

Annotated Bibliography

Primary Sources

NEWSPAPERS

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This was an article about the possibility of another factory fire such as the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire occurring in Chicago. This was used as an example to explain that the poor factory conditions weren't just in New York, they were present throughout the U.S.

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<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn85060004/1911-12-03/ed-1/seq-13>.

I used this newspaper article to recount the events that unfolded during the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire. It gave information about the trial and the reason so many passed away: poor safety.

“The Day Book. [Volume] (Chicago, Ill.) 1911-1917, March 18, 1916, LAST EDITION, Image 21.” *Loc.gov*, no. 1916/03/18, 2019,
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I used this as an example to explain that the poor factory conditions weren't just in New York, they were present throughout the U.S. This was a specific example of a lack of adherence to laws on safety and loopholes.

"The Day Book. [Volume] (Chicago, Ill.) 1911-1917, March 18, 1916, LAST EDITION, Image 21." *Loc.gov*, no. 1916/03/18, 2019,
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for, Endowment. "Watertown Leader. [Volume] (Watertown, Jefferson County, Wis.) 1909-1911, March 31, 1911, Image 2." *Loc.gov*, no. 1911/03/31, 2025, <https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn85040722/1911-03-31/ed-1/seq-2/>.

I used this newspaper article to understand the details of the tragedy which was declared not an accident by the court. It also explained the public's immediate reaction and the shifting of blame.

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I used this summary of reports to understand the Factory Investigation Committee's actions from 1911-1914 as well as the reforms as a result of these projects.

Library of Congress. "Evening Star. [Volume] (Washington, D.C.) 1854-1972, May 01, 1951, Image 20." *Loc.gov*, no. 1951/05/01, 2008, p. A-20,

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I used this newspaper article which transcribes FDR's speech about the state of America and the progress made by his government to understand the Fair Labor Standards Act.

INTERVIEWS

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trianglefire.ilr.cornell.edu/primary/survivorInterviews/MaryDomskyAbrams.html.

I used this interview of one of the workers who survived the fire to understand the normal working conditions, lack of safety, and the events that unfolded.

"Notable New Yorkers." *Columbia.edu*, 2025,
www.columbia.edu/cu/lweb/digital/collections/nny/perkinsf/transcripts/perkinsf_1_1_386.html.

I used these transcripts of Frances Perkins' interviews to understand her actions and the Committee on Safety formed immediately after the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire.

BOOKS

"Convention Proceedings 1909-11." *HathiTrust*, 2024,
babel.hathitrust.org/cgi/pt?id=uc1.b3886272&seq=148&q1=fire.

I used this book that recounts the proceedings of the Women's Trade Union League conventions to understand the actions they took between 1909 and 1911.

“Harvard Mirador Viewer.” *Harvard.edu*, 2024,

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I used this book to understand the Women’s Trade Union League’s work from 1920-1922, such as their research, conventions, protests, and legislative suggestions.

IMAGES

“Bismarck Daily Tribune. [Volume] (Bismarck, Dakota [N.D.]) 1881-1916, July

25, 1915, Image 7.” *Loc.gov*, no. 1915/07/25, 2024,

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info:lccn/sn85042242.

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babel.hathitrust.org/cgi/pt?id=uc1.b3886272&seq=8&q1=fire.

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I used this source to understand what the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory looked like, before and after the tragic fire.

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www.gettyimages.com/search/2/image?family=editorial&phrase=triangle%20shirtwaist%20factory%20fire&events=544852209.

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