

Bernard Firestone Collection

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Bernard Firestone was secretary-treasurer of the Amalgamated Clothing and Textile Workers Union's Chicago and Central States Joint Board, the union's eight-state Midwest region, when he was killed by a disgruntled ACTWU retiree at his office in September of 1989.

A Detroit native, he received undergraduate and law degrees from Wayne State University and had been a member of ACTWU, which represents workers at tailor shops, laundries, dry cleaners and clothing stores, for thirty years. A staunch labor activist, Mr. Firestone served as vice-president and on the Labor Crisis and Good Government Committees of the Metro Detroit AFL-CIO.

Mr. Firestone also served as a Central Michigan University trustee and was active in Democratic Party politics and community affairs generally, working with United Way, the Michigan Coalition for Human Rights and numerous other civic organizations.

The papers of Bernard Firestone consist of correspondence, newsletters, minutes, publications, and other material relating to his work in the labor movement and his involvement in community activities.

A few audio tapes of memorial tributes to Bernard Firestone have been placed in the Archives Audiovisual Collection.

Important subjects in the collection:

ACTWU
Collective Bargaining-Clothing Store Employees
Democratic Party Politics
Labor Mediation
Metro Detroit AFL-CIO

Important correspondents in the collection:

Ossie Davis
David Hecker
Jack Scheinkman
Ed Scribner

Tom Turner

PLEASE NOTE: Folders are computer-arranged alphabetically in this finding aid, but may actually be dispersed throughout several boxes in the collection. Note carefully the box number for each folder heading.

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17-4	Instructions for Telephone Volunteers, n.d.
9-10	Japan Trip Information, 1985
15-4	Labor Crisis Support Committee, 1989
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1-9	"Labor Notes", 1989
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