The papers of John J. D'Agostino were placed in the Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs in September 1966 by Mr. D'Agostino and were opened for research that same month. Additional papers were placed in the Archives by Mr. D'Agostino in December 1985 and opened for research in May 1988.

John J. D'Agostino was an International Representative for the UAW's Recreation Department from 1951 to 1981. In the early 1950's, he was instrumental in launching the K-M-0 (Kent-Montcalm-Ottawa) Regional Recreation Program. In 1957, he expressed interest in proposals to reduce fares on public transport for the elderly. For the rest of the decade, Mr. D'Agostino was involved in the International's Recreation Leadership Program. In 1963, he helped to establish the first UAW sponsored recreational senior center in the Detroit area. Throughout the 1960's and 1970's, he fought for publicly funded medical care for workers and senior citizens alike. Mr. D'Agostino retired from the UAW in October 1981.

In addition to his work with the UAW, Mr. D'Agostino was an environmental conservationist. In 1966, he was elected secretary of the Recreation Association of Michigan, an organization dedicated to improving parks.

The papers of Mr. D'Agostino reflect his work with the UAW.

Important subjects are:

- Formation of K-M-0 Regional Recreation Council (1951)
- Wage Increase for City of Detroit Recreation Employees (1954)
- Recreation Leadership Program
- Founding of first Senior Center (1963)
- Struggle for Social Security funded medical care for the elderly
- Opposition to Nixon Health Insurance Program (1971-1974)

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- Kenneth House
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