

**Title:** Pieplow, William L. Papers

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RC13, Sh. 002, 006-008 (1.0 cu. ft.)  
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OS SM "P" (14 items)

**Abstract:** William L. Pieplow (1876-1956) was secretary of the Central Committee of the People's Party (Populist) in his youth but later joined the Republican Party. In 1929 he served as secretary of the Republican state central committee, and in 1930 he ran on that party's ticket for the office of Secretary of State. Active on the Milwaukee School Board from 1902 to 1919, he was its president three times. He helped organize the 1932 George Washington Bicentennial celebration and was a much sought-after speaker for patriotic and holiday occasions. He assisted in the founding of the South Division Civic Association of Milwaukee and later published a history of that group. Pieplow also held leadership positions in Kiwanis and Goodwill.

He joined the Alcazar Range & Heater co. in 1905 as a secretary and manager and worked for the firm until 1927. Earlier, in 1913, he and two other men organized the Security Savings & Loan Association. Pieplow was president from its founding until his retirement in 1957. After World War II he led the fight against public housing through the Public Housing Referendum Committee. He was active in state and national savings and loan associations and accumulated much literature about them.

Pieplow was a prominent Lutheran layman concerned with both his home congregation, Lake Park Ev. Lutheran Church, and such larger activities as the Lutheran Lenten Noonday Services Committee of 1919. During World War II he was appointed chairman of Selective Service Board No. 11 and also engaged in many other patriotic activities.

**Scope and Content:** The collection consists of correspondence, scrapbooks, pamphlets, speeches, reports, proceedings and other ephemera related to Pieplow's many civic, business and political activities.

**Access and Use:** No restrictions

**Language:** English

**Administrative Note:** The collection was originally processed by M. Gordon and reprocessed on May 28, 2004 by Kevin Abing.

Note\*\*Some miscellaneous items were transferred to other collections where appropriate.

**Arrangement:**

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South Side Old Settlers’ Club, 1923-1948	3	50
U.S. Constitution Bicentennial Committee, 1937	3	51
Washington Bicentennial Commission, 1932	3	52
History of the South Division Civic Association, 1947 (2copies)	3	loose
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Sheldon Sales Course	4	68
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Dedication of the 11th and 24th Wards World War II Memorial (including blueprints, publications, and correspondence)	5	84
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Draft Board Clippings, 1940-1945	7	120
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<b>Scrapbooks: Political clippings and campaign material (NOTE: Public Use Microfilm #538)</b>	<b>Location</b>	
1899-1904	RC 13 Sh. 2, 6-8	
1927-30	RC 13 Sh. 2, 6-8	
1930	RC 13 Sh. 2, 6-8	
1930	RC 13 Sh. 2, 6-8	
Clippings and photos of 11th and 24th Wards War Memorial Association, 1943	RC 13 Sh. 2, 6-8	
<b>Oversize Items</b>	<b>Location</b>	
Certificate of appreciation for participation in the Sesquicentennial celebration of the U.S. Constitution, 1937	OS LG “P”	
In Memorium for William L. Pieplow on his death on Sept. 19, 1959 from the South Division Civic Association	OS LG “P”	
Certificate of merit issued with the Selective Service Medal for service to Selective Service System, n.d	OS SM “P”	
Appointment by Gov. Philipp as a member of the Central Board of Registration and Conscription and Bureau of Information for the City of Milwaukee and Milwaukee County, 1917	OS SM “P”	
Appointment by Gov. Goodland as a member of the Building and Loan Advisory Committee, 1944	OS SM “P”	
Appointment by Gov. Heil as a member of the Building and Loan Advisory Committee, 1941	OS SM “P”	
Appointment as a Selective Service Board member of Milwaukee County Local Board No. 11 by the President, 1940	OS SM “P”	
Certificate of appreciation for 3 yrs. service in the Selective Service System, n.d.	OS SM “P”	
Certificate of appreciation for 2 yrs. service in the Selective Service System, n.d.	OS SM “P”	
Certificate of appreciation for 1 year of service in the Selective Service System, n.d.	OS SM “P”	
Citation for patriotic cooperation in behalf of War Finance Program, 1945	OS SM “P”	

Certificate of appreciation from Milwaukee Board of Realtors for efforts of William L. Pieplow, 1951	OS SM "P"
Membership awarded to Pieplow from National Geographic Society Milwaukee branch, 1921	OS SM "P"
Certificate of membership in Kiwanis International for 25 years, n.d.	OS SM "P"
South Side Old Settlers' Club Memorial re Chas. Pieplow, 1923	OS SM "P"
Diploma from Sheldon School (Chicago) to Wm. Pieplow for completion of studies in the Science of Business Building, 1916	OS SM "P"
<b>PHOTOS:</b> See Pieplow, William L., M-143, and Alcazar Range and Heater Co., M-72. See also OS #2581-2582, 2591-2592, and Over-OS Group Portrait #39 and Over-OS Miscellaneous #32.	