

THE A. E. STEVENSON COLLECTION

Papers, 1891 - 1976  
(Predominantly, 1941 -1947)

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The papers of Alfred Edward Stevenson were placed in the Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs in December of 1977 by his wife, Mrs. Rose Stevenson and were opened for research in November of 1985.

A. E. Stevenson was born in Brigden, Ontario, Canada on September 10, 1909, the son of naturalized American citizens then residing in Canada. After completing his elementary education in a farm community in Ontario in 1922, he entered the United States at the port of Detroit in the early 1920's and held various odd jobs until he joined the Hudson Motor Company of Detroit in 1929. As a tool and die maker he was asked to join the Mechanics Educational Society of America (MESA) in 1934. He became a leader in an unsuccessful strike in that same year.

Unable to find employment in Detroit after this incident, he moved to Cleveland, obtaining a job at the Globe Machine and Stamping Company where he continued his membership in MESA. In 1936 all employees at the plant voted to affiliate with the UAW and the following April he was elected as a delegate to the Central Labor Body, a forerunner of the Cleveland Industrial Union Council, a position he held until February of 1949 when he was defeated in a CIUC election amid accusations of leftist leanings.

In 1942 and until his induction into the Army in May, 1943, he served on several panels of the War Labor Board and as a member of its Nonferrous Metals Commission.

After February, 1949, A. E. Stevenson left union activities and became a salesman, held several managerial positions, and was, finally, a stockbroker. He died on January 29, 1976.

The papers of Mr. Stevenson reflect his work with the CIUC, his work with the War Labor Board and his problems in establishing his U. S. citizenship.

Important subjects covered in the collection are:

CIUC elections, predominantly, 1948-1949  
CIUC "Union Leader" controversy, 1945-1947  
War Labor Board correspondence, 1942-1943

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manuscript boxes

Correspondence, memos and clippings concerning Mr. Stevenson's work with the CIUC, primarily from 1945-1947. There are also several folders of correspondence relating to his work on the Nonferrous Metals Commission as well as speeches and statements made by him and others from 1937-1976.

In addition, there are several folders of personal documents relating to Mr. Stevenson's (aka: "Steve," "Eddie," "Mike") difficulty in proving his U. S. citizenship and his service in the U. S. Army.

Files are arranged alphabetically by subject or type of material.

Non-manuscript Material:

Approximately 9 photographs relating to the A. E. Stevenson Collection have been placed in the Archives Audio-Visual Collection.

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