



Guide to the NALC Historic Artifacts Collection LR001911

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Summary Information

Repository:	Walter P. Reuther Library
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Abstract:	Letter Carriers answered a call to meet in Milwaukee in 1889, with the intention to form a national association to ensure improved salaries, better working conditions, and greater security for letter carriers and their families. The National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) continues its efforts while representing over 300,000 active and retired city letter carriers from 2,500 branches across the country.

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Scope and Content

The NALC Historic Artifacts Collection documents over 120 years of the evolution of mail delivery.

The collection consists of documents relating to the U.S. Postal Service, Letter Carriers, and the National Association of Letter Carriers. Books, publications, journals, newsletters, posters, and records; as well as uniforms, photographs, buttons, tools of the trade, and other ephemera and artifacts are also included.

Notable photographs include: President Lyndon B. Johnson and President Richard Nixon; as well as correspondence between NALC and President George Bush.

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Arrangement

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Publication Statement

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Acquisition

Materials were recieved from NALC in many shipments.

Processing History

Processed and finding aid written by Elizabeth Nicholson on July 19, 2016.

Access

Collection is open for research.

Use

Refer to the Walter P. Reuther Library "Rules for Use of Archival Materials." Restrictions: Researchers may encounter records of a sensitive nature – personnel files, case records and those involving investigations, legal and other private matters. Privacy laws and restrictions imposed by the

Library prohibit the use of names and other personal information which might identify an individual, except with written permission from the Director and/or the donor.

Boxes must stay at the reference desk and researchers can only examine one folder or item at a time. Researchers must sit at one of the two tables in front of the reference desk.

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Related Materials

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- Labor unions--History

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