

DR. BEN LEWIS REITMAN

Dr. Ben Lewis Reitman was born in St. Paul, Minnesota, January 1, 1879, and raised in the predominately Irish and Negro slum district of Chicago, Illinois. As a young boy, Ben was forced to find scrap to sell to the junk man for ready cash, to run errands for prostitutes and pimps to the saloons which provided free lunches to fill his empty belly, and to use the boxcars in the railroad yards for play. It was here Ben met hobos who told alluring tales of tramping from city to city. "Sheeny Ben", a nickname given to him by the neighborhood children, was impressed by their stories. Consequently, at the age of 10, he quit school to become a hobo. As he climbed aboard a train heading east, he met Ohio Skip, Cincinnati Slim, and others who taught the "Chi Kid" the methods of panhandling and riding the rails.<sup>1</sup>

Reitman was greatly influenced by the railroad chapel ministers whose philosophy and religion were based on the idea of love and service to mankind.

The dominant idea in my life has not been to accumulate wealth, nor was it ever to be a great doctor, but to rid the world of poverty. I always had the soul of a philanthropist the mind and heart of a humanitarian but the methods of a soap boxer....I am a propagandist by nature, a teacher by inclination, a religious man by tradition.<sup>2</sup>

He became a member of the Baptist Church; he taught Sunday School; and he always carried a Bible.<sup>3</sup>

As he tramped throughout the East, Reitman would periodically return to Chicago to see his mother and to work at the Cook Remedy Company as an office boy. Mr. Farnsworth, the manager, and his wife befriended him. They encouraged Ben to attend lectures and the YMCA night school and to read books.

During one of his tramping expeditions to the South, Reitman became a fireman aboard the British steamship Tresco which was sailing for Europe and the Middle East. For the first time, he could not escape from strenuous physical labor. "I made a speedy recovery, physically and mentally, and, as I have done all my life, set about to enjoy life, and make the best out of my unpleasant situation." After eleven months at sea as a fireman and later as a coal-passer, Ben panhandled American tourists and sailors for his passage to New York.<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>1</sup>Ben L. Reitman, "Following the Monkey" - autobiographical manuscript, n. d., p. 18.

<sup>2</sup>Ibid., p. 44.

<sup>3</sup>Ibid., pp. 48-46.

<sup>4</sup>Ibid., p. 111-130.

Subsequently, he tramped to Chicago to look for work. He was hired by the Polyclinic Laboratory as a laboratory boy to Dr. Maximilian Herzog, pioneer pathologist and bacteriologist. Dr. Herzog was impressed by the young man's deep interest in medical research and he encouraged him to study English, languages, mathematics, and history in order to prepare himself for the entrance examination into medical college. It was not until the spring of 1900 that Dr. Leo Loeb, a pioneer in cancer research, arranged for Ben Reitman's entry into the College of Physicians and Surgeons in Chicago. Dr. Ferdinand Hermoten, a gynecologist at the Polyclinic Laboratory, wrote this recommendation.

Ben Reitman has been an assistant in the Polyclinic Laboratory for several years. He has done very fine work, and gives great promise as an original investigator and physician. I am sure that anything that he lacks in elemental education, he will make up in zeal and native ability. I urge you to accept him as a medical student.<sup>5</sup>

Ben Reitman became a medical student in October of 1900.

After completing his freshman year, Ben married May Schwartz, July 4, 1901. The young couple then sailed for eastern Europe. Several months later Reitman returned to Chicago to start his second year at medical school and his wife remained in Prague studying music. During his absence a daughter Helen was born. At the end of the school year, Ben returned to Europe and made arrangements for his wife and child to come to America. The Reitmans were divorced in 1905.<sup>6</sup>

Ben Reitman graduated from medical school, May 4, 1904, passed the Illinois State Board of Health examination to obtain his license, and opened his medical office on Chicago's South Side. In the fall of 1904, he taught pathology and bacteriology at Chicago Veterinary College and Chicago College of Dental Surgery; and hygiene and public health at American College of Medicine and Surgery; and hygiene at Chicago Nurses' School.<sup>7</sup>

To break from the routine and restrictions of private practice and teaching, Reitman would periodically close his office and climb aboard a box-car. He again tramped through Europe; headed West and encountered the San Francisco earthquake in 1906; tramped through the southwest; and served as a doctor to a railroad gang in Mexico. As he was returning from one of his expeditions, he stopped off at St. Louis to see friends and became interested in the Brotherhood Welfare Association, more commonly known as the Hobo College. The leaders of this organization delegated Reitman to open a Chicago

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<sup>5</sup>Ibid., p. 133.

<sup>6</sup>Ibid., p. 143.

<sup>7</sup>Ibid., pp. 163-164.

branch. As director of the Brotherhood Welfare Association, he invited all social outcasts to dine at one of the finest hotels and he initiated an investigation of social agencies and reported on their refusal to aid the hobos.<sup>8</sup>

Besides his interest in the welfare of the hobos, Reitman championed the cause of the unemployed workers of Chicago. On January 23, 1907, Ben Reitman led the unemployed workers' parade; he was arrested, tried, and acquitted. "The day of the parade Chicago looked like an armed city. Many unemployed were clubbed by the order of Chief of Police Shippy." This event brought him notoriety and acceptance among the radicals; the newspapers made him a hero and a philanthropist.<sup>9</sup>

The Police Commissioner and other city officials were frightened by the alliances the unemployed workers had made with socialists, Industrial Workers of the World, communists, and anarchists. Fearful that agitation would destroy the calm of the city when the anarchist Emma Goldman was invited to speak in Chicago, Shippy prevented the anarchists from renting a hall. His tactic was successful until Reitman secretly offered the anarchists the facilities of the hobo hall. When Emma Goldman personally accepted this offer, she and Reitman met for the first time. It was the beginning of a long intellectual and amorous friendship.<sup>10</sup>

Prior to meeting Emma Goldman and her associates, I thought there was only one force in the world to make men good and to improve conditions, and that was religion. After I became acquainted with Emma Goldman, anarchism and social philosophies, religion had a new meaning for me.<sup>11</sup>

...I had to admit to myself that it was his intense attraction to me. From the moment he had first entered Yampolshy's office, I had been profoundly stirred by him. Our being much together since had strengthened his physical appeal for me. I was aware that he also had been aroused; he had shown it in every look, and one day he had suddenly seized me in an effort to embrace me. I had resented his presumption, though his touch had thrilled me. In the quiet of the night, alone with my thoughts, I

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<sup>8</sup>Ibid., pp. 165-185.

<sup>9</sup>Ben L. Reitman, "The Free Speech Fight," Mother Earth Bulletin, V, No. 1 (March, 1910), 24.

<sup>10</sup>Ibid.

<sup>11</sup>Reitman, "Following the Monkey", p. 257.

became aware of a growing passion for the wild-looking handsome creature, whose hands exerted such fascination.<sup>12</sup>

As her constant companion and manager, Reitman arranged for the rental of halls, distributed and sold anarchist literature, wrote articles and delivered speeches on free speech, birth control, conscription, police brutality, and at times, edited and managed the affairs of Mother Earth, the anarchist bulletin. For the next ten years, life with Emma Goldman was never dull or monotonous and Reitman shared her triumphs as well as her failures.<sup>13</sup>

In San Diego, the anarchists were engaged in a bitter struggle to secure their right of free speech. They asked Emma Goldman to help them. The citizens of San Diego, aroused against the anarchists by area newspapers, prohibited Emma Goldman from speaking. At the same time "The Respectable Mob" kidnapped Ben Reitman. He was forcefully taken to a remote area, stripped naked, tarred and feathered, ridiculed and humiliated, and then sent home to Miss Goldman who, by invitation, had already left town.

At first I refused to kiss the American flag. I was knocked down and compelled to kiss the flag which I had been taught to love in my boyhood days. Once I joyfully sang "My Country 'Tis of Thee, Sweet Land of Liberty." Twenty-five years ago I was thrilled when I took part in a chorus which sang, "Oh, the Star Spangled Banner, long may it wave." Now when I hear those songs I want to weep; to me they are hollow mockery, covering all the sins and crimes of a cowardly nation. I was taught to loathe my native flag, not by Anarchists, or by ignorant foreigners, but by law-abiding, respectable business men.

Our San Diego experience not only burned industrial unionism into my flesh, but also engraved on my heart and soul that this is a country of the master class, and that the latter controls free speech.<sup>14</sup>

Freedom of speech was further curtailed as anarchists began to preach birth control and to distribute its literature. Reitman was arrested, tried, and imprisoned in New York; he was arrested in Portland, Oregon, and freed; and he was arrested, tried, and convicted in Cleveland, Ohio, receiving a

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<sup>12</sup>Emma Goldman, Living My Life (New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 1931), I, p. 417.

<sup>13</sup>Ben L. Reitman, "Three Years," Mother Earth Bulletin, VI, No. 3 (May, 1911), 84-89.

<sup>14</sup>Ben L. Reitman, "The Respectable Mob," Mother Earth Bulletin, VII, No. 4 (June, 1912), 109, 112.

sentence of six months and a fine of \$1,000 plus costs.

...While I do not object to going to jail, I believe that jails never help anyone and do not act as a deterrent and only make people more anti-social and less willing to be good citizens. I happen to be an American citizen. I am a physician. I spent the last ten years of my life in the various social movements which I thought would help do away with disease, poverty and ignorance. I think it is my pleasure to know most of the worthwhile social propagandists in America, and I am convinced with them that Birth Control is the only propaganda which gives evidence of reaching a rapid and satisfactory solution....Birth Control is the new religion, the new hope, it's something that the people can work for, can go to jail for, can die for....<sup>15</sup>

Ben Reitman's participation in the anarchist movement waned as Emma Goldman and others began to strongly oppose the selective service system.

...Ben was one of the few; he had dedicated himself completely to my interests. Emotionalism had guided his passion as it had his life....Erotically Ben and I were of the same earth, but in a cultural sense we were separated by centuries of time. With him social impulses, sympathy with mankind, ideas, and ideals were moods of the movement, and as fleeting. He had no means of sensing basic verities or inner need to convert them into his own....The eternal struggle of man was rooted within me. That made the abyss between us.<sup>16</sup>

While in prison Emma Goldman emotionally and passionately broke away from Reitman. "Neither love nor hate. Only a new friendliness and a clearer appreciation of what the man had given me."<sup>17</sup> Emma Goldman was deported from the United States in 1919.

Meanwhile, Reitman had married Anna Martindale in 1917 and they moved to Chicago. Prior to re-establishing his medical practice, Reitman was summoned by the Cleveland authorities to begin serving his six months sentence for distributing birth control literature and advising other people not to have children. While in prison he wrote to his son Ben "Brutus" Martindale Reitman born February 22, 1918.

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<sup>15</sup>Ben L. Reitman, "Ben L. Reitman Before the Bar," Mother Earth Bulletin, XL, No. 4 (June, 1916), 514-515.

<sup>16</sup>Goldman, pp. 694-695.

<sup>17</sup>Ibid.

...My boy, I am glad you are on earth. I wanted you, your Mother and I hoped and planned for you--you were welcome. Son, I never realized a child could mean so much to a man--here am I in jail away from home, my family and my work, amid sordid and unpleasant surroundings, yet I have a peace and joy I never knew before. It is the consciousness that I have a welcome son and a wonderful wife...Your Father loved life and lived life. I hope you will love men and women and have as much joy from loving as I did, and even more. I trust, my lad, that you will have a greater desire and more ability to serve Mankind than I have. Your Father loved people and wanted them to be happy, well and free, and he did his best with the light he had to build a world where you and all children would not have to see misery, poverty, tyranny, wars and ignorance. Little Ben, I wish for you a beautiful, big life. I hope you will love people, all kinds--that you will especially love poor people, the tramps, the criminals and the outcasts--men whom your Father devoted most of his life to....<sup>18</sup>

In addition, Reitman wrote sketches of prisoners and social outcasts titled "Outcast Narratives." The remaining five hundred dollars of his fine was paid by Rose Seigel, a devoted friend.<sup>19</sup>

Ben Reitman returned to Chicago and once again opened his medical office where his clientele consisted of prostitutes, pimps, gangsters, racketeers, and others. To augment his income, he was employed by the Chicago Department of Health as a small-pox vaccinator assigned to the Chicago House of Correction's venereal disease clinic.<sup>20</sup>

With the aid of other public health officials and doctors, Reitman established the first venereal disease clinic at the Cook County Jail, 1924. As a specialist in the treatment of venereal disease, he advocated a program of control which would authorize compulsory hospitalization for infected prostitutes and which would permit the use of venereal prophylaxis.

I have lived a rich life and I have managed to get close to people. I have tried with all my mind and strength to understand social problems as they re-

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<sup>18</sup>Ben L. Reitman Papers - Birth Control - correspondence and statement, 1914 - May, 1918.

<sup>19</sup>Reitman, "Following the Monkey," p. 392.

<sup>20</sup>Ibid., pp. 371-374.

late to outcasts and medical problems as they relate to venereal disease. Venereal prophylaxis should prevent venereal diseases.<sup>21</sup>

In addition, he was director of the Chicago Society for the Prevention of Venereal Disease; a member of the American Social Hygiene Society and the Illinois Social Hygiene League; and professor of social health and hygiene at Chicago College of Medicine and Surgery.

He was also chairman and press agent of the radical, literary, Bohemian Dill Pickle Club of Chicago; and he was founder and director of the Hobo College. It was here his daughter Helen listened to him lecture and she wrote a critique of it for the Chicago Herald-Examiner, July 28, 1923.

The somewhat cynical and arrogant man whom I had disliked so heartily when I was a youngster, I found to be older, fatter, more grizzled, yet somehow mellowed, and fitting admirably into the atmosphere which the hazy room and the shabby audience lent to the place.... Above any effect which might have been gained by clothes or shaves, however, was the personality of the man. Vivid, alive, awake, tremendous in effort upon the men he talked to, sure of himself and of what he said, maintaining the utmost poise and remaining absolutely master of the situation, he talked uninterruptedly, impervious to the exclamations, the oaths of assent or disapproval which occasionally broke forth from the men he addressed.<sup>22</sup>

Ben befriended his daughter and invited her to live with his family while she attended Northwestern University.

In November of 1924, the management of the Grandville Hotel of Chicago was given to Reitman by vice syndicate leaders who were nicknamed the four horsemen. For one month the hotel served as a haven for hobos. However, complaints from the neighborhood people to city officials forced the landlord to sue for possession of the hotel.<sup>23</sup>

During the late twenties and early thirties, Reitman wrote extensively. His autobiography "Following the Monkey" which was edited by Nels Anderson, sociologist, was rejected by Vanguard in 1933. In 1931 The Second Oldest Profession was published. This book explained the pimps relationship to prostitutes. The cause of unemployment was explored in his article titled

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<sup>21</sup>Ibid., p. 414.

<sup>22</sup>Ibid., pp. 144-145.

<sup>23</sup>Ibid., pp. 417-427.

"Is a Revolution Necessary to Solve the Unemployment Problem?" and published in the periodical Earth, February, 1931. In 1937 Sheridan House published Sister of the Road: The Autobiography of Box-Car Bertha as told to Dr. Ben L. Reitman.

After his second wife died in 1930, Reitman married Rose Siegel. This marriage ended when Mrs. Reitman departed for New York. The Reitmans were never divorced. Ben Reitman then lived with Medina Oliver. They had four daughters, Mecca, Medina, Victoria, and Olive. Dr. Ben Lewis Reitman died at the age of sixty-three on November 17, 1942. He was buried in Waldheim Cemetery a few feet from the Haymarket Square monument and the unmarked grave of Emma Goldman who had died in 1940.

The original accession of the Dr. Ben Lewis Reitman Papers was acquired through the auspices of Richard R. Seidel, Acquisitions Librarian, and Mary Lynn McCree, Manuscript Librarian. These papers were deposited at the University of Illinois Library at Chicago Circle Campus, February, 1969, with no known restrictions.

The unarranged papers covering 2 feet were placed in alphabetical order by the cataloger and divided into two categories. Material in the first division consists of correspondence, clippings, articles, statements, reports, notes, cartoons, lists, speeches, cards, programs, and photographs pertaining to birth control; female transients, 1934; venereal disease; World War I; Emma Goldman; hobos; Flop House Committee of Action; pimps and prostitutes; Sister of the Road-Box-Car Bertha; Boys' Brotherhood Republic; anarchism; prisoners; illegitimacy, Chicago, 1928-1933; juvenile delinquency; Lucy Parsons; and Shelter House Men and Alcohol.

The papers of the first category are filed under the following titles:

1. American By Comparison - article  
n. d.
2. Birth Control - correspondence and statement  
1914 - May, 1918
3. Boy's Brotherhood Republic - correspondence  
October - November, 1942
4. Chicago [Illinois] Society for the Prevention of Venereal Disease -  
correspondence and reports  
March, 1937 - November, 1942
5. Clippings - miscellaneous  
October, 1931 - November, 1942
6. Correspondence - miscellaneous  
September, 1908 - November, 1942
7. Correspondence - personal - miscellaneous  
~~December, 1914;~~ ~~July, 1931;~~ July, 1931 - May, 1951
8. Correspondence with Ben Reitman - miscellaneous  
July, 1908 - November, 1942

9. English, May - correspondence<sup>27</sup>  
December, 1934 - March, 1933
10. Flop House Committee of Action - statements  
n. d.
11. Following the Monkey - autobiographical manuscript  
n. d.
12. Following the Monkey - autobiographical manuscript  
n. d.
13. Following the Monkey - autobiographical manuscript  
n. d.
14. Goldman, Emma - correspondence from - general  
July, 1908 - December, 1909
15. Goldman, Emma - correspondence from - general  
June - December, 1910
16. Goldman, Emma - correspondence from - general  
July, 1911
17. Goldman, Emma - correspondence from - general  
January - September, 1912
18. Goldman, Emma - correspondence from - general  
February - October, 1914
19. Goldman, Emma - correspondence from - general  
May, 1919 - March, 1930
20. Goldman, Emma - correspondence from - general  
n. d.
21. Goldman, Emma - correspondence with - miscellaneous  
January, 1912 - January, 1930
22. Goldman, Emma - San Diego [California] Incident - article  
May, 1912
23. Grossman, Sam - correspondence  
August, 1941
24. Hobo, The - cartoons and sketch  
n. d.
25. Illegitimate Births [1928-1933] - list  
April, 1934
26. Juvenile Delinquency - speech  
October, 1942
27. Keaton, George - statement  
March, 1934
28. Miscellaneous File - cards and programs  
July, 1909 - 1941
29. Oberman, Le Roy L. - correspondence and speech  
February, 1932 - April, 1934
30. Pabst Pharmaceutical Company - correspondence and report  
December, 1941 - January, 1942
31. Parsons, Lucy - correspondence  
July - August, 1942 See also Supplement 1, 2, Supplement F17
32. Personal File - cards and report - miscellaneous  
1906 - October, 1942
33. Photographs - family  
~~1906~~ 1908 [1942]
34. Photographs - friends  
May, 1907 - 1942

35. Pimps and Prostitutes, The - statement  
n. d.
36. Poems - miscellaneous  
June, 1920 - August, 1941
37. Rothermel, A. Jack - correspondence  
January, 1933 - March, 1934
38. [The] SHM [Shelter House Men] and Alcohol - article  
March, 1934
39. Sisters of the Road - manuscript [partial]  
October, 1934 - October, 1942
40. Transients - Female - correspondence and lists  
April - October, 1934
41. Transients - New York City [New York] - reports  
April - August, 1934
42. War - reason for - statement  
n. d.

Material in the second category consists of published material pertaining to the anarchist movement; voting; Russian Revolution, 1917; sex education and censorship; and female transients.

The papers of the second division are filed under the following titles:

43. Goldman, Emma - articles  
November, 1908 - December, 1919
44. Sister of the Road - broadsides (oversize)  
n. d.
45. Freedom - voting - leaflet  
n. d.
46. International Group [Anarchists] of San Francisco - Man - newspaper  
April, 1933
47. Schroeder, Theodore - Sex Censors - pamphlet  
1938
48. National Committee on Care of Transient and Homeless and Department of Welfare, Harrisburg, Penn. - report  
May, 1963

*Mary Ann Bamberger*  
*October, 1971*

DR. BEN LEWIS REITMAN

SUPPLEMENT I

The papers of Supplement I complemented the first segment of the Reitman Papers already on deposit at the University of Illinois Library. The value of this material lies in the correspondence relating to Reitman's life from 1930 to 1942. These papers comprising .5 ft. were deposited by Medina Reitman Gross, Victoria Reitman Kapp and Mecca Reitman Carpenter on April 14, 1971 and June 6, 1971 with no known restrictions.

The unarranged material was labeled and placed in alphabetical order. The research paper for rhetoric 102 was found in the University Archives. It contains references to newspaper sources which would be of interest to researchers. This material consisting of correspondence, clippings, legal documents, and poems pertains to unemployment, tramps, socialism and communism, mental institutions, venereal disease, anarchy, Emma Goldman, Jewish Charities, Lucy Parsons and Alexander Berkman.

The folders of the Dr. Ben Lewis Reitman Papers - Supplement I are filed under the following titles:

1. Biographical Data - clippings and legal documents  
August, 1931 - November, 1942
2. "Christian World" - manuscript  
n. d.
3. Correspondence - Family - general  
February, 1918 - November, 1942
4. Correspondence - Friends - miscellaneous  
June, 1910 - October, 1942
5. Correspondence - Retta Toble  
June, 1931 - June, 1934
6. "Doctor of the Downtrodden - The Reitman Story" - research paper  
December, 1951
7. Poems - miscellaneous  
n. d.
8. Writings: "Is a Revolution Necessary To Solve the Unemployment Problem?"  
February, 1931
9. Writings: "Outcast Narratives"  
n. d.

DR. BEN LEWIS REITMAN  
SUPPLEMENT II

The Ben L. Reitman Papers - Supplement II focus in on the personal relationship between Ben Reitman and Emma Goldman, the anarchist, Goldman describes her personal feelings for Reitman in over 400 letters, and on occasion, refers to anarchist activities and colleagues. The bulk of the letters date from 1908 to 1917 with some of them being written after Emma Goldman was deported in 1919 from the United States. The latter letters came from various parts of Europe in the 1920s and from Canada in 1939 and 1940. The Emma Goldman letters are in a fragile state; photocopies and transcriptions of handwritten letters are available for research use.

Reitman's work with hoboes and the unemployed of Chicago (ca. 1907 - 1920s) can be found in materials on the Brotherhood Welfare Association, the Hobo College, the Dill Pickle Club, the Chicago Society For the Prevention of Veneral Disease, and Jas. Eds How, the millionaire hobo. In the 1930s Reitman worked for the Chicago Board of Health. His efforts in establishing a city-wide program to prevent the spread of veneral disease are detailed in his reports on the Chicago Syphillis Control Program. Within this collection there is also information on tramps and railroads, charities and social settlements in Chicago, including Hull-House, the Kapustka Literary Foundation and the Chicago House of Corrections.

Correspondence with noted persons is included too. They are Leonard D. Abbott, Nels Anderson, editor of Reitman's unpublished autobiography "Following the Monkey", Jacob S. Coxey, Dr. Frederick A. Cook, and Jessie Binford, the executive director of the Juvenile Protective Association. Those individuals associated with anarchism and other political and social causes include Lucy Parsons, Theodore Schroeder, Alexander Berkman, Hutchins Hapgood, Sadakichi Hartmann, Heinrich Hauser, Hippolyte Havel, Clemant Wood, and M. Eleanor Fitzgerald also known as Lioness.

Supplement II of the Reitman papers consist of correspondence reports, telegrams, printed programs, leaflets, newspaper clippings, speeches, statements, photographs, fliers, certificates, resolutions, publications, and a cloth chart. The collection was donated to the University Library at the University of Illinois at Chicago Circle by Mrs. Dorothy Reitman the wife of Reitman's son Brutus on February 2, 1972 (Accession # 72-8) with no known restrictions.

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Dr. Ben Lewis Reitman Papers - Supplement II

Reitman, Ben Lewis, 1879 - 1942  
Papers - Suppl. II, 1907 - 1942  
13.5 ln. ft. + oversize items

Hobo, field manager for Emma Goldman from 1908 to 1917,  
and Chicago venereologist, 1919 to 1942.

Correspondence, reports, telegrams, printed programs, leaflets, speeches, photographs, newspaper clippings, statements, fliers, publications, certificates, resolutions, and a cloth chart. These papers pertain to Reitman's work with hoboes and the unemployed, his personal relationship with Emma Goldman who wrote more than 400 letters to Reitman, and his efforts in establishing a city-wide program to prevent the spread of venereal disease in Chicago. Information on tramps and railroads, charities and social settlements in Chicago, including Hull-House, the Kapustka Literary Foundation, and the Chicago House of Corrections can be found in these papers. Noted correspondents include Leonard Abbott, Neis Anderson, Jacob S. Coxey, Dr. Frederick Cook, Lucy Parsons, Theodore Schroeder, Alexander Berkman, Hutchins Hapgood, Sadakichi Hartmann, Heinrich Hansen, Hippolyte Havel and Eleanor Fitzgerald also known as Lioness.

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Subject tracings

1. Gertz, Elmer, 1906 -
2. Goldman, Emma, 1869 - 1940
3. Schroeder, Theodore, 1864 - 1953

Dr. Ben Lewis Reitman Papers - Supplement II

Subject Tracings

1. Anarchism and Anarchists
2. Brotherhood Welfare Association, Chicago
3. Chicago Board of Health
4. Chicago - Charities
5. Chicago House of Correction
6. Chicago Society For the Prevention of Venereal Disease
7. Chicago Syphilis Control Program
8. Dill Pickle Club, Chicago
9. Goldman, Emma, 1869 - 1940
10. Hobo College, Chicago
11. Hull-House, Chicago
12. Kapustka Literary Foundation, Chicago
13. Parsons, Lucy
14. Railroads - U.S.
15. Social Settlements, Chicago
16. Tramps
17. Unemployed - Chicago
18. Venereal Diseases - Prevention - Chicago

The unarranged labeled folders are in alphabetical order and folders marked with an asterick were created by the archivist.

The Dr. Ben Lewis Reitman Papers - Supplement II are filed under the following titles:

1. Abbott, Leonard D. - correspondence  
June, 1940 - August, 1942
2. "Anarchism and the Bible" - article  
n.d.
3. Anderson, Nels - correspondence  
October - November, 1940
4. Artists and Writers Club - correspondence  
January - November, 1938
5. Berkman, Alexander - correspondence and pamphlets  
January, 1909 - July, 1936
6. Blumer, Herbert - correspondence  
November, 1938 - February, 1942
7. Brotherhood Welfare Association - reports  
April - October, 1907
8. Ibid.  
January - March, 1908
9. Ibid.  
n.d.
10. Ibid.  
n.d.
11. IBID.  
n.d.
12. Carroll County Land - correspondence and statements  
1937 - December, 1939
13. Chicago Academy of Criminology - correspondence  
1938 - September, 1940
14. Chicago Relief Administration - correspondence  
February, 1935 - April, 1940
15. Chicago Society For the Prevention of Venereal Disease -  
correspondence  
July, 1937 - December, 1938
16. Ibid.  
January, 1939 - September, 1941

17. Chicago Syphilis Control Program - annual report  
July, 1938 - June, 1939
18. Ibid.  
July, 1939 - June, 1940
19. Chicago Syphilis Control Program - reports  
1926 - July, 1937
20. Ibid.  
June - December, 1938
21. Ibid.  
January - October, 1939
22. Ibid.  
January, 1940

Folders 23-59 contain the Venereal Disease reports of the Chicago Syphilis Control program. These reports were transcribed. The original reports are in folders preceding the transcripts; the latter of which is the use copy.

23. Chicago syphilis Control Program - VD reports  
March - August, 1937
24. Ibid.  
August - September, 1937
25. Ibid.  
September, 1937
26. Ibid.  
September - October, 1937
27. Ibid.  
October, 1937
28. Ibid.
29. Ibid.  
November, 1937
30. Ibid.  
1937
31. Ibid.  
December, 1937
32. Ibid.

33. Chicago Syphilis Control Program - VD reports  
December, 1937 - January, 1938
34. Ibid.  
January, 1938
35. Ibid.
36. Ibid.
37. Ibid.
38. Ibid.  
February, 1938
39. Ibid.
40. Ibid.
41. Ibid.
42. Ibid.  
March, 1938
43. Ibid.
44. Ibid.
45. Ibid.  
March - April, 1938
46. Ibid.  
April, 1938
47. Ibid.  
April - May, 1938
48. Ibid.  
May, 1938
49. Ibid.
50. Ibid.

51. Chicago Syphilis Control Program - VD reports  
June, 1938
52. Ibid.  
June - July, 1938
53. Ibid.  
July - August, 1938
54. Ibid.  
August, 1938
55. Ibid.
56. Ibid.  
August - September, 1938
57. Ibid.  
September, 1938
58. Ibid.  
September - October, 1938
59. Ibid.  
October, 1938
60. Citizens Committee For Adequate Medical Care - minutes of  
meetings  
November, 1938 - March, 1939
61. Civilian Conservation Corps - correspondence  
October - December, 1938
62. Clippings - miscellaneous  
April, 1907 - March, 1938
63. Ibid.  
January, 1939 - April, 1941
64. Cook, Dr. Frederick A. - correspondence  
June, 1939 - August, 1940
65. Correspondence - Family  
December, 1910 - December, 1938
66. Ibid.  
January - December, 1939
67. Ibid.  
January - November, 1940
68. Correspondence - Family  
January - December, 1941

69. Ibid.  
January - October, 1942
70. Correspondence - Friends  
August, 1907 - September, 1935
71. Ibid.  
May, 1936 - December, 1938
72. Ibid.  
January - April, 1939
73. Ibid.  
May - September, 1939
74. Ibid.  
October, 1939 - January, 1940
75. Ibid.  
February - August, 1940
76. Ibid.  
September - December, 1940
77. Ibid.  
January - April, 1941
78. Ibid.  
May - September, 1941
79. Ibid.  
October - December, 1941
80. Ibid.  
January - August, 1942
81. Ibid.  
n.d.
82. Correspondence - Prisoners  
March - December, 1938
83. Ibid.  
January - June, 1939
84. Ibid.  
July, 1939 - July, 1942
85. Correspondence - Publishers  
April, 1935 - April, 1942
86. Coxey, Jacob S. - correspondence  
1935 - January, 1942

- 87. \*Dill Pickle Club - program and statement  
March, 1932 - August, 1936
- 88. Dragstedt, A.W.  
n.d.
- 89. Ibid.  
n.d.
- 90. Ibid.  
n.d.
- 91. Dragstedt, A.W. - correspondence  
January, 1910 - December, 1940
- 92. Ibid.  
January, 1941 - January, 1942
- 93. Educational Tours - itineraries  
May, 1928 - March, 1940
- 94. Evans, Dr. William A. - correspondence  
July, 1938 - August, 1942
- 95. Gertz, Elmer - correspondence  
May, 1938 - August, 1942
- 96. Goldman, Emma - correspondence  
January, 1910 - December, 1914
- 97. Goldman, Emma - correspondence  
December, 1938 - June, 1940

Folders 98-147 contain correspondence from Emma Goldman to Ben Reitman. These handwritten letters were transcribed. The original letters are in folders preceding the transcripts; the latter of which is the use copy.

- 98. Goldman, Emma - correspondence  
{June} - September, 1908
- 99. Ibid.  
October - December, 1908
- 100. Ibid.  
January - May, 1909
- 101. Ibid.  
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- 102. Goldman, Emma - correspondence  
July - December, 1909

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103. Ibid.  
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104. Ibid.  
January - June, 1910
105. Ibid.  
July - August, 1910
106. Ibid.  
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107. Ibid.  
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108. Ibid.  
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109. Ibid.  
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110. Ibid.  
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111. Ibid.  
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112. Ibid.  
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113. IBID.  
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114. IBID.  
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115. IBID.  
August - December, 1912
116. Ibid.  
February - November, 1913
117. Ibid.  
{1911 - 1913}
118. Ibid.  
February, 1914
119. Ibid.  
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120. Goldman, Emma - correspondence  
March, 1914

- 121. Ibid. September, 1914
- 122. Ibid.
- 123. Ibid. October, 1914
- 124. Ibid.
- 125. Ibid. October, 1914
- 126. Ibid. December, 1914
- 127. Ibid. {1914}
- 128. Ibid. January - October, 1915
- 129. Ibid. 1926
- 130. Ibid. 1939
- 131. Ibid. 1940

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- 132. Ibid. n.d.
- 133. Ibid.
- 134. Ibid.
- 135. Ibid.
- 136. Ibid.
- 137. Goldman, Emma - correspondence  
n.d.

138. Ibid.
139. Ibid.
140. Ibid.
141. Ibid.
142. Ibid.
143. Ibid.
144. Ibid.
145. Ibid.
146. Ibid.
147. Ibid.
148. Goldman, Emma - "The Psychology of Violence"  
1911
149. Hapgood, Hutchins - correspondence  
March, 1939 - February, 1940
150. Hartmann, Sadakichi - correspondence  
January, 1915; September, 1938-February, 1942
151. Hauser, Heinrich - correspondence  
September, 1938 - July, 1942
152. Haymarket Square Commemoration - leaflets  
April, 1936 - November, 1937
153. Hobo College - correspondence  
n.d.
154. Hoboes - correspondence  
December, 1910 - April, 1941
155. Hobson, Julia - correspondence  
July, 1935 - January, 1941

156. Holmes, Wilson Trial Questionaire  
September, 1925
157. Hope, W.W. - "Night Song"  
n.d.
158. Job Correspondence  
October, 1938 - February, 1941
159. Kapustkan - correspondence  
1932 - February, 1941
160. Kapustkan - journal  
November, 1940 - February, 1941
161. Ibid.  
March - October, 1941
162. Lectures - correspondence and notes  
April, 1931 - September, 1942
163. Lecture - notes  
July, 1912
164. Lioness {M. Eleanor Fitzgerald} - correspondence  
February, 1914 - May, 1941
165. Mackowicz, Chester - correspondence  
August, 1938 - March, 1940
166. Marvin, Mary E. - poetry  
n.d.
167. Mexican Liberal Party Junta - leaflet  
July, 1911
168. Miscellany - notes  
n.d.
169. Mother Earth Bulletins  
May - December, 1917
170. Pabst Pharmaceutical Company, Inc. - proceedings  
November, 1934 - October, 1937
171. Parsons, Lucy - correspondence  
July, 1941 - March, 1942
172. Peoples Forum - program  
November, 1938
173. Personal Business - correspondence  
June, 1930 - February, 1941

174. Plebeian Forum - program  
September, 1938 - February, 1940
175. Reitman College for Vagrants - statements  
October, 1907
176. Robertson, John Dill - report  
{October, 1903}
177. San Francisco Earthquake - report  
1906
178. Sheridan, Jack - poems  
n.d.
179. Schroeder, Ted - correspondence and leaflets  
1932 - October, 1942
180. Seven Arts Club - correspondence  
May, 1931 - April, 1940
181. Socialist Workers Party - 4th International - fliers  
February, n.y.
182. Sunday, Billy - statement  
{n.d.}
183. Tullman, Dave - correspondence  
July, 1938 - October, 1941
184. Unemployed Workers - leaflets  
1934 - 1939
185. Venereal Disease Reports - Table of Contents  
January, 1937 - August, 1938
186. Weimans - Statements  
January, 1941
187. Wood, Clement - correspondence  
July - November, 1938
188. Writings: "A Budget of Chicago's Illicit Sex Requirements"  
1928
189. Writings: "An Apology for a Poem"  
March, 1942
190. Writings: "Civilization"  
September, 1910
191. Writings: "Five Years"  
{1912}

192. Writings: "Following the Monkey" - miscellaneous pieces  
July, 1925 - April, 1940
193. Writings: "The Ecology and Conquest of Syphilis" - Index  
n.d.
194. Writings: "How I Straightened Out"  
n.d.
195. Writings: "Emma Goldman"  
{1940}
196. Writings: "How the First Sixty-Three Years of Life  
Have Impressed An Anarchist"  
n.d.
197. Writings: "If I Wanted To Do That"  
n.d.
198. Writings: "The Old Hospital at the Presidio"  
n.d.
199. Writings: "Outcast Narratives"  
n.d.
200. Ibid.
201. Ibid.
202. Ibid.
203. Ibid.
204. Ibid.
205. Ibid.  
March, 1919
206. Writings: "Putting God and the Government Out of Business"  
February, 1941
207. Writings: "Reveries At Sixty"  
January, 1939
208. Writings: "The Second Oldest Profession"  
n.d.
209. Writings: "Sister of the Road" - publisher's circular  
n.d.

210. Writings: "The Son of a Bitch in Human Nature"  
n.d.

211. Writings: "Three Shades of Sex"  
March, 1932

212. Writings: "The Wanderings of a Widow"  
n.d.

213. Writings: "What I Believe in 1941"  
1941

214. Photographs  
n.d.

Oversize materials

215. Hobo News  
1937

216. Outcast Night - cloth chart and program  
November, 1910

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July 10, 1975

Dr. Ben Lewis Reitman  
Supplement III

Material in the Ben L. Reitman Papers - Supplement III came from three distinct sources. Section one includes photocopies of original letters at the Boston University Library written by Reitman to Emma Goldman from 1911 to 1914. Section two contains a photocopy of an unpublished manuscript written by Bruce Milton and Elmer Gertz entitled "Ben Reitman Tale". This manuscript is restricted and access to it is given only with the written permission of Elmer Gertz. Section three includes a reel of microfilm containing letters written by Ben Reitman to Theodore Schroeder from 1913 to 1942. The original correspondence is in Special Collections of the Morris Library at Southern Illinois University.

Supplement III of the Reitman papers consists of photocopies of correspondence, an unpublished manuscript and a reel of microfilm. Its footage is .5 linear feet. This material was obtained through the auspices of Mary Ann Bamberger, Assistant Special Collections Librarian, on May 19, 1972 (Accession #72-21), September 15, 1972 (Accession #72-42) and February 10, 1973 (Accession #73-7) and deposited in the University Library, University of Illinois at Chicago Circle on those respective dates with restrictions. The material in Supplement III cannot be reproduced without the written permission from the respective institutions and author, Elmer Gertz.

Copies of original material on deposit in other institutions are filed by section and then title:

Section one: Boston University Library

1. Reitman letters to Emma Goldman  
July, 1911
2. Ibid.  
July, 1912
3. Ibid.  
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4. Ibid.  
September, 1914
5. Ibid.  
October, 1914
6. Ibid.  
n.d.

Section two: Milton, Bruce and Elmer Gertz

7. "Ben Reitman Tale" - Unpublished Manuscript - RESTRICTED  
{1938}
8. Ibid. - RESTRICTED  
{1938}

Section three: Southern Illinois University (microfilm)

9. Reitman letters to Theodore Schroeder  
1913-1942

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Dr. Reitman, Ben Lewis, 1879 - 1942  
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Hobo, field manager for Emma Goldman from 1908 to 1917,  
and Chicago venereologist, 1919 to 1942.

Copies of Reitman letters to Emma Goldman and Theodore  
Schroeder and an unpublished manuscript about Reitman  
authored by Bruce Milton and Elmer Gertz. This material  
is restricted.

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Subject tracings

1. Gertz, Elmer, 1906 -
2. Goldman, Emma, 1869 - 1940
3. Schroeder, Theodore, 1864 - 1953

Dr. Ben Lewis Reitman  
Supplement III

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Dr. Ben Lewis Reitman  
Supplement IV

The Ben L. Reitman Papers - Supplement IV includes correspondence of Emma Goldman to Ben Reitman from 1910 to 1928. The letters give information on their waning love relationship, Goldmans Canadian lectures of the 1920s, and her impressions of the Sacco-Vanzetti case. Reitmans writings on sex and social outcasts are represented as well as fragments of his unpublished manuscript "Following the Monkey" and the published one for Sister of the Road: The Autobiography of Box-Car Bertha.

There is correspondence from Leonard D. Abbott, Dr. Frederick. Cook, Sadakichi Hartmann, Heinrich Hauser, M. Eleanor Fitzgerald also known as Lioness, and Theodore A. Schroeder. Information on Provident Hospital, Chicago, and the freedom pamphlet "Expropriation" by Peter Kropotkin can be found in these papers.

Supplement IV of the Reitman Papers consist of correspondence, newspaper clippings, photographs, poem, sketch, essays, manuscript fragments, reports, and pamphlets. The collection comprises .5 linear feet of material.

The papers of Supplement IV were acquired from Peter Leibundguth of the Fret Shop through the auspices of Candice Falk who became the editor and director of the Emma Goldman Papers. They were deposited in the University Library, University of Illinois at Chicago Circle on June 12, 1976 (Accession #76-89) with no known restrictions.

The Dr. Ben L. Reitman Paper - Supplement IV are filed under the following titles:

1. Abbott, Leonard D. - correspondence  
August, 1942
2. "Ben Reitman" - essay  
n.d.
3. Chicago Medical Society Bulletin - Public Health  
Administrative Committee - excerpt  
February, 1939
4. Chicago Society for the Prevention of Venereal  
Disease - correspondence and reports  
September, 1938 - August, 1942
5. Clippings - miscellaneous  
October, 1941
6. Cook, Frederick A. - essay  
n.d.
7. Correspondence - Emma Goldman  
June, 1920 - July, 1925
8. Correspondence from Family  
January, 1939 - August, 1942
9. Correspondence from Friends  
March, 1908 - November, 1942
10. Correspondence - Publisher  
September, 1942
11. English, May - clippings and correspondence  
August - November, 1942
12. Evans, William A. - correspondence  
August - November, 1942
13. Goldman, Emma - newspaper clipping  
May, 1927
14. Goldman, Emma - correspondence  
December, 1910
15. ibid.  
July - September, 1911

16. Goldman, Emma - correspondence  
October, 1918
17. Ibid.  
October - December, 1926
18. Ibid.  
January - October, 1927
19. Ibid. - {Socco - Vanzetti Case}  
September, 1927
20. Ibid.  
January - November, 1928
21. Ibid. - Illinois Theatre - agreement  
February, 1911
22. Hartmann, Sadakichi - correspondence  
April, 1941
23. Hauser, Heinrich - correspondence  
July, 1942
24. Kropotkin, Peter - "Expropriation" - pamphlet  
{March, 1909}
25. Lioness {M.E. Fitzgerald} - correspondence  
August, 1939
26. Oberman, LeRoy - correspondence  
July, 1934
27. Photographs and Sketch  
1908
28. Poem {Papaz}  
n.d.
29. Provident Hospital - newspaper clippings  
n.d.
30. Schroeder, Theodore - correspondence and pamphlet  
August - September, 1942
31. Writings: "Chuck Connors, A Famous Junker"  
n.d.
32. Writings: "Following the Monkey" - manuscript {incomplete}  
n.d.

33. Writings: "The Joys and Hazards of Sex"  
n.d.

34. Writings: "Living With Social Outcasts" - manuscript  
March, 1933

35. Writings: "Sister of the Road - manuscript {incomplete}  
n.d.

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September 9, 1976

Dr. Ben Lewis Reitman Papers  
Supplement IV

Subject tracings

1. Abbott, Leonard Dalton, 1878-1953
2. Anarchism and anarchists
3. Chicago Society for the Prevention of Venereal Disease
4. Cook, Frederick Albert, 1865-1940
5. Goldman, Emma, 1869-1940
6. Hartmann, Sadakichi, 1867-1944
7. Hauser, Heinrich
8. Kropotkin, Peter
9. Provident Hospital, Chicago
10. Prisoners
11. Public Health Administration - Chicago  
Hygiene, Public Administration
12. Sacco - Vanzetti case
13. Schroeder, Theodore Albert, 1864-1953
14. Venereal diseases - Prevention - Chicago

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Reitman, Dr. Ben Lewis  
Papers - Supplement IV, 1908-1942  
.5 ft.

Hobo, field manager for Emma Goldman from 1908 to 1917,  
and Chicago venereologist, 1919 to 1942.

Venerologist and field manager for Emma Goldman, anarchist.  
Of particular importance is the Emma Goldman correspondence  
for the years 1926-1928. It contains information about her  
Canadian speaking tour, her waning relationship with Ben Reitman  
and her thoughts on the Sacco-Vanzetti case. Also included is  
Reitman's unpublished manuscripts on social outcasts and sex  
as well as information on Provident Hospital in Chicago.

Correspondence, clippings, essays, manuscripts, excerpts,  
reports, agreement, pamphlets, photographs, sketch and poem  
comprised Supplement IV.

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Subject tracings

1. Gertz, Elmer, 1906 -
2. Goldman, Emma, 1869 - 1940
3. Schroeder, Theodore, 1864 - 1953

Dr. Ben Lewis Reitman

Cross Reference Sheet

Reference to Ben L. Reitman in the University Archives' records:

Plexus Apr. 1901 Vol. 6 no. 12 p. 426

"Reitman, "the class orator" took a three weeks' course  
at the Chicago Polyclinic"

Plexus May 1901 Vol. 7 No. 1 p. 45

Plexus Nov. 20, 1902 Vol. 8 No. 7 p. 257

Plexus Jan. 20, 1903 Vol. 8 No. 9 p. 354

Plexus Mar. 20, 1903 Vol. 8 No. 11 p. 445 & 446

Plexus Aug. 20, 1903 Vol. 9 no. 4 p. 130

There is also information about his medical school status  
in the College of Physicans & Surgeons.

## Guide Sheet

Reitman, Dr. Ben Lewis, 1879-1942  
Papers-Supplement IV, 1879-1942  
.5 ft.

Supplement IV is an addendum to the Reitman Papers already on deposit. Their intrinsic value is found in the Emma Goldman correspondence, particularly the years 1926-1928. The correspondence contains information about Goldman's Canadian speaking tour, her waning relationship with Ben Reitman and her thought on the Sacco-Vanzetti case. Also included in these papers is correspondence from such individuals as Leonard D. Abbott, Frederick A. Cook, Sadakichi Hartmann, Heinrich Hauser, Lioness (M.E. Fitzgerald), and Theodore A. Schroeder; Reitman's unpublished manuscripts on social outcasts and sex; Peter Kropotkin's "Expropriation"; as well as information on Provident Hospital in Chicago.

Supplement IV consists of correspondence, clippings, essays, manuscripts, excerpts, reports, agreement, pamphlets, photographs, sketch and poems.

A more detailed unpublished guide for this collection is available in the Manuscript Collection, the Library.

## Ben L. Reitman Papers: Supplement V

**Ben L. Reitman Papers: Supplement V** – (1907-1991), approx. 2 linear ft.

**Scope and Content:** Supplement V to the Ben L. Reitman Papers includes correspondence, clippings, excerpts from published and unpublished writings by Ben L. Reitman, notes, lectures, and autobiographical material. This supplement also includes reviews of artistic and scholarly work by Reitman as well as a small amount of material from organizations: Atheist Forum of Chicago, Artists and Writers Club, Liberal Science Institute, Inc., Seven Arts Club, Hobo College, Anthropological Society, Industrial Workers of the World, Plebeian Forum, Chicago Academy of Criminology, and the Chicago Medical Society among others. With the exception of oversize materials, folders are arranged in chronological order.

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2. Brotherhood Welfare Association – Flyer, correspondence, 1907
3. Daily planner, 1907
4. Correspondence, lectures, astrological forecast, 1908-1934
5. Clippings and fragments of scrapbook, 1908?-1934
6. Correspondence, clippings, 1911
7. Correspondence, clippings, poetry, 1911-1941
8. Correspondence – Eva Adams, 1912-1934
9. Correspondence, 1917-1927
10. Lectures – Outcasts, Social Problems, 1918-1932
11. Correspondence, biographical materials, 1918-1940
12. Correspondence – Family, 1918-1937
13. Industrial Workers of the World programs, 1921
14. Chicago Public Health Conference Certificate, Membership in the National Geographic Society, 1922-1927
15. Correspondence and articles – Venereal disease, sex, prostitution, 1924-1941
16. World League Against Alcoholism publications and articles against Prohibition, 1924-1925
17. Notes, lectures, 1925
18. Correspondence and articles – Sex, 1925-1938
19. Chicago's Debating Classic, "Can the Negro Survive as Equal of the White Man?" – Flyer for debate, Jan. 1925
20. Chicago Medical Society – Grade reports, correspondence, 1925?
21. Clippings, Bulletin of the Chicago Crime Commission, and issue of *News-Week*,

1926-1934

22. Reitman, Ben L. "Now Listen to Me!" *John Bull* Vol. 40 (July 24, 1926): 15.
23. Correspondence – Lillian Stanton, and others, 1926-1934
24. Correspondence – Alma Martindale Reitman and Brutus Reitman, 1928?

**Box 2**

25. Correspondence, 1928
26. Correspondence, 1928
27. Reconciliation Trips - Printed programs, 1928-1930
28. U.S. Treasury Department – Office of Prohibition Administration notice, August 1929
29. Court of Cook County writ of inquisition regarding insanity of Sarah Watchmaker, June 1929
30. Hobo College – Flyers, 1929
31. Seven Arts Club programs, 1929-1930
32. Correspondence, 1929-1937
33. Correspondence, tribute to fallen radicals, 1930-1942
34. Atheist Forum of Chicago – Programs, 1930
35. Physician's Fellowship Club program, April 1930
36. Eugenics Publishing Company materials, 1930
37. Correspondence – from Emma Goldman, 1931-1934
38. Correspondence – from Emma Goldman, photocopies, 1931-1934
39. Correspondence, International Working Men's Association flyer, 1931-1934
40. Boy's Brotherhood Republic – Correspondence, 1931
41. Anthropological Society Program bulletin, March 1931
42. Correspondence, re-entry petition for Emma Goldman, book review, 1932?
43. Correspondence, photocopies, 1932?
44. Tom Mooney – Correspondence, clippings, 1932-1937
45. Vanguard Press – Correspondence, royalty statements, 1932-1942
46. Correspondence – from Emma Goldman, 1933-1934
47. Correspondence – from Emma Goldman, photocopies, 1933-1934
48. Correspondence – from Emma Goldman, 1933-1934
49. Correspondence – from Emma Goldman, photocopies, 1933-1934
50. Correspondence, 1933-1942
51. Notes for book on "wandering women," public relief survey for men, 1933
52. Eileen O'Connor – Draft of "Fifty Years," 1933?
53. Clippings, articles, Chicago Stagebill for "Rebecca," and Chinese language calendars, 1933-1944
54. Clippings, 1934-1942
55. Correspondence, clippings, 1934-1937

**Box3**

56. Printed program for Reitman lecture, "The Decline of the Red West," symposium cards and printed programs for the Dill Pickle Club, Chicago Anarchists, 1930-1934
57. Illinois Emergency Relief Commission bulletin, 1934
58. Symposium: the Modern Treatment of Disease flyer, Dec. 1934
59. "In a Court Room," January 1934
60. Correspondence, 1934
61. Correspondence – Selma Walden Lincoln, 1934-1936
62. Movie reviews of "Box Car Bertha" based on a novel by Ben Reitman and Reitman, Ben L. "The Wages of Sin: Does Easy Virtue Bring Easy Money," *Real America*. Vol. 7, No. 2 (Nov. 1935): 52-52; 76-77.
63. Correspondence, Chicago Unionists announcement, 1936
64. Chicago Academy of Criminology – Printed programs, correspondence, 1936-1937
65. American Sociological Society – 31<sup>st</sup> annual meeting information about field trips and visitation periods, Dec. 1936
66. Reitman, Ben L. "Prisons in My Life." Reprinted from the May 1937, issue of *Phoenix*, University of Chicago student magazine.
67. Clement Wood – Correspondence, 1937-1938
68. Correspondence, receipts, and related materials re. *Sister of the Road* by Ben L. Reitman, 1938-1942
69. Correspondence – 1938
70. Plebeian Forum program, Sept. 1938
71. Clippings, announcements, circulars about Ben Reitman, 1939
72. United States. Bureau of the Census. *Vital Statistics – Special Reports, Alabama: Summary of Vital Statistics, 1940*. Vol. 14, No. 10, December 13, 1941 and United States. Bureau of the Census. *Vital Statistics – Special Reports, Colorado: Summary of Vital Statistics, 1940*. Vol. 14, No. 10, December 15, 1941.
73. Theodore Schroeder – Correspondence, 1942
74. Clippings – reviews of published material about Ben Reitman, 1964-1989 [89-20]
75. Graham, Maury. *A History of the Hoboes, Tramps, and Other Vagabonds*. 2<sup>nd</sup> Printing. Toledo : Maury Graham, c1985.
76. Book review by Howard F. McManus of Bruns, Roger A. *The Damndest Radical: The Life and World of Ben Reitman, Chicago's Celebrated Social Reformer, Hobo King, and Whorehouse Physician*. Urbana: University of Illinois Press, 1987.
77. "Famous Folks in Your Neighborhood." *Chicago Sun-Times*. Dec. 29, 1991 [94-64]
78. Calendar for the "Frederick Engels," or Youth Section of the Morris Winchevsky Club, n.d.
79. Autobiographical material, n.d.
80. Autobiographical material, photocopies, n.d.
81. Pages comprising part of Ben L. Reitman's autobiography, n.d. [98-36, 1-8]
82. Pages comprising part of Ben L. Reitman's autobiography, n.d.
83. Pages comprising part of Ben L. Reitman's autobiography, n.d.
84. Stationary Dr. Ben L. Reitman's medical practice, n.d.

85. Correspondence, writings re. "wandering women" and police brutality, n.d.
86. Notes, n.d.
87. Artists and Writers Club - Programs, n.d.
88. Liberal Science Institute, Inc. – Schedules for public lectures [month, date, and day printed, no year], n.d.
89. "Why and How the Poor Should Not Have Many Children," leaflet, n.d.
90. Business cards and pocket case, n.d.

**Miscellaneous Materials:**

**Tape of Television Documentary**

91. Hobo documentary produced by Tom Finerty for WTTW 11, approx. 28 minutes, 14 seconds in length, 1981

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92. Fragment of portrait of Ben L. Reitman in oil on a burlap canvas, 1910?
93. Fragment of portrait of Ben L. Reitman in oil on a burlap canvas, 1910?