

The Robert Guthridge Collection
Papers 1967-1978
.25 linear feet

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The papers of Robert Guthridge were placed in the Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs in April of 1978 by Mr. Guthridge and were opened for research in July of 1983

Mr. Guthridge, who came from a coal mining family, was born in DuBois Pennsylvania on June 5, 1925. He graduated from high school in 1942, spent four and one-half years in the Navy and attended Cornell University, Kent State University, and Akron University. Prior to his membership in UAW Local 1112 Lordstown, he was a member and held offices in the International Union of Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers (1954-1956) and the United Steelworkers of America (1964-1966). From 1962-1964 he was a member of the United Brick and Clay Workers of America. Mr. Guthridge was active in Local 1112 from its inception in 1966 having been elected to the First Shop Committee as a committee-man at large and to the Executive Board as a member at large. That year he was a delegate to the Trumbull County Federation of Labor and a delegate to the first Skilled Trades Convention in Atlantic City, New Jersey. He was recording secretary of the Executive Board from 1968 to 1970 and from 1974 to 1976 held the office of Trustee.

The papers of Mr. Guthridge give an account of the first years of Local 1112 and consist mainly of materials gathered to write a history of the Local on its tenth anniversary in 1976. Included are clippings which document the dispute between General Motors management and the "new breed" of younger workers at the Lordstown Plant over increased production.

Important subjects covered in the collection are:

Bryner, Gary, President of Local 1112
GM Lordstown production speed-up, 1971-72
Local 1112 history

Series I
UAW Local 1112, 1966-1978
1/2 Manuscript Box

Correspondence, clippings, notes, and election flyers which document tensions arising from General Motors' increased production program at the Lordstown Plant and the resulting protests of the youthful "new breed" of workers and their 23-day strike in March 1972. There are also notes and printed materials which Mr. Guthridge compiled to write a history for the tenth anniversary of Local 1112. Files are arranged alphabetically by subject or type of material.

Box 1

1. Clippings; Lordstown Speed-up Controversy, 1971-72
2. Clippings; Reuther Hall Dedication, Local 1112, 1970-71
3. Correspondence; Bryner, Gary, President Local 1112, 1971-72
4. Correspondence; Guthridge, Robert
- 5-6. History of Local 1112, Notes and Background Material, 1966-67
7. Ohio Democratic *Party*, UAW CAP Program Testimony, 15 Sep 1972
8. Political Materials, 1969-1977

Non-manuscript material

Approximately 22 photographs and a recording relating to UAW Local 1112 have been placed in the Archives Audio Visual Collections. Several Issues of [See Here](#), the newspaper of Local 1112, were received with this collection and are available in the Archives Library.