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## Upholsterers International Union. Local 58

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Also known as the Upholsterers, Carpet and Lineoleum Mechanics International Union of North America, the Upholsterers made an aggressive effort in the late 1970s to expand its membership, particularly in the southern states, meeting with only limited success. The membership of approximately 35,000 became the Upholstery and Allied Industries Division of the United Steelworkers of America in October 1985.

### Scope of collection

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### Inventory

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