Chicago Foreign Language Press Survey Records, 1861-1936

Sponsored by the Chicago Public Library Omnibus Project, this project was conducted by the Illinois Works Projects Administration from 1936 to 1941. The purpose of the survey was to translate, transcribe, and index selected news articles that appeared in the foreign language press of Chicago. Bessie Louise Pierce, a faculty member in the University of Chicago History Department, was an advisor on the project. The collection consists of approximately 120,000 typewritten sheets of translations from newspapers of 22 foreign language communities of Chicago that were published from 1861 to 1936. Topics indexed in the collection include cinema in the ethnic communities of Chicago as well as other subjects ranging from art, music, and drama to education, social relations, family life, and politics. [The UWM Libraries own the microfilm edition of this survey.]

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