

**UAW Local 72**

**Papers, 1933-1972**

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UAW Local 72 formed initially as AFL-Federal Labor Union 19008 in Kenosha, Wisconsin in 1933. Shortly after the founding of the United Autoworkers in 1935, the local rechartered as AFL-UAW Local 72, representing workers at the Kenosha Nash (later AMC) plant. In 1950, the local won its first pension and insurance plan under the leadership of President Mike Maxin. In the early 1950s, Walter Vaughn became the first black member of the Local 72 Executive Board. Ralph Daum, a former Chief Steward in the Press Room, served the longest term as President of the local between 1967 and 1978.

The papers of UAW Local 72 consist of minutes and correspondence of the Joint Council, Pension, Trial, and By-Laws Committees proceedings, reports, news releases, resolutions, job transfer lists, grievances, and strike material.

**Non-Manuscript Material:**

A number of posters and photographs have been placed in the Archives Audiovisual Collection, and Local 72 by-laws, constitutions, contracts, and newsletters were transferred to the archives library.

**Important subjects in the collection:**

American Motors Corporation	NLRB
General Motors Corporation	Pension and Insurance
Hudson Company	Security Clause
Nash-Kelvinator	

**Important correspondents in the collection:**

Martin Anderson	Mike Maxin
Peter Brahm	Al Moeller
Ralph Daum	Mike Molinaro
Arthur Hees	Ray Resch
Lief Hillesland	Richard Thiel
Walter Lenzke	Walter Vaughn

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