

Alabama Labor Archives and History
Eula McGill Collection
Finding Aid

Biographical/Historical Note

Eula McGill, born in 1911 in Dalton, Georgia, was certainly a legend of labor history. She entered the textile mill workforce when she was only fourteen years old at Dwight Mill by lying about her age. She then suffered through the hardships of the Great Depression eventually taking another job at the Selma Manufacturing Company. This is when she truly became interested in organized labor. Eula joined the Women's Trade Union League in 1936 and became a delegate to its convention in Washington D.C. Eleanor Roosevelt, who was also a member of the league, took notice of Eula and invited her along with several other delegates to stay at the White House. This public attention resulted in the loss of her mill job, but also got her noticed by the Amalgamated Clothing and Textiles Workers Union who gave her a job as a union organizer. This began her long union career with travels across much of the southeast. She fought hard for union causes making many inroads and receiving much success until her retirement in 1982.

Scope and Content

The Eula McGill Collection contains a variety of materials relating to her work as a union organizer in the southeast, particularly in relation to the textile industry. Many newspaper clippings as well as entire newspapers are held within the collection and cover many labor topics and issues from the 1930s to the 1990s. Photographs also make up a significant portion of the collection ranging from convention photographs to back alley fights.

Permission to Publish

Permission to publish material from the Eula McGill Collection must be obtained from the Alabama Labor Archives and History. Use of the following credit line for publication or exhibit is required:

Eula McGill Collection
Alabama Labor Archives and History
Montgomery, Alabama

Size: 1 linear foot

Inclusive Dates: 1936-2001

Bulk Dates: 1930s; 1980s

Access: No Restrictions

Provenance: Donated by Eula McGill in 2001.

Location: H-4

Box and Folder List

Box 1

Series 1: Union Activities

Folder 1: Correspondence

Folder 2: Textile Workers

Folder 3: Clara E. Martin

Folder 4: Songs and Poems

Folder 5: Injunction

Series 2: Newspapers

Folder 1: Newspapers

Folder 2: Newspaper Clippings

Folder 3: *Arrow* Newspaper

Folder 4: *The New Republic* Articles

Series 3: Miscellaneous

Folder 1: "Southern Changes" – Filming of "The Uprising of '34"

Folder 2: Pictures

Folder 3: Miscellaneous

Folder 4: Miscellaneous

Folder 5: Miscellaneous

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