

The Thomas J. Starling Collection

Papers, 1937-1970

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The papers of Thomas J. Starling were placed in the Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs in April of 1980 and were opened for research in December of 1986.

Thomas J. Starling was born in south Georgia in 1904. He went to work for the Fisher Body Plant in Atlanta in 1928. He participated in the first strike in this plant in 1929 and later in 1935. He also took part in the first sit-down strike of a General Motors plant which took place in Atlanta on November 18, 1936. In 1939 he was elected President of Local 34 in Atlanta and subsequently served on the Board of Directors of the United Auto Workers from 1941 to 1953 Mr. Starling died in Avondale Estates, Georgia on February 4, 1982.

The papers of Mr. Starling consist of several memorial programs, a reprint of the first United Auto Workers - General Motors Agreement, a sample grievance report, an itinerary of a tour of the United Kingdom by an UAW-CIO delegation, and several labor policy pamphlets put out by General Motors.

Non-manuscript Materials

Files of UAW publications, including constitution convention proceedings, and a few years of files of Ammunition (UAW-CIO, Education Department) have been placed in the Archives Library.