

## UAW LOCAL 7 COLLECTION

**Papers, 1938-1975  
(Predominantly, 1940-1965)**

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The papers of UAW Local 7 were placed in the Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs in May of 1966 by Martin Saurine and were opened for research in December of 1993.

Local 7 is the bargaining agent for workers in the Chrysler Jefferson Auto Plant in Detroit. The local formed when the membership of the UAW and Automobile Industrial Workers Association affiliated on July 1, 1936, and received formal recognition after the five-week sit-down strike in 1937.

The UAW Local 7 papers consist of strike settlements, grievances, committee and officer minutes, correspondence, election results, agreements, resolutions, by-laws, constitutions, bulletins, clippings, and legal and financial records. They include material covering the 1950 Chrysler Strike, election results for the 1950s, grievances for the 1940s-1950s, and Plant Shop Committee, Executive Board, and Officer minutes for the mid-1940s to the mid-1960s.

Important subjects in the collection:

Absenteeism	Pension
Civil Rights	Relocation
Chrysler Strike, 1950	Seniority
Factionalism	Skilled Trades
Fair Employment Practices	Taft-Hartley
Health and Safety	Unemployment Compensation
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Important correspondents in the collection:

Jerome Cavanagh	Ted Griffin
John Conyers	Patrick McNamara
Jesse Cundiff	Mike Morasco

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Series II, Grievance Files, 1939-1964, Boxes 1-8:

This series consists of incomplete grievances from the late 1930s to the mid-1960s. The grievance files are incomplete and contain materials from all stages of the grievance procedure.

Series III, Committee and Officer Files, 1939-1978, Boxes 9-17:

This series contains incomplete committee and officer files with the years between 1945 and 1965 predominating. Election Committee files include ballot results mostly for the 1950s. The files include meeting minutes between 1947 and 1964 for meetings of the Membership, Plant Shop Committee, Executive Board, and Officers.

Series IV, General Files, 1947-1974, Boxes 18-20:

The series consists of agreements, resolutions, by-laws, constitutions, bulletins, reports, pamphlets, minutes and correspondence from organizations and plants of the local. Minutes and correspondence are included under Seniority, Retired Workers, Regional Office, Chrysler Marine and Industrial Division, and National Chrysler Department. The files include Chrysler Classification and Rate Books and a Chrysler Production and Maintenance Hourly Rates Book.

Series V, Legal and Financial Files, 1938-1971, Boxes 20-23:

Legal and financial files consist of certification of elections results (1941-71) as well as ledgers for committee and officer accounts (1938-48).

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**Series I**  
**Chrysler Strike, 1950**  
**Box 1**

This series consists of agreements, correspondence, strike committee minutes, leaflets, clippings and other materials related to the 1950 Chrysler Strike. Files cover the period from January to May 1950, and are arranged alphabetically by subject and type of material.

**Box 1**

1. Agreement, 4 May 1950
2. Bulletins, 27 Jan-26 Apr 1950
3. Calendar of Union Gains, n.d.
4. Chrysler Ads, Apr-May 1950
5. Chrysler leaflets, Feb-Apr 1950
6. Clippings, Jan-Mar 1950
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8. Handbills, Jan-Apr 1950
9. Kitchen Expenses, Jan-Apr 1950
10. Miscellaneous, Jan-Apr 1950
11. Miscellaneous Minutes, 24 Jan, 23 Mar 1950
12. Pension Plan, n.d.
13. Proposals, Feb 1950, n.d.
14. Strike Committee Minutes, 25 Jan-25 Apr 1950
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17. "What Chrysler Workers Won," n.d.

**Series II**  
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**Boxes 1-8**

Incomplete set of grievance files in steps ranging from original grievances to appeal board cases. Spanning the years from 1939 to 1964, the files are arranged chronologically, by the steps of the grievance procedure and then numerically.

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18. Grievances [bound] #901-1200, Nov 1940-Mar 1942
19. #1201-1500, Mar 1942-Aug 1943
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1. Grievances [bound] #2425-2671, Jan 1950-Dec 1952
2. #2672-2884, Jan 1953-Dec 1955
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4. #372-636, Feb-Jun 1940
5. #637-861, May-Oct 1940
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**Box 3**

1. Grievances #1282-1454, May 1942-Mar 1943
2. #601-732, May-Aug 1940
3. #733-885, Aug-Oct 1940
4. #886-1033, Nov 1940-Apr 1941
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6. #1198-1362, Jan 1942-Dec 1942

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1. Grievances #1513-1655, Sep 1943-Oct 1944
2. #1656-1774, Sep 1944-Apr 1946
3. #1775-1880, May-Dec 1946
4. #1881-2000, Dec 1946-Jun 1947
5. #2201-2382, May 1948-Sep 1949
6. #2383-2594, Sep 1949-Nov 1951
7. #2595-2777, Dec 1951-Dec 1954

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**Series III**  
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Incomplete committee and officer files are grouped by committees and officers respectively, arranged alphabetically by committee and officer titles, and subarranged chronologically. Election Committee files include ballot results predominantly for the 1950s. The files include meeting minutes between 1947 and 1964 for Plant Shop Committee, Executive Board, and Officers. The series spans mostly between 1945 and 1965.

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2. By-laws Committee; corres., Oct 1954
3. Chrysler Plant Committee; minutes, 1953-1954
4. Community Service Committee; mailing list [n.d.], corres, 1952
5. Constitution & By-laws Committee; const. & by-laws, 1960
6. Credentials Committee; Special Convention, Jan 1958
7. Education Committee; corres., 1952,1953, 1955
8. Elections Committee; ballot results, minutes, 1952, 1955, 1957, 1961, 1964
9. ; ballot results, 1954
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11. ; , 1959
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- 15. Recreation Committee; misc., 1954, 1965, 1966
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- 7. ; , 27 Apr 1952-25 Feb 1962
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- 2. ; , 1958, 1960, 1962
- 3. ; draft agreements, 1955, 1957
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**Series IV**  
**General Files, 1947-1974**  
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General files consisting of agreements, resolutions, by-laws, constitutions, bulletins, and correspondence from organizations and plants related to the local. The files are arranged alphabetically by organization and subject of material.

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5. ; Jefferson Assembly; memo of understanding, 1956-1964
6. ; memo of understanding, supp., 1948, 1958-1959 (1 of 3)
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8. ; , , 1962-1965 (3 of 3)
9. Auto Workers' Educational Society of Local 7; resolution, 22 Aug 1952
10. Bulletins, 1958
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- 4- 5. , 1961
6. Charitable Causes; corres., pamphlets, 1954, 1960, 1965
7. Chrysler Classification & Rate Book, 28 Apr 1947
8. , 1948
9. Chrysler Production & Maintenance Hourly Rates, 5 Jul 1951
10. Chrysler Marine & Industrial Division; corres., 1954, 1955, 1961-1963
11. Constitution & By-laws, [c. 1960]
12. Directory of Local Unions, Jul 1947
13. Honorable Military Service Certificates, n.d.
14. Jefferson Assembly Absentee Reports, 1963-1964
15. Job Transfer & Seniority Dispute—Locals 7 and 227; corres., 1959
16. Leadership Meetings; minutes, corres., 1955-1957
17. Locals 7, 51, 272, "Exhibit 19"—History; pamphlets, [c. 1955, 1971]
18. Local 140; by-laws, 15 Feb 1954

**Box 20**

1. Malseed, John E.; corres., 1950-1955

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3. Membership lists, [n.d.]
4. Membership Meeting, Special; minutes, 25 Aug 1961
5. National Chrysler Council; by-laws, 26 Oct 1959
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**Series V**  
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Legal and financial files consist of certification of election results as well as ledgers for committee and officer accounts and are arranged chronologically.

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