

## UAW Local 581 Collection

Papers, 1940-1987  
(Predominantly, 1940s-1950s)

6 linear feet  
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Late in 1936, a union office was opened at 4347 S. Saginaw St. in Flint, Michigan, across from General Motors Fisher Body Plant #1. The office, which handled the affairs of workers at Fisher Body, was part of AFL-affiliated UAW Local 156, representing several General Motors plants in Flint. The famous Sit-Down Strike of 1936-37, which culminated in General Motors recognition of the UAW, started in the Fisher #1 plant. In April 1938, Local 581, representing Fisher Body workers, was chartered independently from Local 156, and a year later, joined the CIO with other UAW locals.

The papers of UAW Local 581 include Management-Shop Committee minutes, correspondence, apprenticeship records, wage scale agreements and other materials documenting the history of workers at the Flint GM Fisher Body plant.

**PLEASE NOTE: Folders are computer-arranged alphabetically in this finding aid, but may actually be dispersed throughout several boxes in the collection. Note carefully the box number for each folder heading.**

### Important subjects in the collection:

Apprenticeship programs--Michigan--Flint  
Automobile industry and trade--Michigan--Flint  
Automobile industry workers--Michigan--Flint  
Collective bargaining--Automobile industry--Michigan--Flint  
General Motors Fisher Body Plant #1 (Flint, Mich.)  
Industrial relations--Michigan--Flint  
Seniority, Employee--Michigan--Flint  
Trade-unions and education--Michigan--Flint  
Wages--Automobile industry workers--Michigan--Flint

### Important correspondents in the collection:

George Addes	Eugene Judd
C. E. Dammann	David MacDonald
F. J. Des Jardin	Bruce Malott
Everett Francis	Walter Reuther
Charles Hall	R. J. Thomas

Lawrence Huber

T. R. Tucker

**Non-manuscript material:**

Several photographs have been placed in the Archives Audiovisual Collection and a few vending contracts have been placed in the Archives Library.

<b>Box-folder</b>	<b>Folder heading</b>
4-40	American School, 1964
6-9 thru 13	Apprenticeship aptitude tests, 1950-58
6-14	Apprenticeship Committee minutes, 1956-62
6-1 thru 8	Apprenticeship permanent record, 1942-55
6-16	Apprenticeship program, 1950's -1960's
6-15	Apprenticeship standard plan, 1942
5-30	Attendance award, n.d.
5-8	Back dues, 1948-49
4-1	Bargaining Committee, 1950
4-2 thru 3	Bargaining Committee; minutes, 1940-41
5-10 thru 11	Basic management program, n.d.
3-39 thru 40	Bond drive, 1961, 1963
5-15 thru 16	Building Committee minutes, 1950-51, 1953-58
5-25 thru 26	Bulletins, 1949
3-38	Careers unlimited, 1955
6-22	Christmas cards, 1963-65
4-7 thru 4-13	College career day, 1954-58, 1960-61
4-32	Communist non affiliation affidavits, 1948
5-31 thru 32	Contracting information, 1950-52, 1955-57
5-6	Cooperative training, 1946
6-21	Craftsman's Guild, 1950's-1960's
4-17 thru 18	Departments at Fisher #1, 1964
6-17 thru 19	Education and suggestion plan films, 1950's-60's
5-27 thru 28	Elections, 1948-49
5-2 thru 4	Employee training and education, 1940's-50's
5-9	Employee training; statistical methods in quality control, 1948
3-20	Executive Committee minutes, 1942-47
5-20	Fifth year program, 1960's
5-13	Financial reports, 1952-59
5-14	Fisher Body #1 Tank Plant; wage agreements, 1942-43
4-30	Fisher Body craftsman guild, 1956
4-15	Flint Public Schools, 1952-60
4-6	Food survey in plant, 1983
3-11	<i>General Motors Information Handbook</i> , 1956
5-1	Hourly employees, 1976
5-21	Housekeeping, 1963
4-33 thru 39	Local agreements - Flint #1; wages and seniority, 1942, 1943, 1946, 1949-63, 1970-72
3-22 thru 3-25	Local agreements - Flint #1; wages and seniority, 1946-49, 1961
3-21	Local demands; Flint #1, 1970
4-20	Management dinner meeting, 1959
6-20	Management employee relations, 1950's

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1-1 thru 24	Management-Shop Committee minutes, 1940-41, 1943, 1947-49
2-1 thru 34	Management-Shop Committee minutes, 1949-52, 1954, 1956
3-1 thru 10	Management-Shop Committee minutes, 1956-58
4-5	Material utilization exhibit, 1959
4-29	Meetings; misc., 1959
4-31	National Science Fair, 1958
3-12 thru 13	News articles, 1987
5-22	News releases, 1957-58
5-29	Open house; GM, 1956
4-19	Open house; GM Fisher #1, 1964
5-18	Pamphlets, 1957
5-5	Personnel pamphlets, 1950's
5-17	Price reduction; 1958 models, 1958
4-21	Quality presentation, 1956-57
4-27	Relief wage payment, 1963
5-19	Research and development, 1957
4-14	Safety and health demands; Local 581, 1958
4-22 thru 26	Seniority groupings, 1941-45
5-24	Seniority list, 1918-26
5-23	Telegrams, 1945-46
5-12	<i>The Development and Growth of General Motors</i> , 1955
3-32	Training; apprenticeship, 1945
3-33	Training; apprenticeship, 1946
3-34	Training; induction and follow-up program, n.d.
3-28	Training; non-supervisory salaried employees Part I- organization structure and function, 1946
3-29	Training; non supervisory salaried employees Part II-business economics, 1946
3-30	Training; non supervisory salaried employees Part III-office work, 1947
3-37	Training; office management, 1947
5-7	Training program, 1951-52
3-36	Training; quality, 1947
3-26	Training; safety, 1946
3-31	Training; students at GMI (General Motors Institute) and apprentices, 1950
3-35	Training; the personal interview, 1947
3-27	Training; work standards, production supervision, 1947
5-33	UAW Local 599; Buick, 1940
4-28	Vending machines, 1952-63
4-16	Veterans Administration; corres., 1948-58
4-4	Wage issues; non represented employees, 1964-66
3-14 thru 19	Wage scale agreements, 1941-45, 1950, 1954-59, 1971

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