The papers of J. W. Livingston were deposited with the Labor History Archives in November, 1967 by the UAW, and were opened for research in June of 1968.

John William Livingston was born in Iberia, Missouri, on August 17, 1908. At the age of 19, he began working at the G. M. Fisher Body plant in St. Louis as a trimmer and was employed there until April, 1939. In June 1933, he secretly called a meeting of a small group of G. M. employees, which resulted in the formation of Federal Local Union 18386 of the AFL, forerunner of Local 25, UAW-CIO. Livingston's early activity in Local 25 included service as chairman of the local union strike committee during the 1936-37 strike in the G. M. plant which forced recognition of the UAW-CIO by the corporation. He served four terms as president of Local 25, and in April, 1939, came to Detroit as an international representative in the G. M. department of the UAW.

John W. Livingston's first major union post was won at the UAW's convention in Chicago, when he was elected to the executive board as director of Region Five. At the union's convention in 1947, Livingston was elected vice-president of the UAW, and on Dec. 8, 1948, he was appointed by the International Executive Board to serve as director of the union's operations in the aircraft and agricultural implement departments.

Until the merger of the AFL-CIO in 1955, when Livingston was named director of organizing, he also served on the National Wage Stabilization Board during the year 1951 and resigning the next year because of his new appointment as G. M. department director. In Dec. 1965, at the age of 57, Livingston retired voluntarily from the labor movement. In October 1967, however, he returned to work the assembly line as a member of Local 25, St. Louis Missouri, and in March of 1968 became Director of Union Relations for the National Alliance of Business Men.

The John W. Livingston Collection, Part I covers the period from 1947 to 1955.
Important subjects are:

Aircraft wage and contract data (1951-54)
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Competing elections between IAM and UAW-CIO - 1952
IAM - general and jurisdictional correspondence
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UAW-CIO aircraft correspondence, reports, etc. between the executive and locals
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Important subjects are:

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- National Alliance of Businessmen, 1968-1969

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- J.A. Bierne
- Anthony Connole
- Herschel Davis
- George Edwards
- Richard Gosser
- Carroll Hutton
- William Kircher
- Russell Letner
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Series II  Box 10 William Kircher 1949-1955

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Series III  Box 11 Economic Cooperation Administration. UAW European Trip, 1950.

Includes correspondence, reports, speeches, notes and memoranda, press releases, clippings, miscellaneous invitations and receipts arranged alphabetically by topic.

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The papers of John W. Livingston which comprise part III of the collection were placed in the Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs in March of 1973 by Mr. Livingston and were opened for research in March of 1985.

The papers include correspondence, drafts of by-laws and financial statements of Local 25, UAW St. Louis, Missouri and cover the period from 1966 to 1968.

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