

THE STUART STRACHAN COLLECTION

Papers, 1935-1940
(Predominantly, 1937-1940)

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The papers of Stuart Strachan were placed in the Archives of Labor History and Urban Affairs in June of 1972 by Mr. Strachan and were opened for research in 1974.

Stuart Strachan was a supporter of Homer Martin during the factional disputes within the UAW in 1939. During his career Mr. Strachan held positions in UAW Local 615 and UAW Local 174.

Mr. Strachan represented the Cadillac Division of the West Side Local 174 at the General Motors National Conference on June 5 and 6, 1937 and served as a member of the Wage and Hour Committee. Stuart Strachan also represented Local 174 at the Milwaukee Convention in August of 1937 where he served as a member of the Committee of 17.

Stuart Strachan served as Vice President of the Executive Board of Local 615. He was an alternate to the General Motors Council on January 20 and 21, 1940 from Local 615. In addition, Mr. Strachan was a member of the Organization Committee of Local 615 United Automobile Workers of America (U.A.W.A.)-A.F.L.

Important subjects covered in the collection are:

Milwaukee Convention, 1937
UAW Local 174 (Detroit), 1937
Suspension of the "15" from the UAW, 1939
NLRB's GM election, 1940

Among the correspondents are: (an index to the location of these
letters will be found on the last
page of the guide)

William E. Dowell
William Green
Glen W. McCabe

Homer Martin
William B. Taylor

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Included in this series is material regarding the West Side
Local 174, collective bargaining, the Milwaukee Convention,
the GM Conference, and the Chevrolet, Buick, Oldsmobile,
Cadillac and Yellow Cab Conference.

Series III, Box 2

Correspondence, clippings, and printed materials relating to
the factional disputes within the UAW in 1939 and 1940. There
is also a limited amount of material on the United WPA and
Unemployed Workers of America.

Series I
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Included in Series I are the proceedings of the First National Conference of United Automobile Workers Federal Labor Unions, the resolutions adopted at the Conference and a list of the delegates for 1935.

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1. United Automobile Workers Federal Labor Unions

Series II
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Included in Series II is information relating to the internal operation of the International Union United Automobile Workers of America and in particular the West Side Local 174. Included in the series are the minutes for both the joint Council and the Executive Board of Local 174 during part of 1937 which is arranged chronologically. There is also information relating to collective bargaining such as financial statements and pay rates for the automobile companies as well as the contracts and agreements with the automobile companies which are arranged alphabetically. In addition, there are the minutes for various conventions and conferences such as the GM Conference (June, 1937), the Milwaukee Convention (August, 1937), the General Motors Conference (November 1937), and the Chevrolet, Buick, Oldsmobile, Cadillac and Yellow Cab Conference (August, 1938).

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