

THE UAW LOCAL 78 COLLECTION
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The papers of UAW Local 78 were placed in the Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs in May of 1974, by Local 78 President Edward Tillis and were opened for research in August of 1984.

UAW Local 78 was chartered September 5, 1947, from Detroit's UAW Amalgamated West-Side Local 174 to represent the hourly workers of the Kelsey-Hayes Wheel Company who had previously been within Local 174 since 1937.

The papers of Local 78 reflect the efforts to secure wage increases from the War Labor Board during World War II, its acquisition of a charter as an independent local and its participation in the Civil Rights movement.

Important subjects covered in this collection are:

Civil Rights
Cold War

Labor During World War II
Women's Concerns

Among the important correspondents are:

Emil Mazey
Roy Reuther

Victor Reuther
Walter Reuther

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Agendas, announcements, bargaining committee reports, correspondence, and other items relating to Kelsey-Hayes during the period of the Cold War and of the Civil Rights movement.

Non-manuscript Material:

Received in this collection were 40 published pamphlets concerned various subjects relating to the Local's and other union activities. These pamphlets are available in the Archives Library. In addition, 5 photographs have been placed in the Archives Audio-Visual Collection.

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