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Guide to the Bob Johnson Papers LR001345

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Summary Information

Repository:	Walter P. Reuther Library
Creator:	Johnson, Erwin Robert
Title:	Bob Johnson Papers
ID:	LR001345
Date [inclusive]:	circa 1960s-1982
Physical Description:	.25 Linear Feet (1 MB)
Language of the Material:	English
Language of the Material:	Material entirely in English.
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 roles in AFSCME. Materials include correspondence, biographical material, publications, and news clippings highlighting his achievements as a leader in AFSCME. The collection also includes photographs of Johnson at AFSCME events and contract signings.

Citation Style

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History

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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.

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Acquisition

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

Processing History

Processed and finding aid written by Meghan Courtney on April 24, 2014.

Access

Collection is open for research.

Use

Refer to the Walter P. Reuther Library "Rules for Use of Archival Materials."

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Related Materials

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AFSCME Office of the President: Jerry Wurf Records

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Controlled Access Headings

- Labor unions--Michigan--Detroit--History
- Collective bargaining -- Government employees
- Labor leaders--United States
- AFSCME
- AFL-CIO
- Wurf, Jerry, 1919-
- Michigan State Employees Association

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Instances	
Biographical material, identification cards, invitations, certificates, news clippings, 1970-1982	Box 1	folder 1
AFSCME involvement before Metropolitan Council 23 presidency, news clippings, 1960-1970	Box 1	folder 2
Metropolitan Council 23 presidency, news clippings, 1970-1979	Box 1	folder 3
District Council 25 presidency, campaign materials, letter of congratulations, news clippings, 1978-1981	Box 1	folder 4
International Vice President, Michigan; flyer, telegram, news clippings, 1980-1982	Box 1	folder 5
Memorials; news clippings, correspondence, 1982	Box 1	folder 6
Union Town: A Labor History Guide to Detroit, undated; A Short History of American Labor, 1981	Box 1	folder 7
AFL-CIO event ribbon, Jerry Wurf Memorial Program, undated, 1981	Box 1	folder 8
AFSCME involvement before Council 23 presidency, photographs (9 prints), 1960-1969	Box 1	folder 9
Metropolitan Council 23 presidency, photographs (13 prints), 1967-1972	Box 1	folder 10
Council 25 presidency, photographs (5 prints), 1978-1981	Box 1	folder 11
Memorials; photographs (4 prints), 1982	Box 1	folder 12
Signed portrait of Bill Marshall, undated	Box 1	folder 13