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Abstract: Dr. Frederick Olson was a local historian and Professor Emeritus of History, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. He taught history at Milwaukee State Teachers College and Wisconsin State College, Milwaukee, 1946-1956. A graduate of Milwaukee Public Schools, he attained B.A., A.M. and Ph. D. degrees in History at Harvard University.

His doctoral dissertation focused on Milwaukee Socialists, and he wrote and lectured extensively on state and local history. In addition he served on numerous boards and committees relating to state and local history, including the Milwaukee County Historical Society (MCHS) and State Historical Society (SHS). He passed away in 2003.

Scope and Content: This collection includes Dr. Olson's research notes, correspondence, clippings, and articles used to prepare his dissertation which can be found in the unpublished manuscripts section of the library. Also included are Olson's notes and correspondence related to organizations he was involved with and topics he researched. Items which duplicated material in the MCHS or SHS archives were not retained (i.e. minutes, flyers and general correspondence).

Access and Use: No restrictions

Language: English

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See Also:

- Dr. Olson's doctoral thesis: Unpublished manuscripts # 58/58A
- M.C.H.S. Microfilm # 526 which contains: "Socialist Party Papers" from Duke University and "Victor L. Berger" by William D. Browne AB Thesis
- M.C.H.S. Microfilm # 522 which contains: Newspaper clippings on Socialists collected by Dr. Olson; Dr. Olson's card index for Socialist research; Dr. Olson's card index for misc. bibliography including Elizabeth Corbett.
- M.C.H.S. Messenger various articles authored by Dr. Olson
- Dr. Olson's contributions to the following two books:
 - Aderman, Ralph M., ed., From Trading Post to Metropolis: Milwaukee County's First 150 Years (1987)

- Anderson, Harry H. & Frederick I. Olson, *Milwaukee: At the gathering of the Waters* (1981)
- Circus collection

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- Research material, notes, correspondence, draft and final article by Dr. Olson. (1917, 1958, 1990)		
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- Correspondence, research notes and drafts of articles (1957-1958,		_
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- Newspaper clippings (1941-1987);		
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- Interview notes (1948)		
- Magazine article by Robert Reinders (1952).		
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- "Wooden Nutmeg of Socialism" by Will Chasan (1941) [Re: Jasper		
McLevy];		
- "Milwaukee, the Bier of Beer. In the City of Victor L. Berger and		
Daniel W. Hoan" by Ruben Levin (1948);		
- "The Socialist Party and the Union in Milwaukee, 1900-1912" by Dr.		
Olson (1960-1961);		
- "The Man Behind the Blue Books" by Gerald W. Johnson [Re: E.		
Haldeman-Julius] (1960);		
- "Milwaukee's First Socialist Administration, 1910-1912: A Political		
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- "Minneapolis and the Pragmatic Socialism of Thomas Van Lear" By		
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- Flyers - 6 for political campaigns; 4 for program announcements;		
- Brochures - 2 on housing; 1 on Butterfly Consolidated Mines; 1 on the		
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- Housing plan - "The Milwaukee Plan";		
- Newsletter - "Municipal Ownership and the Manitowoc,		
Wisconsin Socialists, 1905-1917", Manitowoc County Historical		
Society (1978);		
- Student paper - "Excerpts From Two Socialistic Generations" by James D. MacDonald		
- Newspaper articles - "Italian District in City Being Rapidly Won for		
Socialism", The Milwaukee Leader, Dec. 27, 1913;		
- Obituary for Ruben Levin, Feb. 2, 1981;		
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- "Autopsy of a Labor Daily: The Milwaukee Leader" by Elmer A.		
Beck (1970);		
- "The March of Socialism, 1928-1932". Journal of the Seventeenth		
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- Notes from Brisbane Hall records on Trial Reports and on Educational		
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 Convention Program, Socialist Party of Wisconsin (April 1946); "1946 Socialist Picnic"; 		
- "The State Program of the Socialist Party, Social Democratic		
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Frank Zeidler	1	25
- 2 flyers - speaker: Frank Zeidler;		
- Newspapers: Socialist Call, Vol. 20 # 3 & 4 (Feb. 1953); The Voters'		
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- Pamphlets by Frank Zeidler:		
"I Am the Munitions Maker, and I Am";		
"Greater Intellectual Effort Needed to Save Democratic Socialism		
in America" (1970);		
"The Decline of Milwaukee's Population", Public Enterprise		
Committee Report by F.P. Zeidler, Secretary (Dec. 16, 1977);		
- Correspondence (1958, 1975-1976, 1983-1984, 1989)		
- "A Tribute to an American Statesman: Frank P. Zeidler" (Nov. 1974);		
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- Postcard from Olson to Harry Anderson, M.C.H.S. (1960s)		
- Articles by Dr. Olson:		
- Audio by Dr. Olson.		

	"Victor Berger: Socialist Congressman" (1970);		
	"I Will Try to Do the Best I Can" (1971);		
	"The U.S.S. Wisconsin: A History of Two Battleships" (Book		
	Review 1989);		
	"Once a Member, Always a Member" (1955)		
_	Articles by Dr. Olson which appear in the 1990 edition of <i>The</i>		
	Encyclopedia of American Business History and Biography:		
	"A.O. Smith Corporation"; "Seaman Body Corporation"		
	"Four Wheel Drive Auto Company"		
	"Kissel Motor Car Company"		
_	Vita (1979)		
_	Lecture poster - "Milwaukee's Socialists 50 Years After" by Frederick		
	I. Olson (May 7, 1991)		
_	Note cards - 1 packet of bibliography cards – City of Milwaukee		
_	Notes - V. 76 p. 768 Harpers Magazine – Charles Dudley Warner,		
	"Economic & Social Topics: MN & WI"		
_	Newsletter - The Golda Meir Library Newsletter # 20 (Spring 1991,		
	pp. 1-4) "A Wisconsin Historian's Library Becomes Resource for		
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_	Research Guide - "Primary Bibliography for Research in Milwaukee		
	History" (1971)		
_	Drafts of article re: 1876 Milwaukee County office holders (see		
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_	Notes - Biographical Dictionary of American Mayors, 1820-1980. Big		
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_	Paper - "Provenance (The Gluck-Finn Papers)" by A.R. Mugel (1991)		
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_	Membership card - Milw. Music Society of Sidewalk		
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_	Newsletter - UWM Report V 15 #8 (Aug. 25, 1994)		
_	"Henry Maier had close ties to UWM" by Prof. Emeritus Frederick		
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_	Xerox copy of political poster - Harlan W. Kelley Republican		
_	candidate for 5th Congressional District (n.d.)[Kelley was blind]		
_	Information sheet - on Milwaukee - prepared by FIO for the NCICA		
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- Notes; correspondence re: Carl Schurz Mer	morial Fund (1960)	
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- The American Sunday 1938		
- Autograph Prices: A Long View 1986	1. 1. 15	
- "The Self-Made Man in Wyoming: An Auto		
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- A Guide to the Pabst Mansion 1986 (2 cop	pies)	
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- "I Will Try To Do The Best I Can" <i>Inland S</i>	leas Fall 1971 (3 copies)	
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- "Documenting American Cities' Physical Hi	story" Information	
Resources for Historic Preservation Sept 1		
- "In the Days of Berger and Seidel" Milwauk		
copies)		
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