LR001345 Bob Johnson Papers
.2 linear feet (1 half manuscript box)
circa 1960s-1982

Walter P. Reuther Library, Wayne State University, Detroit, MI
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Accession Number: LR001345

Creator: Bob Johnson

Acquisition: Material donated to the Reuther Library by Mrs. Bob Johnson, 1983

Language: Material entirely in English.

Access: Collection is open for research.

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Related Material: AFSCME Office of the President: Jerry Wurf Records

PLEASE NOTE: Folders in this collection are not necessarily arranged in any particular order. The box folder listing provides an inventory based on their original order. Subjects may be dispersed throughout the collection.
Abstract
Bob Johnson served Michigan’s AFSCME organizations in various roles throughout his life. In his early career, he helped Local 1182 organize and negotiate to win their first contract. Metropolitan Council 23 in Detroit elected him president soon thereafter. Johnson succeeded in his campaign to become President of Michigan’s powerful AFSCME District Council 25 in 1978. In 1980, he was elected an International Vice President of the union to represent workers in the state of Michigan. Johnson died in 1982.

These papers, collected by Bob Johnson and his family, document Johnson’s various roles in AFSCME. Materials include correspondence, biographical material, publications, and news clippings highlighting Johnson’s achievements as a leader in AFSCME. The collection also includes photographs of Johnson at AFSCME events and contract signings.

Important Subjects:
- AFL-CIO
- American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees
- Labor unions

Important Names:
- Johnson, Bob
- Wurf, Jerry

Arrangement
Folders are listed by their location within each box. They are not necessarily arranged, so any given subject may be dispersed throughout the entire collection.

1  Biographical material, identification cards, invitations, certificates, and news clippings, circa 1970-circa 1982
2  AFSCME involvement before Metropolitan Council 23 presidency, news clippings, circa 1960s-1970
3  Metropolitan Council 23 presidency, news clippings, circa 1970s
5  International Vice President, Michigan; flyer, telegram, and news clippings, 1980-1982
6  Memorials; news clippings and correspondence, 1982
7  Union Town: A Labor History Guide to Detroit, undated and A Short History of American Labor, 1981
8  AFL-CIO event ribbon, Jerry Wurf memorial Program, undated, 1981
9  AFSCME involvement before Council 23 presidency, photographs (9 prints), circa 1960s
10 Metropolitan Council 23 presidency, photographs (13 prints), circa 1967- circa 1972
12 Memorials; photographs (4 prints), 1982
13 Signed portrait of Bill Marshall, undated