The papers of Local 157 were deposited with the Labor History Archives in October, 1966, by Blaine Marrin.

Local 157 of the UAW-CIO is an amalgamated tool and die local on the west side of Detroit serving numerous shops. Among the shops are Commercial Steel Treating Co., Commonwealth Brass Co., Fisher Body and McLaughlin Co.

In the spring of 1933 an attempt was made to organize automobile workers. The resulting organization was called the Mechanics Educational Society of America and was based primarily on tool and die makers in the automobile shops. When the CIO was formed it tried to draw membership away from the Mechanics Educational Society. This culminated with Local 157 receiving a charter into the UAW-CIO in June, 1936.

The Local 157 Collection covers the period from 1936 to 1965.

Among the Correspondents are:

Ed Carey    Walter Reuther
Emil Mazey  G. Mermen Williams
Richard Nixon Leonard Woodcock

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The files are alphabetically arranged by company and cover the period 1940-1965. The material within each folder is chronological while any undated material is placed at the end of each file. The files labeled "minutes" contain only the minutes of the Local 157 unit within that shop. The other files contain correspondence, proposals, demands, agreements, requests for excuse from work and election material.

Series II.
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The files in Series II are alphabetically arranged by topic and cover the period 1936-1964. Included are files containing correspondence to and from Local 157 Presidents Dale Harris and Blaine Marrin for 1903-1959. In addition, material relevant to G.M. local agreements for 1955 and 1958 and demands and strike votes for 1955 are included. The job shop rates for 1955 are alphabetically arranged by shop. There are certificates of election conducted by the Michigan Labor Mediation Board.
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Among the correspondents are: Martha W. Griffiths - congresswoman; Maxwell M. Rabb; Senator Pat McNamara; John Lesinski; Louis C. Rabaut, L.N, Nedzi; W.S. Broomfield - Congressmen; Philip A. Hart; Arthur H. Vandenberg - Senators; Mayor Jerome P. Cavanagh; J.I. Jackson, E.A. Fitzpatrick - Michigan Representatives; Ernest Mazey; Norman Matthews; Alvin R. Lemke; Mathew B. Hammond - Local & Union Officials.
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