

Robert Thomas Papers
1 linear foot (1 SB)
1948-1982, bulk 1979-1980

Walter P. Reuther Library, Wayne State University, Detroit, MI.
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- Accession Number:** 1563
- Creator:** Robert Thomas
- Acquisition:** The records were deposited at the Walter P. Reuther Library by Robert Thomas on October 28, 1993.
- Language:** Materials in English and Spanish.
- Access:** Records are open for research.
- Use:** Refer to the Walter P. Reuther Library *Rules for Use of Archival Materials*.
- Notes:** Citation style: "Robert Thomas Papers, Box [#], Folder [#], Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs, Wayne State University.
- Related Material:** UFW Records Collections at the Walter P. Reuther Library.

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

Robert J. Thomas is a professor at Brandeis University and Executive Director at the Accenture Institute for High Performance. He was formerly a professor of Organizational Studies at MIT. Thomas' area of interest lies in leadership and transformational change. He has written books, such as *Citizenship, Gender, and Work: Social Organization of Industrial Agriculture*, with the UFW as subject matter.

The Robert Thomas collection reflects his previous research for his book in organizational structure in the agricultural industry. The Robert Thomas Records is a collection of newspaper clippings with some duplicated and secondhand UFW correspondence included. The majority of the clippings refer to the Lettuce Strike in 1979 and the Delano Grape Strike with clippings from 1966 and 1972. Complete editions of the *El Malcriado* and *Tulare Tenant News* are also included. The collection includes various clippings and correspondence from agricultural organizations and related farms.

Important Subjects:

Agriculture—History—20th Century
Agricultural Labor Relations Board
Agricultural laborers—United States
American Friends Service Committee
Bud Antle Incorporated
Fair Labor Standards Act
Grape Strike, Calif., 1965-1970
Independent Union of Agricultural Workers
Labor Unions—United States
Migrant agricultural laborers—United States
National Farm Workers Association
Strikes and lockouts – Agricultural laborers
Texas Farmworkers Union

Important Names:

Cesar Chavez
Andrew Church
Jerry Cohen
Herbert Foster
Roland Kemp
Bard McAllister

Important Terms & Acronyms:

CPD: Citizens Participation Department

Arrangement

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

Box 1

1. Delano Clippings, 1965-1967
2. Delano Clippings Scrapbook, 1966 and 1972
3. Fair Labor standards Act, 1967
4. Tulare Tenant News, 1971
5. Tulare Tenant News, 1972
6. Tulare Tenant News, 1973
7. American Friends Service Committee Publications, 1972
8. UFW Strike Newsletters, Coachella, 1973
9. UFW Newspaper Clippings, 1975
10. Delano Strike Correspondence and Leaflets, 1965-1967 (1 of 2)
11. Delano Strike Correspondence and Leaflets, 1965-1967 (2 of 2)
12. UFW Dissension, 1979
13. Lettuce Strike Profiles, 1979
14. Lettuce Strike, January – March 1979
15. Lettuce Strike, April – June 1979
16. Lettuce Strike, July – September 1979
17. Lettuce Strike, October – December 1979
18. Lettuce Strike, January – April, 1980
19. UFW CPD, 1979-1980
20. Bud Antle Inc. Teamsters and Shredded Lettuce Clippings, 1979
21. UFW Contracts and Budgets, 1977-1979
22. Salinas Valley, “AG in the 80’s”
23. UFW Mechanization, 1978-1980
24. National Farm Workers Association Fair Labor Standards
25. Independent Union of Agricultural Workers Clippings, 1979-1980
26. Texas Farmworkers Union, 1979-1980
27. Merrill Farms, 1978-1980
28. Agricultural Labor Relations Board, 1979-1980
29. Migrant Farm Worker Guides
30. Illegal Aliens, 1977-1982
31. United Brands Corporate Data, 1975
32. Teamsters Contracts and Clippings, 1979
- 33-35. El Malcriado, Volumes 1, 5, 6, various numbers.