The papers of Carl Shier were deposited in the Labor History Archives by Mr. Shier on 3 August 1967.

Carl Mark Shier worked in the Melrose Park Works of the International Harvester Corporation, Rockford, Illinois. Active in UAW, Local 6, by 1950 he was a member of the Shop Committee. In 1953 he was Financial Secretary of the Harvester Council, compromising Locals #6, 57, 98, 226, 305, 402, 710, 763, 817, 894, 916, 988, 1017, 1101, 1106, 1145. He served as a delegate from Local 6 to the 12th-16th Conventions of the UAW.

By 1958, he had become an International Representative for the Competitive Shop Department. He was engaged in the organization and servicing of UAW Locals in Region 4. Returning to the Melrose Park Works, he lost an election for Committee man. Turning to other fields, he took over the handling of garnishments and Workman Compensation cases, the Chairmanship of the Health and Welfare Committee, and wrote most of the shop paper, while assisting the Regional Organizing Staff with house calls and leaflets. About January of 1960, he took leave from the shop to join the organizing staff of the International Union once again.

He was principally active in organizing and servicing locals in the Rockford, Illinois area of region 4, although he did go as far afield as Cuzad, Nebraska. His activity centered around the agricultural implement industry, but there is present in the collection a scattering of related union and social reform projects, as well as a series devoted to conventions, councils, and conferences.

The collection covers the period from 1949-1966, with emphasis on the later 1950's and early 1960's.

Among the correspondents are:

- William Allen
- Valerio Agostinone
- Caroline Davis
- Sen. Paul H. Douglas
- Duane Pat Greathouse
- Carroll Hutton
- Alan Kistler
- John Livingston
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- Gust Sjobom
- G.W. Venstgnen
- Leonard Woodcock

Certain important subjects covered are:

- The agricultural implement industry
- The Aurora Catapillar organizing campaign
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