

Title: Kent, Herman Papers

Call Number: Mss-1629

Inclusive Dates: 1899 – 1939

Bulk: 0.4 cu. ft.

Location: ER, Sh. 030

Abstract: A native of Germany, Herman Kent came to Wisconsin with his parents when he was a child. He entered the printing business as an apprentice in the Free Press office in Oconomowoc in 1901. He arrived in Milwaukee in 1906 and worked as a printer for the *Milwaukee Sentinel* and later for the *Milwaukee Leader*, a Socialist daily newspaper.

Kent was an active Socialist, elected to the state assembly from the ninth ward in 1914. He was elected alderman from the ninth ward in 1918, and re-elected in 1920 and 1924. During the 1920s he served two terms as director of the Milwaukee museum board. Kent also helped draft recommendations for re-organization of the fire and police departments pension system. In 1926, he was the Socialist candidate for the Governor of Wisconsin and the Socialist candidate for Congressman in the fifth Congressional district in 1932. Kent was a member of local 23 of the typographical union for 60 years and was also a member of Walter Memorial Church. He died February 14, 1966.

Scope and Content: The collection consists of Kent's Socialist materials, including a 1912 campaign book, proceedings, and Journal of National Conventions. The collection also includes Milwaukee and National Socialist publications, newspapers.

Administrative Note: The collection was processed on May 21, 1991 by Paul E. Geib. The finding aid was retyped on October 24, 2011 by Jenny Stevenson.

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