The papers of UAW Local 6 were deposited in the Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs in March of 1970 and were opened for research in August of 1984.

UAW Local 6 represents the workers at the International Harvester Company diesel engine plant in Melrose Park, Illinois. Originally, the plant was operated by Buick Aviation from 1941 to 1945.

UAW Local 6 was chartered in 1941 and won an NLRB election in May of 1942 which gave it the right to represent the workers at Melrose Park until Buick Aviation ceased operation at the close of World War II. International Harvester company purchased the plant from the United States government and re-opened it in 1946. Local 6 remained active throughout this period and resisted the powerful campaign of the United Farm Equipment and Metal Workers of America to gain the right to represent the International Harvester workers. An NLRB election in November of 1946 gave Local 6 the right to represent the workers at Melrose Park for the second time.

The papers of UAW Local 6 reflect the daily functioning of the Local, including its negotiations with International Harvester company, and it's political and social activities.

Important subjects covered in this collection are:

- Health Care
- UAW - Agricultural Implement Division
- Strikes
- UAW - Harvester Council
- Political Action

Among the important correspondents are:

- Carlstrom, Lawrence
- Moredock, George
- Cluts, Ray
- Shier, Carl
- Henney, Westray
- Shy, Arthur
- Kahan, Seymour

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