor: Caroline Lynd, April 2016

Administration Information

Access Restrictions: None

Usage Restrictions: Consult the Women and Leadership Archives Director for copyright permission.

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Separations: Removed approximately .05 linear feet of material, including damaged and moldy photographs.

See Also: Mollie Lieber West Papers, 1916-2006, at the WLA and the James West Papers at Rutgers University.

Biographical/Administrative History

Mollie Lieber West was born in Soklov, Poland in 1916. She immigrated to the United States in 1929. Subsequently, she was active in both Communism and the labor movement through the late 1930s until her death in 2015. For more information about the biographical history of West, please consult the Mollie Lieber West Papers finding aid.

Scope and Content

The addendum spans the years 1949-2016. The papers relate to West's personal and professional life, as well as her death in 2015, and include a collection of greeting cards West received from friends and family for various occasions. The majority of the collection is made up of objects such as jewelry, books, and photo albums.

Series 1: Biographical, 1949-2016, n.d., Box 1

Contains materials relating to West's benefits from the Veteran's Administration as the widow of her first husband, Carl Lieber. It also contains materials belonging to West related to her labor union membership and other interests. Her friendships are represented in the series with a caricature of a friend labeled "Helen" and a craft project with a photograph of "Mollie and Shayna." This series also has materials related to West's death in 2015 and photos of her grave..

Series 2: Correspondence, 1989-2008, n.d., Box 1

Contains mostly cards, along with some letters sent to West from family and friends. A separate folder holds photos taken from these correspondence and cards with attached photos.

Series 3: Books, 1962-2005, Box 2

Contains six books owned by West, representing some of her interests. Four books are nonfiction, and two are novels.

Series 4: Objects, n.d., Boxes 3-11

Contains scarves, jewelry, a wallet with the initials "M.S.L." and other personal objects belonging to West. Also includes items related to West's professional work, including a patch from the Typographical Union, a pen labeled "Local 336 International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers AFL-CIO" and a set of pins representing various unions and political activities. Jewelry includes pieces from West's travels, as well as a silver French horn pendant necklace, which she is said to have worn often.

Series 5: Audiovisual, 1971-1996, n.d., Boxes 11-14

Contains audiovisual materials including photo albums, photo frames, and audiocassettes. Two of the photo albums have photos from West's trip to Europe with Ed Ballard, and another has photos of Mollie with Heather Bachman, who served as her caregiver for several years in the early 2000s. Another album, created by family and friends for her 80th birthday in 1995, contains photos and letters. Another small album has photos and news clippings of West. Two frames from West's home are included and contain photos that are stuck to the glass and cannot be removed. Three photo collages, taken from 16" x 20" frames, contain photos of Mollie and loved ones from throughout her life. The four audiocassette tapes have labels in a non-English language and appear to contain music.

Subjects:

AFL-CIO
Chicago history
CHAMPUS
Coalition of Labor Union Women
Communism
CTU
Illinois Labor History Society
International Typesetters Union
Labor History
Memorial Day Massacre
Mundelein College
West, Mollie
West, James
West, Steven

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<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Series 1: Biographical			
1	1	Membership Cards	1973-2001, n.d.
	2	Personalized Memo Pad	n.d.
	3	Joke	n.d.
	4	Caricature of Helen	n.d.
	5	Photo craft: "Mollie and Shayna"	n.d.
	6	Directories of Union Printing Offices, Chicago Typographical Union	n.d.
	7	Booklet: Dachau Concentration Camp	n.d.
	8	Veteran's Administration Benefits	1949-2014
	9	Veteran's Administration Reinstatement of Benefits	1976
	10	Fort Sheridan Army Community Service Program	n.d.
	11	Illinois Labor History Society Reporter	2007
	12	Death Certificate	2015
	13	Obituary	2015
	14	Memorial Program flyer	2016
	15	Burial	2016
Series 2: Correspondence			
	16	Correspondence	1999-2008, n.d.
	17	Cards: Birthday	n.d.
	18	Cards: General	1998-2006, n.d.
	19	Cards: Holidays	1989-2006, n.d.
	20	Photographs: removed from correspondence and cards	1999-2008, n.d.
Series 3: Books			
2		<i>Shortcut to a Miracle</i> , Michael C. Rann and Elizabeth Rann Arrott	2005
		<i>By Force of Will: The Life and Art of Ernest Hemingway</i> , Scott Donaldson	1977
		<i>The Case for Hillary Clinton</i> , Susan Estrich	2005
		<i>Tender is the Night</i> , F. Scott Fitzgerald	1962
		<i>The Piper's Song</i> , Sesyle Joslin	1986
		<i>Stalin's Last Crime: The Doctor's Plot</i> , Jonathan Brent and Vladimir P. Naumov	2003
Series 4: Objects			
3		Sculpture	n.d.
4		Chicago Typographical Union Patch	n.d.

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	Wallet	n.d.
	Pen: "Local 336 International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers AFL-CIO"	n.d.
	Pins	n.d.
	French horn pendant necklace	n.d.
	Wall hanging with hamsa symbols	n.d.
	Jewelry	n.d.
5	Jewelry	n.d.
6	Jewelry	n.d.
7	Jewelry	n.d.
8	Jewelry	n.d.
9	Jewelry	n.d.
10	Scarves (oversized box)	n.d.
11	Jewelry	n.d.
 Series 5: Audiovisual		
	Audiocassette: "Neda"	n.d.
	Audiocassette: "Cune"	n.d.
	Audiocassette: "Ovamo Cigani"	n.d.
	Audiocassette: "Rodnjaci Ikola S.A.K."	n.d.
12	Album: Family and Friends	n.d.
	Album: Mollie and Ed Ballard's Europe trip	1971-1972
	Album: Mollie and Ed Ballard's Europe trip	1971-1972
	Album: Mollie and caregiver, Heather Bachman	n.d.
13	Album: Mollie's 80 th Birthday	1996
	Framed photo: Mollie holding Death in the Haymarket book	n.d.
	Framed photo: Steve West	n.d.
14	Photograph collages	n.d.