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CREATOR: Berlyn, Bernard, 1843-1928

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SUMMARY: The papers of Bernard Berlyn consist largely of birthday greetings (1921-1928), including a holograph letter from Eugene V. Debs. There are also photographs, lectures, autobiographical reminiscences, clippings on Chicago socialist activities, and miscellaneous printed matter.

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b. box
f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of the Bernard Berlyn estate.

Conditions Governing Access

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Biographical / Historical

Bernard (Barney) Berlyn was born in Amsterdam, Holland on February 7, 1843. In 1850 his family emigrated to the United States and settled in New York City. After finishing primary school, Berlyn became a cigar maker, and joined the first cigar maker's union in 1863.

In the same year, he moved to Chicago where he became active in the Chicago Federation of Labor. A life-long member of the Socialist Party, Berlyn was a candidate for Congress on the Socialist ticket in several elections. In 1913 he ran for the senate and was the first socialist candidate to receive votes in Illinois. He was also a member of the national executive committee of the socialist party from 1901-07, a national committee man from 1901-08, and a delegate to the national conventions of 1904, 1908, 1912, and 1920.

Berlyn's work as a labor organizer brought him into contact with Clarence Darrow, Norman Thomas, Eugene V. Debs, Lucy Parsons, and other liberal leaders. He was co-author, with William S. McGuire, of the book *Why Workers Should Join the Socialist Party*.

Barney Berlyn died in 1928 at the age of eighty-five.

Scope and Contents

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b. 1, f. 1	Correspondence and financial items	1884-1886, 1925-1930, undated
	Correspondence	
b. 1, f. 2	Debs, Eugene	1921 January 26
b. 1, f. 2	Debs, Theodore	1921 January 26
b. 1, f. 3	Autobiographical and biographical writings	undated
	Birthday greetings	
	1921 English See: Box 2	
b. 1, f. 4 - 8	1923-1928	
	Writings and teaching	
b. 1, f. 9	Two essays on socialism	undated
b. 1, f. 9	Notes on <i>Capital</i> , v. 3	undated
b. 1, f. 10	Memorabilia	1922, 1930, 1949, undated
b. 1, f. 11	Photographs	undated
b. 1, f. 12	Obituary notices	undated
b. 1, f. 12	Letters of condolence	1928 November 29
b. 1, f. 13	Pierce, Paul [organizer 7th Ward Socialist Party (Chicago) and brother-in-law]: writings	[ca. 1903]
b. 1, f. 14	Socialist Party: miscellaneous items from Chicago See also: Folder 13	[ca. 1924]
b. 1, f. 15	Miscellaneous printed matter on socialism	1901-1924
	Socialist newspapers	
b. 1, f. 16	<i>Chicago Leader</i> English	1925 April 18
b. 1, f. 16	<i>English Section Forward</i> English	1927 August 21
b. 1, f. 16	<i>New York Call</i> English	1921 February 12
b. 1, f. 16	<i>Socialist Worker</i>	1922 December

b. 1, f. 17	Newspaper clippings	[ca. 1904-1905]
b. 2	Birthday greetings	1921

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.

Subjects

Socialism

Geographic Names

Chicago (Ill.) -- Politics and government

Names

Berlyn, Bernard, 1843-1928

Debs, Eugene V. (Eugene Victor), 1855-1926