



## **Viola Moss Papers (S0412)**

**Collection Number:** S0412

**Collection Title:** Viola Moss Papers

**Dates:** 1960-1984

**Creator:** Moss, Viola

**Abstract:** The Viola Moss Papers contain newspaper clippings, brochures, correspondence, and photographs related to Viola Moss's involvement with the International Graphics Arts Union Auxiliary #505, the St. Louis Council of Women's Auxiliaries, the Missouri State Council of Women's Auxiliaries AFL-CIO, and the Mary Ryder Home.

**Collection Size:** 0.25 cubic feet  
(8 folders, 46 photographs)

**Language:** Collection materials are in English.

**Repository:** The State Historical Society of Missouri

**Restrictions on Access:** Collection is open for research. This collection is available at [The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-St. Louis](#). If you would like more information, please contact us at [stlouis@shsmo.org](mailto:stlouis@shsmo.org). Collections may be viewed at any research center.

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**Donor Information:** The papers were donated to the University of Missouri by Viola Moss on July 13, 1987 (Accession No. SA2806). An addition was made on July 31, 1987 by Viola Moss (Accession No. SA2807).

**Processed by:** Processed by Western Historical Manuscript Collection staff July 1987. Revised by Zack Palitzsch January 2021.

**Historical Note:**

Born February 22, 1908, Viola Moss became the first president of the Graphic Communications Union Auxiliary Local 505 in 1957 as the Bookbinders Auxiliary. In 1964 she became the president of the Missouri State AFL-CIO Auxiliaries. Throughout the 1970s and 1980s, she also served as president of the International Graphic Arts Union Auxiliaries, the Allied Printing Trades Auxiliary, and the Missouri State Council of Women's Auxiliaries of the American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO). These Auxiliaries encouraged the sale of union label goods, supported legislation in the interests of working people, and attempted to influence public opinion toward the trade union movement. Moss also served on the Governor's board for the Mary Ryder Home, the board of the Committee on Political Education (COPE), and the board of directors for the Order of the Eastern Star. Viola died on March 5, 2003.

**Arrangement:**

The collection has been arranged alphabetically into eight folders which includes 46 photographs.

**Scope and Content Note:**

The collection includes newspaper clippings, brochures, correspondence, and photographs related to the Graphics Arts Union Auxiliary #505, the St. Louis Council of Women's Auxiliaries, the Missouri State Council of Women's Auxiliaries AFL-CIO, the Committee on Political Education, and the Mary Ryder Home. The photographs are of strikes, boycotts, Auxiliary Officers, and a 1974 union label parade. The materials in this collection date from 1960 to 1984 and are arranged alphabetically.

**Container List:**

- f. 1                   AFL-CIO Auxiliary, 1970-1980
- f. 2                   Committee on Political Education (COPE), 1964-1983
- f. 3                   Correspondence, 1964-1983
- f. 4                   Graphic Arts International Union #505 and Auxiliary, 1961-1985
- f. 5                   Mary Ryder Home, 1967-1984
- f. 6                   Newspaper clippings, 1967-1984
- f. 7-8                Photographs, S0412\_f. 7-8\_0001-0046, 1960-1977

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AFL-CIO. Committee on Political Education	2, 8	Yes
American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations	1, 3, 7, 8	Yes
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Graphic Arts International Union	1, 3-4	
International Brotherhood of Bookbinders	4	
Labor laws and legislation	6	

Index Term	Folder	Image
Labor unions--Missouri	1-8	Yes
Moss, Glenn	3, 7-8	Yes
Moss, Viola, 1908-2003	1-8	Yes
Right to labor	6	
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Strikes and lockouts--Missouri	6-7	Yes
United Way of Greater St. Louis	1, 6-7	Yes
Vietnam War, 1961-1975	2, 7	Yes
Women--Employment--Missouri	1-8	Yes