The papers of Robert Wright were placed in the Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs by Ken Fones-Wolf and were opened for research in January of 1997.

Robert Wright was a skilled worker who served briefly as president of UAW Local 274 during a turbulent time in the local’s history. The Robert Wright Collection consists primarily of handbills and other material documenting the 1944 election between International Association of Machinists Lodge 113 and UAW Local 274 to represent workers at the Chicago Dodge plant and the subsequent election campaigns of various factions within the victorious Local 274.