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Vice president and organizer for the International Brotherhood of Papers Makers (I.B.P.M.) who principally attempted to gain union conditions for the papers workers in the Kalamazoo region of Michigan. Includes letters to and from I.B.P.M. president James T. Carey as well as a 116-page transcript of Smith's organizing reports for the years 1914-1920, documenting his activities in Holyoke, Massachusetts, among other cities and towns in Ohio, Wisconsin, Michigan, Oregon, and Washington.

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Scope of collection

W.R. Smith was a vice president and organizer for the International Brotherhood of Paper Makers. These papers document his activities from the period 1914 to 1921, focusing principally on his attempts to gain union conditions for the paper workers in the Kalamazoo region of Michigan.

Included are letters to and from James T. Carey, president of the I.B.P.M. and a 116-page transcript of his organizing reports for the years 1914 to 1920. In addition to Kalamazoo, this transcript documents Smith's activities in Holyoke, Massachusetts; Middletown, Hamilton, Chillicothe, and Urbana, Ohio; Ladysmith, Wisconsin; Detroit, Michigan; and in Oregon and Washington during the tumultuous strikes of 1919.

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