Scope and Content Note

This material consists primarily of bills/receipts, scattered correspondence on letterhead stationery, printed advertisements, business cards, applicant cards, personal reports, job applications, certificates, fee scales, circulars and pamphlets from businesses offering employment services. Most of the companies are employment agencies. There are also ladies guide and chaperon bureaus, married couples placement services, foreign teachers agencies, student career programs and ticket agencies offering trips to and from Europe.

The employment agencies supplied employers with help for all kinds of occupations including machine workers, stenographers, bookkeepers, cashiers, chefs, cooks, waiters, chambermaids, coachmen, seamstresses, elevator men, iron workers, office boys, shipping clerks, collectors, salesmen, painters, porters and farm-hands. A few of the agencies specialized in just female or student workers. Most tended to be a general employment service and often advertised reliable help in the shortest time possible.

There are a number of publications among these materials including career guides, pamphlets published by the U. S. Department of Labor and some general pamphlets relating to employment. The career guides cover topics such as opportunities for service men in the retail trade, careers for men and women in security and suggestions for students entering the work force.

Pamphlets published by the Women's Bureau of the U. S. Department of Labor examines a number of female workers' concerns. Such labor issues include abolishing discrimination against married women, changes in female occupations during war, old age insurance for household workers, the future of women workers, suggestions for women in professional occupations and differentials in pay for women.

Included among the general publications are three copies of the periodical "Employer and Employed," published quarterly by the Association for the Promotion of Profit Sharing in Boston, Massachusetts. There also are materials which discuss social security.

The bulk of the material is late nineteenth and early twentieth century. Materials are organized by type. Folders one through five contain information from employment agencies. Folders six through ten include general materials relating to employment and folders eleven through seventeen are publications.
For more material on labor issues see the subject category "labor" in the vertical document boxes.

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