The papers of Robert Burkart were deposited with the Labor History Archives in January 1966 by Mr. Burkart.

Robert Burkart was born July 9, 1915. In 1935 he started to work for the Spicer Corporation of Toledo, Ohio. Burkart became active in union affairs and went on to serve UAW Local 12 in many capacities. By 1951 he had become the Local's financial secretary and editor of its paper. In that year Burkart left Local 12 to serve the UAW as an International Representative in the Competitive Shop Department. After a short stay in Syracuse, New York, Burkart was assigned to Sheboygan, Wisconsin to aid the Kohler Strikers. In addition to working directly with the strike, Burkart also played a leading role in the UAW's campaign to boycott the use of Kohler products. In 1956, Burkart was assigned to the West Coast and continued working with Kohler strikers who had sought employment in the Los Angeles area.

The Robert Burkart Collection covers the period from 1949 to 1965.

Among the correspondents are: Lyman Conger, Richard Gosser, Emil Mazey, and Donald Rand.

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