

# Lewis Graham Hines Papers

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## Collection Summary

**Title:** Lewis Graham Hines Papers

**Span Dates:** 1916-1959

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**ID No.:** MSS50930

**Creator:** Hines, Lewis Graham, 1888-1960

**Extent:** 13,800 items ; 30 containers plus 15 oversize ; 13.8 linear feet

**Language:** Collection material in English

**Location:** Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

**Summary:** Labor leader and public official. Correspondence, speeches and writings, subject files, scrapbooks, printed matter, and miscellaneous material relating to Hines's activities in organized labor, especially with the American Federation of Labor, and as an official in state offices in Pennsylvania and with the federal government.

## Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### People

Billings, Warren K., 1893-1972.  
Davis, James J. (James John), 1873-1947--Correspondence.  
Galarza, Ernesto, 1905- --Correspondence.  
Goodwin, Robert C. (Robert Clifford), 1906- --Correspondence.  
Green, William, 1870-1952--Correspondence.  
Haggerty, Cornelius J., 1894-1971--Correspondence.  
Hines, Lewis Graham, 1888-1960.  
James, Arthur Horace, 1883-1973--Correspondence.  
Kelsay, Ray, 1888-1948--Correspondence.  
Lewis, John L. (John Llewellyn), 1880-1969.  
McDevitt, James L. (James Lawrence), 1898-1963--Correspondence.  
Meany, George, 1894-1980--Correspondence.  
Mitchell, Broadus, 1892-1988--Correspondence.  
Mooney, Thomas J., 1882-1942.  
Mostyn, William H.--Correspondence.  
Perkins, Frances, 1880-1965--Correspondence.  
Willkie, Wendell L. (Wendell Lewis), 1892-1944--Correspondence.  
Zimmer, Verne A., 1886-1946--Correspondence.

### Organizations

American Federation of Labor.  
Congress of Industrial Organizations (U.S.)  
Joint United States-Mexico Trade Union Committee.  
Pennsylvania. Department of Labor and Industry.  
Republican Party (U.S. : 1854- )  
United States. Department of Labor. Advisory Committee on Farm Labor.  
United States. Labor Management Relations Act, 1947.

### Subjects

Communism.  
Elections--United States--1940.  
Labor laws and legislation.  
Labor movement--Pennsylvania.  
Labor unions.  
Presidents--United States--Election--1940.

Technical assistance, American.

### **Places**

Mexico--Foreign relations--United States.  
Pennsylvania--Politics and government.  
United States--Foreign relations--Mexico.  
United States--Politics and government--1933-1945.

### **Occupations**

Labor leaders.  
Public officials.

## **Administrative Information**

### **Provenance**

The papers of Lewis Graham Hines, labor leader and public official, were given to the Library of Congress by his daughter, Marion Krueger, in 1973-1974.

### **Processing History**

The papers of Lewis Graham Hines were arranged and described in 1979. The finding aid was revised in 2010.

### **Transfers**

Photographs have been transferred to the Prints and Photographs Division of the Library of Congress where they are identified as part of these papers.

### **Copyright Status**

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### **Access and Restrictions**

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### **Preferred Citation**

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## **Biographical Note**

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
1988	Born, Philadelphia, Pa.
1903-1906	Glass worker, Salem, N.J.
1906-1908	Pipe fitter, Baldwin Locomotive Works, Philadelphia, Pa.
1908-1912	Store clerk
1909	Married Rose Margaret Braugh (died 1922)
1912-1921	Polisher, Eastman Kodak Co., Rochester, N.Y.

1921-1925	Labor representative, Metal Polishers Union, Philadelphia, Pa.
1925-1931	Mediator, Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry
1931-1933	Pennsylvania director, United States Employment Service
1933	Married Gertrude Margaret Donohue
1933-1937	Eastern District representative, American Federation of Labor
1937-1939	Assistant to the president, American Federation of Labor
1939-1942	Secretary, Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry
1940	Campaign organizer, Win With Willkie Labor Committee
1943-1949	Legislative representative, American Federation of Labor
1949-1958	Special representative, American Federation of Labor
1950-1952	Member, International Development Advisory Board (Point Four Program)
1956	Appointed to Labor Advisory Committee on Farm Labor, United States Department of Labor
1960, Jan. 21	Died, Arlington, Va.

## Scope and Content Note

The papers of Lewis Graham Hines (1888-1960) span the years 1916-1959, with the bulk of the material concentrated in 1939-1956. The collection consists of [Family Correspondence](#), [General Correspondence](#), [Speeches and Writings File](#), [Subject File](#), [Miscellany](#), and [Oversize Scrapbooks](#).

Lewis Hines was a union representative and public servant who became the first official from organized labor to head Pennsylvania's Department of Labor and Industry. Appointed by Governor Arthur Horace James to the directorship in 1939, Hines came to his task with six years of experience as a government strike mediator and two years as administrator of the Pennsylvania Division of the United States Employment Service. Hines was a political maverick who supported Republican candidates for election during the New Deal and then switched to Harry S. Truman in the presidential campaign of 1948. In 1943 he returned to the American Federation of Labor, where he had worked from 1933 to 1939, first as a representative and then as organizer and assistant to the national president, William Green. He remained with the AFL until his dismissal by George Meany and William Schnitzler after the federations merger with the Congress of Industrial Organizations in 1955. As an AFL representative on national legislation during and after the World War II, Hines dealt with issues important to labor, including conscription, production, veterans benefits, wage and price controls, fair labor standards, health insurance, the Taft-Hartley bill, executive reorganization, and internal security. He was appointed to the Advisory Committee on International Development (the Point Four Program), and he served as a member of the Department of Labors Advisory Committee on Farm Labor.

The Hines Papers focus on his professional life after 1925, but are especially strong on Pennsylvania labor politics in the 1930s and early 1940s. They show him dispensing jobs to unemployed veterans in his position with the United States Employment Service, directing revision of the states unemployment compensation laws during his tenure as head of the Department of Labor and Industry, and defending the Republican administration of Governor James against critics within the labor movement. The [General Correspondence](#) and [Subject File](#) document his career as an administrator. In 1932 he charged Governor Gifford Pinchot with awarding public work jobs to political loyalists, and in the 1938 election he insisted

that dissident Pennsylvania labor leaders agree to the national AFLs endorsement of Republican candidates whom they personally opposed. The [Subject File](#) demonstrates his leadership of labor organizers supporting Wendell L. Willkie for president in 1940 and his antipathy to John L. Lewis, to the CIO, and to Communism. In files on the Willkie campaign, for instance, are field reports on the impact in Pennsylvania of Lewiss decision to back the same presidential candidate that Hines favored. As secretary of the Department of Labor and Industry, Hines carried his opposition against the CIO to the extent of purging the agency of those members of the unions municipal, county, and state employees affiliate whose names had appeared on petitions urging nomination of Communist Party candidates for state offices. In files labeled “CIO and Communism” Hines kept investigative material collected by the states criminal intelligence division to scrutinize the character and patriotism of CIO loyalists.

Hines's papers for the last fifteen years of his life are derived mainly from his functions as lobbyist for the AFL and the AFL-CIO. While in Washington, Hines attended to various lobbying duties, spoke frequently before labor groups, and appeared before House and Senate committees that dealt with legislation affecting labors interests. As a member of the Point Four committee from 1950 to 1952, he was the recipient of reports and draft materials on international aid that were supplied by the Department of State; and as a member of the Advisory Committee on Farm Labor, he established a substantial file on the conditions of migrant farm workers in the western states. Dealing primarily with the bracero problem and the importation of Japanese, Filipino, and Okinawan laborers, these files contain the official correspondence, minutes, reports, and secondary matter which the Advisory Committee and the United States Section of the Joint United States–Mexico Trade Union Committee forwarded to its representatives.

Hines kept newspaper clippings of his newsworthy activities after the mid-1920s, but with the exception of a scrapbook for 1934 and clippings for the years 1930-1955, most of the newsprint pertains to his term as secretary of labor and industry in Pennsylvania. The [Speeches and Writings File](#) is fairly complete in its coverage of Hines's testimony before congressional committees, but is sparse on speeches he gave during his tenure in Arthur Jamess cabinet and offers even less of a record of his many talks on the banquet and convention circuit.

Correspondents include Ray Kelsay, William H. Mostyn, and Gustave A. Luedke of the Metal Polishers, Buffers, Platers and Helpers International Union; Senator James J. Davis of Pennsylvania; William Green, George Meany, and Thomas Mallon of the AFL; James L. McDevitt and David Williams of the Pennsylvania Federation of Labor; Frances Perkins, Robert C. Goodwin, Verne A. Zimmer, and A. F. Heinrichs of the United States Department of Labor; Ernesto Calarza and H. L. Mitchell of the National Agricultural Workers Union; and Cornelius J. Haggerty of the California State Federation of Labor. Other letter writers are Perry S. Melton, Robert P. Lonergan, Arthur Horace James, Nelson Rockefeller, Wendell L. Willkie, Eleanor Roosevelt, and Broadus Mitchell. The collection includes a letter to Hines of 1918 from Thomas J. Mooney defending the credentials of Warren K. Billings as a laboring man and union organizer. The letter is located in a file on the Mooney–Billings case in the Subject File.

The [Family Correspondence](#) series consists solely of Hines's letters to and from his son during World War II.

## Organization of the Papers

The collection is arranged in six series:

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	Bicycle Institute of America, 1953-1954
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	List of locals of international unions in Pennsylvania, 1937
	Lobbying, registration forms and expenditures, 1946-1949
	Meany, George, copies of correspondence, 1954-1955
	Manpower during World War II, 1944-1945
	National Child Labor Committee, 1944
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