

## THE JOHN CRAFT COLLECTION

Papers 1945-1977  
(Predominantly, 1945-1952)

2 Manuscript Boxes  
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The papers of John Craft were placed in the Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs in December of 1979 and were opened for research in 1981.

John Craft was born on December 29, 1917 in Detroit, Michigan. Mr. Craft was employed in auto shops as a machine builder and completed assorted Junior College classes as well as attending the Ford Apprentice school. While active in United Auto Workers Locals 314, 157 and 212 he held posts as shop committeeman, membership on the Executive Board as well as participation on the Flying Squad, the Publicity and other committees. In addition, he was a member of the organizing committee for a Cadillac Square demonstration on Taft-Hartley. Mr. Craft now lives in Livonia, Michigan.

The papers in this collection reflect Local 212 activities in particular and also include numerous publications by or about the labor movement.

Important subjects covered in the collection are:

- Local 212, 1945-1952
- Post World War II Employment Climate
- Labor Education
- UAW Factional Disputes of 1947

Among the important correspondents is:

Ernest Mazey

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Series II, Correspondence , Publications, Clippings, 1945-77; Box 2:

Included are numerous newspaper articles and editorials describing the post World War II employment situation and labor climate with specific material on the Reuther-Addes contest for leadership in 1947. In addition a small quantity of material from Local 600 as well as secondary source biographical information on a handful of labor organizers is present.

Non-manuscript material

Twenty-three black and white photographs picturing several individuals and groups shots of the Cadillac Square T aft Hartley demonstration have been placed in the Archives' Audio-Visual Collections.

Series I  
Local 212  
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Box 2

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