

THE FRANK MARQUART COLLECTION

Papers, 1936-1975

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The papers of Frank Marquart were deposited with the Labor History Archives in September, 1961 by Frank Marquart and opened for research in July of 1966. Additional papers were placed in the Archives by Harry Chestler in November 1984 and by Gertrude Reynolds in February, 1985. This was opened for research in February of 1986. Frank Marquart was born in Brooklyn, New York, on December 10, 1900. He attended school in Braddock, Pa., but never completed the 8th grade, having to drop out of school in 1914 to help support his family. Not finding work in Braddock, the family moved to Detroit and worked at Ford. In 1919, he joined the Young Socialist League where he met people such as Joe Brown. Marquart was persuaded to finish high school, which he did and later completed two years at Michigan State Normal College, now Eastern Michigan University.

In the 1930's, Marquart became interested in labor education and worked as an education director for: Dodge Local 3, from October 1937 to August 1941; Local 600 from August 1941 to August 1944; Briggs Local 212 from August 1944 to December 1947 and again from September 1948 to April 1958. From January " 1948 to August 1948, he served on the University of Michigan Workers Education Service. Since 1958, Mr. Marquart had been "free lancing" for Wayne State University Labor Relations Institute, Michigan State University Labor Institute and the UAW International Education Department until he retired to Albuquerque, New Mexico in 1968. He died at the age of 85 on September 5, 1984.

Important subjects are:

UAW-CIO Local 235 Bargaining Committee Minutes with the Management of
the Chevrolet Gear and Axle Plants

Briggs Strike - 1933

UAW - 1939 Split

There is no correspondence in this collection. The material is largely printed matter and is arranged alphabetically by title.

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Series II
 "Autoworkers in Action"
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Part II

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Typescript of Frank Marquart's book entitled "An Auto Worker's Journal," published in 1975. (missing from the manuscript are Chapter I, "Preface, Introduction" and the first several pages of Chapter II, "Becoming a Radical." In addition to this manuscript are memoranda and minutes relating to the National Committee for Democratic Action in the UAW and its Detroit counterpart, the Rank and File (skilled workers) Committee for Democratic Action. There is also a file of union membership cards for Mr. Marquart and a scrapbook commemorating this seventy-fifth birthday with notes and letters from friends and colleagues.

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