

**PRELIMINARY INVENTORY**  
**S0757 (SA2892, SA3123, SA3313)**  
**REFORM ORGANIZATION OF WEFLARE (ROWEL) RECORDS**

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**Introduction**

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The records of the Reform Organization of Welfare (ROWELL) contain correspondence, meeting minutes, press releases, and audiovisual records documenting the organization's mission to advocate for the poor by working for legislative and administrative changes to the welfare system. In particular, ROWEL advocated for increases in cash grants for Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) and provided workshops to train welfare supports as lay lobbyists. Included in the collection are issues of ROWEL's in-house newsletter "Action Alerts."

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- AFDC appropriations, 1982-1984
- Budgets and expenses, 1973-1991
- Congressional bills and literature, 1973-1982
- Congressional member lists, no date
- Evaluations and surveys, 1973-1991
- Events, 1972-1992
- Fact Sheets, 1977-1991
- Membership lists and information, 1972-1990
- Newspaper clippings, 1972-1991
- Notes, 1972-1989
- Organizational literature, 1972-1990
- Pamphlets, 1972-1992
- Political campaigns, goals, and objectives,
- Press Releases, 1981-1992
- Reports, 1973-1991
- Special meetings and conferences, 1972-1981

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Welfare simulations, 1981-1990

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Correspondence, 1984-1995, no date (18 folders)

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Newsletters, Updates, and Action Alerts, 1972-1989 (6 folders)

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Binders and folders

Grass Roots Essentials folder, 1993-1998  
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“Welfare simulations as modified by Kauffman Foundation” binder, 1992

**Box 6**

Audio recordings

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*Free Matter for the Blind* (cassette tape), no date  
Governors race debate between Mel Carnahan & Bill Webster (cassette tape), 1992  
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ROWEL I, II, & III (3 cassette tapes), 1993  
Untitled, no date (2 cassette tapes)  
Untitled, Part I, II, III, & IV (2 cassette tapes), no date  
Welfare Meeting Part 1B & 2B (two cassette tapes), 1982  
Welfare Reform Debate, Jim Talent (cassette tape), no date  
Welfare Reform, Talk of the Nation (cassette tape), 1993

Audio-visual records

Mexico news, Columbia TV station 13, Gulf War crisis (VHS cassette tape),  
1994-1995  
Robin Acres news clip "Ashcroft Budget Cuts" (VHS cassette tape), no date  
ROWEL simulation footage for video training tape (VHS cassette tape), no date  
Welfare reform, youth and family night (VHS cassette tape), no date  
Welfare report/Gore and Clinton speeches (VHS cassette), no date

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ROWEL articles (2 folders)  
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Staffers, Old  
Welfare Simulation Sheets, old material  
Energy  
Fact Sheets  
Legislative Team  
Standard of Need (2 folders)  
How to Assemble Kit, (computer disk inside)  
ROWEL-Simulation - MASW, October 3, 1984  
Articles from ROWEL  
ROWEL Sponsored  
Coalition Building  
Media Work  
Brochures  
Events  
Education  
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Missouri Unemployment Statistics  
Lobbying and Witness Forms  
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WYWYL, 1985  
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Long range priorities, 1982

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Center on Budget & Policy Priorities CDF Reports  
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WIL Adequate Housing for Missourians MASW  
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Simulation Training  
"699" Letters  
Fiscal Notes  
Cynthia Grant  
Kansas City Contracts  
Erlene Beyah  
Welfare Issues  
Clients  
ROWEL Members  
Boot Heel  
St. Louis  
Welfare Issues  
Future Welfare, 1990  
Advocate Calendar  
Medicaid 765  
Childcare Block Grant Simulation, 1990  
Ava Cannon  
Willie Patton  
Action  
Antoinette Gregory ROWEL-  
Outstate Network Outstate  
Network ROWEL General  
Maxwell  
Welfare Rights  
Minnesota Task Force  
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California Workfare  
Hosea House Taskforce  
Housing/Action  
Community Action Agencies  
United Methodist  
Missouri Citizen  
Health Care  
Missouri Alliance  
Antiabortion/Loretto Wagner  
League of Women Voters  
Referral List  
Missouri Jewish Federation  
DFS Directory  
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Center Social Welfare  
Southside Women Center  
Statewide Structure

**Box 11**

ROWEL Publications  
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Homeless Workshops  
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Board Notebook, September-December, 1989  
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Hope Presbyterian Church  
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Mid-America Assistance  
Coalition Baptist Association  
Episcopal, Hunger Task Force  
Kansas City  
Episcopalian Conference  
Human Rights Office  
Letters to the Editor  
Newsletters  
Habitat for Humanity  
Meramec Community College  
UM-St. Louis  
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Salem United Methodist Church  
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United Methodist, Women-Mexico, 1989  
Training Outline-Sim  
TV Shows  
Utility Shut Off Signs  
GWB School of Social Work, 1987  
United Methodist Metro  
Planned Parenthood  
Cardinal Glennon College  
BREM Catholic Social Ministry  
UMSL School of Social Work, 1988  
Canceled  
United Methodist Women-Rolla, 1988  
St. Margaret of Scotland, 1988  
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Legislature/Simulation  
Legislative Enactment of Simulation  
Newspaper Articles  
ROWEL-Simulation, Jefferson City, 1983  
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Women in Poverty  
North Carolina, Family Support Act  
Wisconsin Learnfare  
Illinois Project Chance  
Mass ET Choices  
WIN Program  
Research (L. Holtzman)  
Workfare/Unions  
Unemployed Citizens-Bill of Rights  
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Letter Lobbyist  
Commandments, Lobbying Letters  
Lobby by Letter  
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Senator Thomas F. Eagleton  
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Monthly Reporting  
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AFDC  
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Department of Social Services  
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FSA Coalition: Meetings IBM Literacy  
Futures  
Jobs Advocacy/Governor  
Family Support Act  
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Missouri Plan Jobs  
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