The papers of UAW Local 180 were deposited in the Archives of Labor History and Urban Affairs in 1976 by Local 180, and were opened for research in July of 1985.

UAW Local 180 represents the Agricultural Implement Workers at the J. I. Case Company's Racine, Wisconsin plant. It was chartered by the UAW in 1936 when the Case locals of the Wisconsin Industrial Organization and the AFL-affiliated Federal Labor Union merged.

The collection reflects Local 180's long struggle for recognition as sole bargaining agent of the Case-Racine production employees, the J. I. Case Company's insistence on an open shop, strikes and legal proceedings arising out of the issue of union representation. It also reflects the local's participation in Wisconsin labor organizations and UAW Councils.

Important subjects and people covered in the collection are:

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Harvey Kitzman
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Five cartoons, seven handbills, and two newspaper ads relating to the 1946/1947 strike have been placed in the Archives Audio-Visual Collection. Numerous pamphlets and books relating to labor education, labor law, and industrial unions, as well as IUD and CIO newsletters received with this collection are available in the Archives Library.
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