The papers of William Cook were placed in the Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs in December of 1982 by Mr. Cook via the East Detroit Memorial Library which acted as intermediary in the disposition. The papers were opened for research in October of 1983.

The papers consist of the minutes of two Joint Merger Meetings held August 12, 1957 and September 9, 1957 between the Wayne County Federation of Labor and the Wayne County CIO Council in Detroit. Mr. Cook, a member of Local 58 of the Brewery Workers and a resident of East Detroit, was one of the representatives for the Wayne County CIO Council at this meeting.

These minutes deal with the problems encountered in effecting the merger of the AFL and the CIO in the Metro-Detroit area.