The papers of Henry Fries were placed in the Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs in July of 1976 by Mr. Fries and were opened for research in March of 1984.

Mr. Fries was born in Russia and lived in Saginaw, Michigan from 1926. A core-maker with Saginaw Malleable Iron Co., he was active in the affairs of UAW Local 455. He served as Committeeman, District II of Local 455 and was the first president of the Amalgamated Local 455 Credit Union. In 1948 he ran unsuccessfully on the Democratic ticket for state representative for the Frist District in Saginaw. In 1976 Mr. Fries received the UAW's Walter P. Reuther Distinguished Service Award.

The papers of Mr. Fries consist primarily of copies of the seniority agreements between the Saginaw Malleable Iron Co. and Local 455 from 1941 plus newspaper clippings relating to Mr. Fries' activities in Local 455 and his political campaign in 1948.

The papers and clippings are arranged in chronological order.