

Alex Barbour Papers
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1958-1967 (bulk 1965-1967)

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Accession Number: 223

Creator: Alex Barbour

Acquisition: The Alex Barbour Papers were donated by his wife, Dorothy Barbour, to the Reuther Library on October 27, 1971.

Language: Material entirely in English.

Access: Papers are open for research.

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Related Material: Photographs and oversize items, such as resolutions and awards, were transferred to the Reuther’s Audiovisual Department. Guides or inventories are available.

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

Alex Barbour was born in Montreal, Canada on December 12, 1912. He was a resident of Detroit, Michigan from 1923 until 1967. He first became a member of UAW Local 7 when he worked for the Chrysler Corporation Kercheval Avenue Plant in 1937. Throughout his career he served on numerous CIO Community Service Committees. He became Secretary-Treasurer of the Wayne County CIO Council during the years 1948 to 1958 and then served as President of the merged Wayne County AFL-CIO Council from 1958 until his sudden death on February 21, 1967. Barbour's papers provided insight on his personal and professional activities and affiliations.

Important Subjects:

AFL-CIO. Michigan
Labor movement
UAW

Important Correspondents:

Mazey, Emil

Arrangement

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

Box 1

Scrapbook of black & white photographs from Alex Barbour's trip to Israel, 1965.
Common Council of the City of Detroit Testimonial Resolution (framed), 1965, May 13
Wayne County Board of Supervisors Memorial Resolution (framed), 1967, February 21

Box 2

Scrapbook of photographs and correspondence from dignitaries who either attended or were invited to attend a testimonial dinner honoring Alex Barbour, 1965, May 13

Box 3

1. Clippings, 1958-1967
2. Democratic National Convention, 1956 August 13
3. Publications, 1965-1966
4. Resolutions, 1967