

The Alexander Cook Collection

Papers, 1933-1934

1 Folder

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The papers of Alexander Cook were placed in the Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs in July of 1992 by his son, Kenneth Cook, and were opened for research in May of 1993.

Alexander Cook was born in Russia in 1901. His parents emigrated to America when he was four months old and settled in Colorado. After a stint in the United States Army, Mr. Cook came to Flint, Michigan where he began work in the Fisher Body Plant No. 1. One of the founders of United Automobile Workers Federal Labor Union No. 18331, he was elected president of the union in 1933 and re-elected president of the union in 1934. Mr. Cook subsequently became president of the Automobile Workers Council of Flint, which included members from Buick, A.C. Spark Plug, Fisher Body No. 1, and Fisher Body No. 2. Fired for his union activities, he worked as a union organizer for the AFL in the thirties.

The papers of Alexander Cook consist of a "minutes" book of the United Automobile Workers Federal Labor Union No. 18331, Flint, Michigan, and covering the period from August 1933 to September 1934. There is also a typescript of an interview with Mr. Cook, dated August 31, 1960, in the Oral History Collection of the Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs.

Non-Manuscript Material:

A photograph [c. 1933] of a union delegation from a council of union workers, Flint, Michigan to the National Labor Relations Board, Washington, D.C. has been placed in the Archives' Audio-Visual Collection.