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Background on UFCW Local 1459

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Scope of collection

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By-laws, Local 1459

1978, 1980

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Retail Clerks Union, Local 1459

1978

UFCW, Local 1459

1980

Constitution and merger agreement

1979

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Merger of Amalgamated Meat Cutters and UFCW.

Constitution and merger agreement

1983

Box 1: 3

Contracts

1982-1985

Box 1: 3

Blackwood, Inc.

1982

Box 1: 4

Caldor, Inc.

1984

Box 1: 5

Child World

1982

Box 1: 6

Geriatric Authority of Holyoke

1983

Box 1: 7

Harlow and Tick

1984

Box 1: 8

Ludlow Savings Bank

1982

Box 1: 9

Massachusetts Wholesale Drug Co.

1984

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Paysaver
1982
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Providence Hospital
1983
Box 1: 12
Stop and Shop
1982
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Membership information, Local 1459
1985
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Union Leader (newsletter)
1977
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1982-1983
Box 1: 20
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1984
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Union Leader (newsletter)
1985
Box 1: 22
Your Rights on the Job, by Robert M. Schwartz. Boston, Mass. : Labor Guild of Boston
1983
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Access

The collection is open for research.

Provenance

Gift of 1985.

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