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Work and the Human Condition

Annotated Bibliography

The bibliography below is useful for researching longshoremen or maritime workers in Tacoma/Seattle area, from the 1800's. More specifically, the unionization of longshoremen and port workers in the turn of the century, through the struggles that continue in to present times.

Abbott, Carl. "Regional City and Network City: Portland and Seattle in the Twentieth Century." The Western Historical Quarterly 23:3 (1992): 293-322.

This article explores the economical expansion as well as the social expansion between two of the major port cities on the west coast, Seattle and Portland. The articles focus at first on the late nineteenth century stating that "scholars interested in the elaboration of organization and the expansion of scale has given particular attention to the industrial transformation of the United States between 1870 and 1920. This scholar also looked at studies dealing with the organizations dealing with work in these areas. The article also shows the relationship between Seattle and Portland as well as the relationship to the national and world economy.

Bonney, W. P. History of Pierce County Washington vol 2. Chicago: Pioneer Historical Publishing Company, 1927.

Covering all of the history of Pierce County this book gives a comprehensive view into the past of Pierce County. In Ch XLVIII this selection goes into more

detail about Tacoma's Harbor. Giving statistics of Tacoma and other major harbor's around the world in comparison. The statistics given are from 1925 the latest available at the time of publication. This book gives an accurate account of Tacoma's Port's history from 1925 back to its beginnings.

Clark, Norman h. Mill Town. Seattle: University of Washington Press, 1970.

A book Published on the University of Washington's campus that focuses primarily on Everett, WA starting with the early water work on the Puget Sound talking about how Everett may have been a port city if cretin events wouldn't have happen. This book compares what Everett could have been in comparison to Seattle. It may leave you with the question would Everett have been the biggest port city if it didn't go through some horrible events.

Dorpat, Paul and McCoy, Genevieve. Building Washington: A History of Washington State Public Works. Seattle: Washington chapter of American public works association, 1998.

A huge book filled with detail descriptions as well as photographs showing the building of Washington in to a state and its public workers. Covering all aspects of public work from waterways to highways, this book gives details on both how and where it stated. The chapter "waterways" gives incite on port workers in and all over Washington State.

Gallacci, Caroline, and Karabaich. Ron. Images of America: Tacoma's Waterfront. Carlestone: Archdia, 2006.

This book shows gorgeous pictures form the early days of Tacoma with captions. They're dramatic images from the past. In the chapter From Delta to

Port the images tell a story showing how goods get to the port and how they're shipped. The images and captions show this process with great detail.

Gates, Charles, eds. Readings in Pacific Northwest History Washington; 1790-1895. Seattle: University Bookstore, 1941.

The University of Washington publishes this extraordinary book about Washington's giving first hand accounts of Washington. From the early explorers to the Pacific Northwest region to when the "missionaries come to the Indian's tribes". It includes economic and social problems as well as the growth of commerce in the state. This is where I found relevant material for this is in those two sections. Giving first hand accounts of what happened in the development of our state.

Herod, Andrew. "Discourse on Docks: Containerization and Inerunion work Disputes in US Ports 1955-1983." Transactions of the Institute of British Geographers 23.2 (1998): 177-191.

This article is written to analyze how the "creation of rival discourses concerning traditions of work was central elements in the efforts to unions to structure local labor markets". This article gives you incite from an outside view, showing how labor union came about for American longshoremen not just in the Pacific Northwest but all over the country. This selection will help the reader understand the intricate workings of the labor unions beginnings as well was show some of the many struggles that forming a union bring about. From the beginning it references maritime workers and the struggles as well.

Hester, Wilhelm. "Wilhelm Hester Photographs." Digital collections. University of Washington. 10 Feb 2009  
<<http://content.lib.washington.edu/hesterweb/indec.htm>>.

From 1893 to 1906 Hester took over 1200 photographs showing the lives and times of maritime workers both in the Seattle and Tacoma area. In the University of Washington's database you can access many of his historical photos. In his photos Hester depicted life as a maritime worker, as well as the beauty of the ships, and the Pacific Northwest. These photos show you conditions of the workers that can not be depicted by writing alone. This is a first hand account of what life as a port workers was like in the over a century ago.

Johnson, Bruce. "First Woman Longshoring Here." The News Tribune 28 Apr. 1978, C3.

This article reflects a long going struggle for women working on the waterfront. Beulah Smith signed her contract on April 27, 1978 as the first woman longshoreman. She is considered an "extra" as Johnson puts it, at the Port of Tacoma. Johnson also gets the men side of the story saying "this is the first time a woman has worked on the cargo docks here. some of them don't particularly like a woman coming aboard." This article reflects a big step for women working on the waterfront.

\_\_\_\_\_. "Longshoremen re-enter land deal, call O'Malley." The News Tribune 11 Dec. 1981, C3.

The Local 23 union concludes negotiations whether or not to build a dispatch hall on land that would be deeded to the union by the Port of Tacoma. The article goes in to details about the negotiations including O'Malley's apology

for some of his statements directed towards the Port of Tacoma. "O'Malley said he regretted making the allegation and said he considers Tacoma longshoremen to be honorable, hard-working people who have helped attract business to the ports."

\_\_\_\_\_. "Tacoma Clerks File Supercargo Suit." The News Tribune 19 July 1978, C4.

Forty-three Tacoma Longshore clerks filed a class action lawsuit in the federal court system. The clerk's accused the Seattle union of monopolizing supercargo work in Tacoma. Which means the Seattle Union won't let any of the Tacoma Union Member to be "cargo-stowage supervisors" on any of the Tacoma bond ships. Johnson states that a victory from Tacoma "will create more work for 'B' men (partially registered longshoremen) and 'casuals' (non-registered dock workers).

Magden, Ronald, and Martinson, A. D. The Working Waterfront: The Story of Tacoma's Ships and Men. Tacoma: Port of Tacoma-municipal corp, 1982.

This selection explains the beginnings of the port system. Magden give details about 'Origins of the Port of Tacoma' and "the Coming of the Longshoremen." Giving details and important dates about when and how the Tacoma port system came to be. Published in Tacoma in the 1980's I see it a valuable read for understanding the port system, its importance and its origins.

Magden, Ronald. History of Seattle Waterfront Workers: 1884-1934. Seattle, Trade Printery.

This book gives a complete summary of the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union 19 of Seattle. This Book shows the struggles of being

in a union at the turn of the century well into the Great Depression. This book also gives vivid pictures of the struggles, including a longshoremen getting arrested for trespassing while picketing on strike. The count by count experiences are recorded in this book giving it a sense of reality that isn't seen in many of the other books.

Maharry, Mike. "Discrimination on the Docks." The News Tribune 2 Feb. 1997: G1-G2.

This article continues a long struggles with the lack of diversity on the ports in Washington. It provides details about Kayle Thompson victory in her claim to the union on discrimination. This article gives demographics of the Local Union 23, including race/national origin and sex. These demographics "includes all 444 'a-registered' members of the local's Longshore Division, 102 Ports of Tacoma Workers and 12 workers at the port's south Intermodal Yard."

Markholt, Otilie. Maritime Solidarity: Pacific Coast Unionism. Tacoma, WA: Pacific Coast Maritime Committee, 1998.

Markholt focus mostly on the Pacific coast not just the northwest. It does give great details on the unionism of the Pacific coast through the years of the Great Depression from 1929 to 1938. This selection goes in-depth with all things to do with unionizing from strikes to how the New Deal affected the waterfront. Chapter 2 the "fink hall years: longshoremen" gives insight on the conditions as well as statistics on how the union came to be.

Morgan, Murray. Industrial Tacoma, "Washington Then and now" Washington State History Museum, January 24, 2009.

At the Washington State History Museum, I found it interesting to see Washington in the past about the late 19<sup>th</sup> century right beside the present. Relating to the longshoremen, this picture caught my eye. The picture was of the port area in or around the late 19<sup>th</sup> century and one taken in present time. These photographs where two every different scene, one developed and look of a prosperous port and another one while still looked prosperous no where near where we have become.

Morrison, Stanley. "Workmen's Compensation and the Maritime Law." The Yale Law Journal 38.4 (1929): 472-502.

This Article steams from the then up and coming case of Southern Pacific Co. v. Jensen; which discusses the relief and workmen's compensation for maritime workers. This case has an affect on the rest of the states to pass maritime compensation laws. The article goes in to detail about the background of maritime workers to help understand the importance of this new legislation. It is a good background on how workers compensation came about to this dangerous felid of work.

Rodes, Robert. "Workmen's Compensation for Maritime Employees: Obscurity in the Twilight Zone." Harvard Law Review 68, 4 (1995): 637-657.

In this selection the debate went on about workmen's compensation for maritime workers. Discussing the Supreme Court case Southern Pac. v. Jensen. In this landmark case the question was "whether the widow of a longshoreman who forgot to duck as he backed his truck into a hatchway in the side of the docked ship could recover under the state's Workmen's Compensation Laws. The author explains that the Supreme Court does rule in favor of Jensen. Other state follow this example and made laws to compensate maritime workers.

Seeman, Albert. "Seattle as a Port City." Economic Geography 11 (1935): 20-32.

This article published in the early part of the century debates whether or not Seattle will become a successful port city. Seeman is slightly biased in his article, doubtful that Seattle will make it, because of the population size of the city then. But he does give Seattle hope, expressing that the geographic location and easy waterway access will be the perfect location for a gateway to the other side of the world.

Ship Building in the Hall of History. Washington State History Museum:  
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At the Washington State History Museum I found that the exhibit on ship building on the port stressed valuable historical importance to the longshoremen. Not only did many of the ships that were built on the port be later used to import and export goods which gave the longshoreman work. I suspect many of the longshoremen or their families got started working on the port ship building, also that the union parties would at one time be adjoined.

To Live In Dignity Pierce County Labor, 1883-1989. Tacoma, WA: Pierce County Labor Centennial Committee, 1989.

Produced by the Pierce County Labor Centennial Committee this selection touches on just about every labor union created between: 1883-1989. Chapter by chapter this publication describes each labor union, giving each of the local chapter of whatever union title and specific number. It also goes in detail about early Tacoma with great illustrations. It focuses on Tacoma longshore unionism giving great details, including dates, times and illustrations of the



time. It is a great way to see how longshoremen's trade has changed the late 19<sup>th</sup> century through about 20 years ago.

"To Tacoma Longshoremen." The News Tribune 30 June 1941.

This is a persuasive letter to all longshoremen on The News Tribune. The writer wages all locals to band together and join the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union. The author writes to affect the upcoming election, referring to the opposition's propaganda and the benefits of his side.

Winkler, Pat. "Along Tacoma's Waterfront: Nations Only Woman Dispatcher for Longshore Foremen" The Tacoma New Turbine 30 Dec. 1962, A-8.

This article marks the beginning of a long struggle for women wanting to work on the waterfront. The writer reflects that Laura Hyde is the first women to work as a dispatcher for longshoremen foremen. Laura many not be the first women to work on the waterfront, but she is getting recognized in this article for working directly with the Foremen on the port.