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### Alice Lord, records, 1.f, 1900- 1936

**Abstract:** Alice Lord was instrumental in organizing a waitress union in Seattle and procuring better wages and hours.

**Background:** Alice Lord came to Seattle from New York. She worked as a waitress fourteen hours a day, seven days a week. These conditions in which she and all her fellow waitresses worked caused her to found the Waitress Union, Local 240 in 1900. She and others in the union were immediately successful in reducing the workday to ten hours and procuring a small raise. From 1903 to 1911 she spent countless days in Olympia campaigning for eight hour workdays and increased wages. Lord was also able to secure a home through donation which was turned into a convalescent home for sick waitresses.

**Scope and Content:** The records consist of meeting minutes; History of local 240; Alice Lords eulogy; Union receipts; employee handbooks; correspondence; Photographs and scrapbook.

**Inclusive dates:** 1900- 1936

**Restrictions:** None

**Volume:**

**Accession Number:** 2000.50

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