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**Introduction**

Approximately 44 cubic feet

Minutes for regular and executive board meetings including financial statements, contracts the original Local 80 charter, dues-earnings ledgers, photographs, and records of the Kansas City Mailers Union #7 and the Communication Workers of America #6325, which merged with the ITU.

The Typographical Union #80 represents the printing industry worker and is the oldest union in Kansas City. The local originally received its charter from the National Typographical Union on August 10, 1865. During the mid-1870s, they lost members and suffered other organizational problems primarily because of a dispute with the *Kansas City Journal* and the generally anti-union atmosphere in Kansas City. This resulted in the loss of its charter around 1878. Two years later, after reorganizing, the Local was issued a new charter by the International Typographical Union on 15 December 1880 and began to grow stronger. However, problems with the *Kansas City Journal* continued until 1885 when the Union called a boycott of companies advertising in the *Kansas City Journal*. It was a long time coming, but the union could finally claim victory when on 20 September 1892, the *Kansas City Journal* signed a contract allowing union workers to be employed at the paper.

By 1888, the local boasted a membership of 161 and was strong enough to entertain the 36th Annual Session of the International Typographical Union in Kansas City from 11-16 June. It was at this convention that the International adopted a new constitution and established its headquarters at Indianapolis, Indiana.

The union, now linked with the Kansas City Mailers Union #7, continues today as a viable organization. In the summer of 1980, the Kansas City local, in part as a celebration of the 100th anniversary of the re-issuance of its charter, again hosted the International Typographical Union.

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Has room in box for flat items

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1899 Kansas City Times Chapel, group photograph, annotated
October 29, 1936 Linotype Operators and Proofreaders, Kansas City Star, group photograph, not annotated
1936 Linotype Operators and Proofreaders, Kansas City Times, group photograph, not annotated (original print and five copies)
October 29, 1936 Makeup Department and Advertising Compositors, Kansas City Star, group photograph, not annotated
1936 Makeup Department and Advertising Compositors, Kansas City Times, group photograph, not annotated
ca. 1946, Kansas City Star Composing Room Linotype Operators, group photograph, annotated
1980s, Ralph Featherstone’s retirement party, four group photographs (plus one duplicate), annotated

Folder 43:3 “The Hand That Keeps the World Informed.” Double-sided wooden picture frame (8½” x 1” x 10¼”) containing an illustration titled “The Hand That Keeps the World Informed.” Framed by
accession 1608kc donor, David M. Huckett, on January 10, 2005 and donated to the WHMC-KC as part of the 1608kc accession on February 13, 2008.

Folder 43:4 Communications Workers of America. Materials related to the CWA union, including a copy of the CWA Constitution as amended July 1985, membership oath, authorization of payroll deduction for dues payments, and CWA credit card application forms.

Folder 43:5 1990 *Communications Workers of America Local 6325 By-Laws.*

Folder 43:6 1994 *Agreement between The Kansas City Star Company (Composing Room) and Communications Workers of America, Local No. 6325.*


Folder 43:8 Kansas City Star-Times Chapel, Union Ballot and By-Law Amendment, no date.

Folder 43:9 Forms, I.T.U. and Chapel Dues, no date.

Folder 43:10 Names and Addresses, I.T.U. Local #80/M-7, no date.

Folder 43:11 Typographical Union No. 80 Lapel Ribbon. A lapel ribbon from either the 1888 or 1900 Typographical Union No. 80 convention.

Folder 43:12 *Kansas City Times* chapel roster: 1901-1957. A chronological list of chapel member names, identified by registration number, last name, first name, date and, in later instances, time, from October 15, 1901 to November 2, 1957. Additional notes include termination and death dates, and an apprentice roster (1950-1955).

*Note: The roster was originally contained in a spiral bound notebook. During accession processing of the item, the notebook covers were discarded, its pages were cut from its spiral metal spine, and blank pages 81-188 were discarded.*


Folder 43:14 *Kansas City Times* chapel dues-earnings ledger, 1956. A bound ledger containing an alphabetical list of chapel members’ names and a weekly/monthly accounting of their earnings and dues from February 1956 through December 1956.
Folder 43:15  *Kansas City Times* chapel meeting minutes and financial statements: January 1969 – December 1971

Folder 43:16  *Kansas City Times* chapel meeting minutes and financial statements: January 1972 – December 1975

Folder 43:17  *Kansas City Times* chapel meeting minutes and financial statements: February 1976 – December 1980

Folder 43:18  *Kansas City Times* printer assignments, 1971-1973. A spiral-bound notebook identifying printer assignments from December 8, 1971 to April 13, 1973. Assignments are identified by date, printer name, assignment (e.g., CTKB to floor) and start time or range.

Folder 43:19  *Kansas City Times* printer assignments, 1973-1974. A spiral-bound notebook record of printer assignments from April 13, 1973 to May 23, 1974. Assignments are identified by date, printer name, assignment (e.g., CTKB to floor) and start time or range.

Folder 43:20  August, 1980 – 122nd Convention, International Typographical Union. This folder contains: an I.T.U. tie tack; the name tag, ribbon, and medal of I.T.U. delegate David M. Huckett of Kansas City No. 80; the I.T.U. credentials for alternate delegate David M. Huckett; a 122nd Convention I.T.U. program, and photocopies of two articles (*Characters in a Booming Western Town* and *Why Not More Recognition of Mergenthaler and Appreciation for the Linotype?* by David M. Huckett) from the program.

Folder 43:21  1984 Union merger proposals, draft versions. Edited draft copies of the *Proposed Constitution and By-Laws for Merger of Kansas City Typographical Union No. 80 and Kansas City Mailers Union No. 7*.

Folder 43:22  1984 Union merger proposals, final versions. Copies of the final version of the *Proposed Constitution and By-Laws for Merger of Kansas City Typographical Union No. 80 and Kansas City Mailers Union No. 7*.

Folder 43:23  1984 *Composing Room Agreement between The Kansas City Star Company and Kansas City Typographical Union No. 80/M-7*. Two copies.


Folder 43:25  1988 Constitution and By-Laws of Kansas City Typographical Union #80/M-7.

Folder 43:26  1988 *Constitution and By-Laws of Kansas City Typographical Union No. 80/M-7*. Galley copy.
Folder 43:27 1988 Kansas City Star-Times Employee of the Month proposal.
Folder 43:28 *Typographical Journal*, March 1980
Folder 43:29 *Typographical Journal*, April 1980
Folder 43:30 *Typographical Journal*, May 1980
Folder 43:31 *Typographical Journal*, June 1980
Folder 43:32 *Typographical Journal*, July 1980

**BOX 44**


Folder 44:11  Linotype matrices, printer tools, print block. Includes a box marked E-4439/E-4440 of linotype matrices of assorted sizes, two sets of sliding printer locks with a right-angle printer key, a brass ESP key marked AR1, lead print letters D, A, I, and V, an adjustable print tray marked in centimeters, and a wooden block with a lead print form for Sunday Magazine ad copy routing slips for *The Kansas City Star*.


**OVERSIZED MATERIALS**

*These oversized materials were wrapped in scrap cardboard and sealed with plastic wrap for storage:*

International Typographical Union Charter, dated December 15, 1880 and signed by Wm. P. Atkinson, President, and William H. Trayes, Secretary and Treasurer. Wooden frame (26” x 1½” x 20”).

Note: The Charter was framed in December 1981 by accession 1608kc accession donor, David M. Huckett, who is the great-grandson of one of the union’s founders.

Large wood and glass “Slip Board” box (30½” x 3½” x 21½”) with many name plates for printer names, arranged in order of I.T.U. seniority by registration date, for the *Kansas City Star* newspaper. David M. Huckett, accession 1608kc donor, is listed as the 2nd shift’s manager.

Note: In a union or closed shop, all permanent employees were listed according to seniority on what was generally known as the Slip Board. Their jobs were called situations. The union controlled the hiring of substitutes and the training of apprentices in what was called the Composing Room. There were several classifications: Machine, Floor, Makeup, Proof Room, TTS Operator, Machinist, or Dump. All persons filling these jobs were considered Printers. At the beginning of each shift the shop steward known as the Chairman opened the board for substitutes to “slip up” perchance to be hired that day. Each prospective sub was listed on a slip of paper and placed in order of appearance under the appropriate
classification for which he was competent to fill. If, for instance, the office or company needed five extra floor men, it would hire the first five persons listed below Floor on the board. Other subs under the other classifications were hired in the same way. Subs were required to show up for 30 days to keep their place on the board. Also, if a permanent employee needed a day or more off for personal reasons, he could hire whom he pleased regardless of that person’s place in line under his classification. The permanent employee could pick and choose his replacement. The ideal for the sub in this circumstance was to be marked as a TF which meant Till Further notice. All other substitute jobs were marked as to length of time for employment.

*These outsized materials are maintained in a separate flat box:*

“The Tramp Printer.” Ink and paper drawing (18½” by 24¼”) by Steele. Hung in the office of International Typographical Union – Kansas City Local No. 80/M-7 for many years. Associated materials include an inscription, written in accession David M. Huckett’s hand, cut from the cardboard backing of the drawing’s original frame, and a brief article written by David M. Huckett about the significance of “The Tramp Printer.”


Days Off and Shifts, Week of December 20, 1974.

*The Kansas City Labor Beacon*, February 18, 1983.


*The Kansas City Labor Beacon*, March 18, 1983.

