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**SUMMARY**

<b>Size.</b>	479 items and 86 volumes
<b>Geographic locations.</b>	Lake Charles, Louisiana
<b>Inclusive dates.</b>	1901-1952, 1962
<b>Language.</b>	English
<b>Summary.</b>	Papers, printed and manuscript, of Walter F. Dietz, Socialist Party member of Lake Charles, Louisiana.
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**BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE**

Walter F. Dietz was a member of the local Socialist party in Lake Charles, Louisiana from 1903-1934, state secretary (1909-1914), national committeeman and state secretary (1928-1931).

**SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

Papers include correspondence, broadsides, financial reports, pamphlets, writings, newspaper clippings, bound printed volumes, and manuscript volumes relating to the national Socialist Party, the state organization, and the Lake Charles local organization.

COLLECTION DESCRIPTION

<u>Location</u>	<u>Contents</u>
Box 1	<u>Socialist Party materials</u> (1903-1962, undated) Membership cards (1905-1934); official bulletins (1911); election ticket (April 1912); letters to the public (1914-1916)
Box 2	<u>Writings and related correspondence</u> (1908-1947, undated) “How to Organize” (1914) “First Principles and A Study of Capitalism & Socialism” (1931) “Life” (Handwritten and typed copies) (1931) “Money” (1931) “Seven Worst Blunders of the World” (1931) “Small Farmer – Small Merchant” (1931) “Economic Ruin Faces Gulf Coast Section” (1932) “The Future of Banking and Currency” (1932) “The Old Order Changeth” (1932) “Political Party Platforms” (1932) “Russia – The Great Experiment” (1932) “Taking Stock of Economic Ills” (1932) “Vital Issues for 1932 and Why I have Selected Them” (1932) “Wasting Human Life” (1932) “Analysis and Interpretation of First National Bank Statement” (1933) “Capitalism at a Dead End” (1933) “Sound Money” (1933) “Analysis of Capitalism” (1934) “Proposed Socialist Party Platform” (1934) “Economic Analysis” (undated) “Louisiana’s Progress for Socialism” (undated) “(Proposed) Socialist First Principles and Party Platform” (undated) “Taxation” (undated) “This Crisis” (undated) “Unemployment” (undated) “Unemployment. Why” (undated) “Why Banks Fail and How To Stop It” (criticism by Dietz) (undated) “Winning the Teacher” (undated)  Socialist Party Banner (undated) Maps: Louisiana (1913); Europe (1919); Kenyon’s Map of the Western Battle Front, World War I, Europe (1918) Images, photographs (undated) Newspaper clippings (1908-1947, undated), including “The Soviet Power,” Protestant Digest edition, <i>Missouri Pacific Liner Magazine</i> (Oct. 1944)
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	Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen, "Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen's Magazine" (July, Sept. 1903)
	Charles H. Kerr & Company, "The International Socialist Review" (May 1, 1904)
	Industrial Workers of the World, Preamble and Constitution (1906)
	John Martin, "Socialism and The Class War," <i>The Quarterly Journal of Economics</i> , XXIII (May 1909)
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	Lake Charles Printing Pressmen's Union No. 253, I. P. P. and A. U. of N. A., Constitution and By-Laws (1911)
	Gilbert H. Poor, "Blazing a Trail, A Story, A Story of a Pioneer Socialist Agitator" (1911)
	"The Bulletin of the Intercollegiate Socialist Society" (Dec. 1911-Jan. 1912; Feb.-Mar. 1912; April-May 1912)
	"National Convention of the Socialist Party, Proceedings" (1912)
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	Karl F. M. Sandberg, "The Money Trust the Issue of 1912"
	Lucien Sanial, "General Bankruptcy or Socialism" (1912)
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	James O'Neal, "Sabotage or Socialism vs. Syndicalism" (1913)
	C. G. Hoag, "Effective Voting, An Article on Preferential Voting and Proportional Representation" (Jan. 14, 1914)
	Bassett-Collins Debate at Crowley, La. (Mar. 17, 1914)
	"Directory of Labels International Unions affiliated with the Union Label Trades of the American Federation of Labor" (May 1914)
	International Printing Pressmen an Assistants' Union of North America, Constitution and By-Laws (June 1914)
	National Constitution of the Socialist Party (Aug. 2, 1914)
	Ethelwyn Mills, "Legislative Program of the Socialist Party" (1914)
	Bakery and Confectionary Workers' International Union of America, Constitution and Rules for local unions under its jurisdiction (Jan. 1915)
	Program of Second Annual Socialist Encampment of the Seventh Congressional District to be held at Jennings, Louisiana (Aug. 3, 1916)
	General Election Law, State of Louisiana, Act. No. 130 of 1916
	Primary Election Law, Act. No. 35 of 1916.
	Registration Law, Act. No. 195 of 1916.
	"Louisiana Poultry Breeders Association, Constitution and By-Laws" (1916)
	"The Public Ownership League of America." This Invites You to Join (1918)
	Rev. E. Victor Bigelow, "Mistakes of the Interchurch Steel Report" (Nov. 1920)
	Socialist Party of the United States, "The Salaried Man" (1920)

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Dr. Robert T. Kerlin, "A Socialist Educational Program," with a Topical Analysis of Henderson's "The Case for Socialism" (undated)  
"Mrs. Lockwood's Book of Favorite Recitations" (undated)  
James O'Neal, "Some Pages of Party History" (undated)  
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