Scope & Contents

The papers of Bob Barber were placed in the Archives of Labor and Urban in 1985 and opened for research in 1995.

Bob Barber began reporting farm labor issues in California when he was a writer for the United Farm Workers publication, El Malcriado in 1974. After that time, he worked for several years as a freelance writer, reporting for KSAN and KPFA radio stations in the Bay Area of California. During the next two years (1975-1977) Barber covered agricultural issues focusing on a critical period in farm labor organizing under California’s Agricultural Labor Relations Board. It was during that time that Cesar Chavez and other UFW officials were battling the powerful Teamsters Union and many California growers for secret ballot union elections.

The papers of Bob Barber center on his activities as a reporter covering California farm labor election issues during the years 1973-1977. Barber’s collection includes over sixty hours of taped interviews with UFW organizers, union members, Teamsters, growers and others. (See list at the end of this guide.) In addition, the collection contains a unique assortment of leaflets published by the UFW, the Teamsters and some California growers during the first summer of union elections under the NLRB in 1976.

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