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Read collection overview

Labor historian John W. Bennett has researched the history of the labor movement since his days as an undergraduate at the University of Massachusetts (Class of 1952). A born collector, he began accumulating memorabilia associated with unions, drawn to their potential as a visual record of labor iconography and self-representation.

Extending back to the 1880s, the Bennett Collection includes examples from around the country, but with a particularly strong representation of New England unions between the mid-1930s and mid-1970s.

Background on John W. Bennett

John William Bennett was born in 1930 in Holyoke, Massachusetts. His father worked for the local power company and his mother was a teacher. He attended Holyoke High School and started his studies at the University of Massachusetts Amherst in 1949. After graduating in 1952 with a bachelor's degree in history, Bennett worked as a teacher and principal at Russell H. Conwell Elementary School in Worthington. After three months working at the school, he was drafted into the army. Upon finishing his service Bennett attended Yale and earned an MA in teaching in 1956. At this time Bennett also took graduate courses in Math at Brown University.

In the late 1950s he returned to Springfield to teach math and history at the High School of Commerce. While teaching there he met his future wife, Mary, who worked as a school nurse. He joined the Springfield Federation of Teachers, Local 484 of the American Federation of Teachers and during the 60's served as an officer in the union. During this time he was also a delegate to the Pioneer Valley Central Labor Council and briefly served as its vice president. In 1971 he took a sabbatical and returned to the University of Massachusetts to begin a graduate degree in Labor Studies. While attending, a professor advised him to pursue a doctorate in labor history and so he left Springfield in 1972 to attend the University of Pittsburgh.

In 1974, while a studying labor history and teaching at the University of Pittsburgh, he began collecting union badges with the intention of using them as wall decorations. He first considered their use as teaching tools when he observed how his students were drawn to the badges after he brought them into class. During this time he also helped organize an AFT local for faculty and graduate employees. In 1977 he received his PhD. His dissertation was on iron workers in Woods Run and Johnstown Pennsylvania during the union era from 1865-1895.

After completing his PhD he began working as an Assistant Professor in the Division of Labor Studies at Indiana University in Indianapolis. In his position he was responsible for coordinating the Union Leadership program in Marion County. While at the university he served as the vice-president in his union. In 1978 he authored a guide to using labor memorabilia as a teaching tool.

In 1980 he began working as an Associate Professor at the Harry Van Arsdale Center for Labor Studies at Empire State College. He helped develop a Master's Degree in Labor and Policies studies at Empire State College and worked as a consultant to Metropolitan State University when they considered developing a labor studies program. During this time he began serving on the editorial board for the Labor Studies Journal, a position which he continued after his retirement in 1995. Following his retirement he returned to Massachusetts, where he remained active in labor and political causes. He is the president of the Springfield chapter of the Massachusetts Senior Action Council and has moderated debates, manned picket lines, and otherwise



Labor Day Souvenir pin, 1920

continued to serve his community. He has also retained his passion for labor history. He served as the historian for the Pioneer Valley Central Labor Council and has been a strong advocate for the creation of a labor history museum for the pioneer valley.

Scope of collection

In 2005, Dr. Bennett donated his extensive collection of labor memorabilia to the University of Massachusetts Amherst. The collection consists of over 3,000 items representing a diverse variety of realia including approximately 1,700 buttons, 535 lapel pins, 15 posters/membership certificates, 300 hundred ribbons and sashes, and over 350 miscellaneous union memorabilia including contracts, constitutions, hats, shirts, gavels, belt buckles, mugs, ashtrays, pennants, watch fobs, medallions, pens, mirrors, tie clasps, pamphlets, flyers, etc.

The collection extends back to the 1880s, yet most of the material dates from the 1930s to the present day. The Bennett Collection includes memorabilia from around the country, but with a particularly strong representation of New England unions between the mid-1930s and mid-1970s. A wide spectrum of union history is represented here from the Knights of Labor to the Industrial Workers of the World to the A.F.L. to the C.I.O. to a variety of independent unions. Over the years, Bennett used his collection as the basis for lectures about labor history and iconography. These lectures explored how union badges, buttons, and convention ribbons provide information about the history and culture of American Labor Movement.

Mergers between unions sometimes blur the categories used to separate each series. The Amalgamated Lithographers of America and the International Photoengravers Union, both listed under Series 1, merged in 1964 into the Lithographers and Photoengravers International Union (LPIU). In 1972 the LPIU and the International Brotherhood of Bookbinders merged to form the Graphic Arts International Union (Series 5), which was later renamed the Graphic Communications International Union. The Graphic Communications International Union in turn was later absorbed into the Teamsters, which is listed under Series 6. In some cases, workers in a single profession are a split between unions which fall in different series. Healthcare workers such as nurses are represented by unions in both Series 2 (SEIU) and Series 4 (OPEIU).

Series descriptions

Series 1. Construction and Manufacturing Unions

1915-1997

45 boxes

This series brings together memorabilia and documents from approximately 110 labor organizations within the construction, manufacturing, and communications industries. Some of the unions represented are the Aluminum Workers International Union (AWIU), American Flint Glass Workers Union, Brotherhood of Painters, Decorators and Paperhangers (BPD&PA), Building Trades Councils, Communications Workers of America (CWA), United Automobile Workers (UAW), and United Steel Workers of America (USWA). Of particular note is a large collection of records from the United Steelworkers Local 3659, which was formerly based in Whitinsville, Massachusetts. Also present are records of IUE Local 220 of East Longmeadow, MA, which began life as a UE Local based in Springfield, MA. The union represented workers for Package Machine Company, and the records follow the union from the Second World War through to the closing of the company's Stafford, CT plant at the beginning of the 1990s.

Series 2. Food and Service Unions

1900-1990

13 boxes

The series includes documents and memorabilia from 46 unions from the food and service industries. This series covers a broad range of occupations, including letter carriers, firefighters, law enforcement, and brewery workers. Government and private employees are both represented in this series. The unions in this category have seen a large number of name changes and consolidations. The Building Service Employees' International Union changed to the Service Employees' International Union in 1968. In 1994, the International Brotherhood of Stationary Firemen's successor, the International Brotherhood of Firemen and Oilers affiliated with the SEIU. The United Retail Employees of America became the Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Union in 1938. It later absorbed the Distributive, Processing & Office Workers of America in 1954 and the Cigar Makers Union in 1974. In 1993 it affiliated with the United Food and Commercial Workers. The United Food and Commercial Workers formed from the 1979 merger of the Amalgamated Meat Cutters with the Retail Clerks International Union, which itself was originally known as the Retail Clerks International Association. The United Packinghouse Workers of America merged into the Amalgamated Meat Cutters in 1968. The Journeymen Barbers International Union merged with the United Food and Commercial Workers in 1980 and the Insurance Workers International Union merged with the UFCW in 1983.

Series 3. Labor Organizations

1890-2001

15 boxes

This series consists of items from more than 40 labor coalitions, organizations, and federations at the state, national and international levels. Items include calendars, convention materials, and periodicals. This series represents a timeline of major and minor organizations in US labor history over a span of 111 years, including the Noble Order of the Knights of Labor (KofL),

the American Federation of Labor (AFL), the Industrial Workers of the World (IWW), and the Congress of Industrial Organizations (CIO). Artifacts from German, Swedish and Polish labor organizations can also be found in this series.

Series 4. Professional Labor Unions

1897-1985

6 boxes

Series 4 includes educators, musicians, office workers, air traffic controllers, and graphic artists from just under 30 unions. The bulk of the material represents public sector workers, with media industries accounting for most of the private sector workers found in this series. Of note are the collective bargaining agreements for the Massachusetts Community College Council covering 1983 - 1998. The Massachusetts Community College Council is an affiliate of the National Education Association and the agreements cover professional staff and faculty at the various Massachusetts community colleges.

Series 5. Transportation Unions

1890-2001

20 boxes

With a focus on unions within the transportation industries, this series contains realia from approximately 30 unions including the Amalgamated Transit Union (as well as its predecessor, the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electrical Railway Employee), the Brotherhood of Railway Carmen of America, the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, and the Order of Railway Conductors. Items related to non-transit members of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters are also in this series.

Series 6. Union Causes

1898-2001

17 boxes

John Bennett believed that the ways in which unions adapted to social change are represented in the symbols and wording which appear on union memorabilia. This series includes items from the causes that unions fought for including political causes and endorsements, solidarity, unity, and union elections. Health-related topics, such as insurance and on-the-job safety, arise in both the documents and memorabilia as an important labor issue. Parties and candidates supported by labor are a recurring theme in the badges. Imprisonment was not an uncommon problem for labor organizers, and several pieces in this series represent statements of support or appeals for funds for members of the labor movement who were either on trial or already sentenced. Also included are policy documents from the 1910's through 1930's related to issues such as minimum wages and public pensions, primarily in the form of pamphlets and newspaper articles.

Series 7. John Bennett

1958-2005

2 boxes

This series documents John Bennett's career from his time as a high school teacher in Springfield through his retirement. It contains material produced by John Bennett or otherwise personally tied to John Bennett. Much of the material, such as school papers, report, and course materials, reflects his long career as a student and teacher. Also included are documents related to Bennett's efforts in labor education, several interviews with Bennett and documents regarding Bennett's activism after his retirement and return to Massachusetts.

Inventory

Series 1. Construction and Manufacturing Unions

1910-1952

45 boxes

Aluminum Workers International Union (AWIU)

Box C1

Aluminum Workers of America

Box C1

Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel, and Tin Workers (AA)

Box C1

Amalgamated Clothing and Textile Workers Union

Box C1

Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America (ACWA)

Box C1, C2

Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America (ACWA): flyer
undated

Box 1
Amalgamated Lithographers
ca. 1919
Box C1
Amalgamated Lithographers: *Lithopinion*
1966
Box 1
Amalgamated man: sketch
undated
Box 1
Amalgamated Textile Workers of America
Box C1
American Bosch Industrial Union
Box C1
American Federation of Technical Engineers
Box C1
American Flint Glass Workers Union
Box C1, C2
American order of Steam Engineers
Box C1
Bakery & Confectionery Workers International Union of America
Box C26
Boot and Shoe Workers Union (BSWU)
Box C1, C3
Bricklayers, Masons and Plasters' International Union of America (BMPIUA)
Box C3
Brotherhood of Boilermakers and Iron Shipbuilders
Box C3
Brotherhood of Painters, Decorators and Paperhangers (BPD&PA)
ca. 1921, undated
Box C2, C3
Brotherhood of Utility Workers of New England (BUWNE)
Box C16
Brush Workers Union (BWU): pin, Local 20468

Box C43
Building Trades Councils
1915-1974
Box C4
Building Trades Council, Pittsburgh
1915
Box C4
Building Trades Council, Springfield, Mass.
1918
Box C4
Building Trades Council
Box C4
Building Trades Council, Everett, AFL
1937
Box C4
Building Trades Council, Chehalis, AFL
1938
Box C4
Building Trades Council, Peoria
1938
Box C4
Building Trades Council, Detroit
1938

10 items

Box C4

Building Trades Council, Detroit

1939

4 items

Box C4

Building Trades Council, Portland, AFL

1939

Box C4

Building Trades Council, Detroit

1940

Box C4

Building Trades Council, Washtenaw County

1940

Box C4

Building Trades Council, Indianapolis Marion County, AFL

1941

Box C4

Building Trades Council, Detroit

1941

Box C4

Building Trades Council, Tri-County, AFL

1942

2 items

Box C4

Building Trades Council, Marion County

1942

Box C4

Building Trades Council, Mass State

1944

Box C4

Building Trades Council, Logansport

1946

Box C4

Building Trades Council, Tri-County, AFL

1947

Box C4

Building Trades Council, Detroit

1948

Box C4

Building Trades Council, Tri-County, AFL

1948

Box C4

Building Trades Council, Marion County

1948

Box C4

Building Trades Council, Marion County

1949

Box C4

Building Trades Council, Haverhill

1949

Box C4

Building Trades Council

1949

Box C4

Building Trades Council, Knox County

1949

Box C4

Building Trades Council, Southwestern West Virginia

1950
Box C4
Building Trades Council, Gallatin

1951
Box C4
Building Trades Council, Terre Haute

1952
Box C4
Building Trades Council, Tri-County, AFL

1952
Box C4
Building Trades Council, Birmingham

1953
Box C4
Building Trades Council, Evansville

1953
Box C4
Building Trades Council, Floyd and Clark Counties

1953
Box C4
Building Trades Council, Gallatin

1953
Box C4
Building Trades Council, Tri-County, AFL

1953
Box C4
Building Trades Council, Gallatin

1954
Box C4
Building Trades Council, Scranton

1954
Box C4
Building Trades Council, Tri-County, AFL

1954
2 items
Box C4
Building Trades Council, Dearborn Ripley

1955
Box C4
Building Trades Council, Southwestern West Virginia

1955
Box C4
Building Trades Council, Tri-County, AFL

1955
2 items
Box C4
Building Trades Council, Gallatin

1956
2 items
Box C4
Building Trades Council, Tri-County, AFL

1956
Box C4
Building Trades Council, Gallatin

1958
Box C4
Building Trades Council, Rockford

1958
Box C4

Building Trades Council, Gallatin
1959
2 items
Box C4
Building Trades Council, Tri-County,. AFL
1959
2 items
Box C4
Building Trades Council, Tri-County, AFL
1960
Box C4
Building Trades Council, Marion County
1961
Box C4
Building Trades Council, Member
1961
Box C4
Building Trades Council, Member
1962
Box C4
Building Trades Council, Tri-County, AFL
1962
Box C4
Building Trades Council, Member
1963
Box C4
Building Trades Council, Stanislaus
1963
Box C4
Building Trades Council, Cincinnati
1964
Box C4
Building Trades Council, Bloomington
1966
Box C4
Building Trades Council, Boston
1966
Box C4
Building Trades Council, Pasco
1967
Box C4
Building Trades Council, Louisville
1970
Box C4
Building Trades Council, Greater Detroit
1972
Box C4
Building Trades Council, Greater Detroit
1973
Box C4
Building Trades Council, Detroit
1974
2 items
Box C4
Carpenter's Executive Council
1909-1912
Box C6
Chicago Paper & Box Workers Union
Box C13

Cigar Makers International Union (CIU)
Box C5, C6
Cigar Makers Union, Springfield: photograph (copy)
ca. 1915
Box 1
Communications Workers of America (CWA)
1976, undated
Box C5
Communications Workers of America (CWA)
ca. 1970, 1994
Box 1
Connecticut Union of Telephone Workers (CUTW)
Box C16
Corrugated Workers of Greater New York
1937
Box C5
Diesel Workers Union (DWU): button

Box C43
Federation of Flat Glass Workers of America
Box C16
Glass Bottle Blowers Association (GBBA)
Box C14
Glass Bottle Blowers Association (GBBA): advertisement
undated
Box 1
Industrial Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers of America (IUMSWA)
1940-1962
Box C5
International Association of Bridge, Structural and Ornamental Iron Workers
Box C6, C44
International Association of Car Workers (I.A. of C.W.)
Box C6
International Association of Machinists (IAM)
1920-ca. 1990
Box C6, C33-C34, C40
International Association of Machinists & Aerospace Workers
ca. 1990
Box 1
International Brick Tile & Terra Cotta Workers Alliance
Box C13
International Brotherhood of Blacksmiths
Box C45
International Brotherhood of Boilermakers, Iron Ship Builders, Blacksmiths, Forgers
Box C6, C7
International Brotherhood of Bookbinders (IBB)
Box C7
International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW)
Box C8-C10
International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW)
1988-1989
Box 1
International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers: *IBEW Journal*
1989-2004
Box 1
International Brotherhood of Painters, Decorators, and Paperhangers of America
Box C11
International Brotherhood of Paper Makers (IBPM)

1947
Box C6
International Brotherhood of Papermakers
Box C11
International Brotherhood of Pulp, Sulphite and Paper Mill Workers (IBPSPWM)
Box C12, C16
International Brotherhood of Steam, Shovel & Dredgement
Box C6
International Chemical Workers Union (ICWU)
Box C16
International Copper and Brass Workers' Union
Box C13
International Federation of Technical Engineers', Architects' and Draftsmen's Union
Box C6
International Freight handlers' Union
Box C14
International Hod Carriers', Building and Common Laborers' Union of America (IHCB&CLU of A)
Box C13, C35
International Jewelry Workers' Union (IJWU)
Box C13
International Ladies Garment Workers Union (ILGWU)
Box C13
International Ladies Garment Workers Union (ILGWU): flyers
ca. 1985
Box 1
International Molders and Allied Workers Union (IMU)
undated
Box C13
International Photo Engravers Union (IPEU)
Box C13
International Union of Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers (IUE)
Box C14, C32, C42
International Union of Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers (IUE)
1972-1994
Box 1
International Union of Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers (IUE): conferences
1994-1996
Box 1
International Union of Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers (IUE): manual
ca. 1980
Box 1
International Union of Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers (IUE), Local 220
1962-1989
Box 1
International Union of Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers (IUE), Local 220: photographs
ca. 1980
Box 1
International Union of Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers (IUE): Package Machinery Company
1946-1972
Box 1
International Union of Elevator Constructors
Box C13
International Union of Elevator Constructors: history
2000
Box 1
International Union of Marine & Shipbuilding Workers of America
Box C16
International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers (IUMMSW)
Box C15

International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE)
Box C14, C18
International Union of Steam Engineers (I.U. of S. E.)
Box C6, C18
International Union United Automobile, Aircraft & Agricultural Implement Workers of America
Box C22
International Woodworkers of America (IWA)
Box C16
Iron Moulders (IM)

Box C44
Jones & Laughlin Steel Corporation: *JAL Team Almanac*
1976
Box 1
Journeyman Stonecutters Association of North America (S.C.U.N.A.)
Box C16
Laborers' International Union (LIU)
Box C17
Laborers' International Union of North America (LIUNA)
Box C17
Metal Polishers, Buffers, Platers, Brass & Silver Workers Union
1913
Box C44
Metal Processors (MP)

Box C44
Metal Trades (MT): buttons
1916-1936
Box C44
Miner's Report
1973
Box 1
National Association of Letter Carriers
Box C17
National Association of Stationary Engineers (NASE)
Box C17, C18
National Brotherhood of Operative Potters (N.B.O.P.)
Box C17
Oil Chemical and Atomic Workers International Union (OCAW)
Box C19
Oil Workers International Union (OWIU)
Box C19
Operative Plasterers' and Cement Finishers' International Association (OP&CFIA)
Box C17
Pattern makers League of North America
Box C26
Pile Drivers

Box C45
Pittsburgh Building & Construction Trades Council
1991
Box 1
Plumbers & Steamfitters
Box C19
Quarrymen Protective Union
Box C45

Sheet Metal Workers (SMW)

Box C44

SMW: Button: Local Union No. 445A

undated

Box C44

SMW: Clip: State Council of Illinois Sheet Metal Workers

undated

Box C44

SMW: Badge: Delegate, Sheet Metal Workers International Alliance

1918

Box C44

SMW: Pin: Sheet Metal Workers International Association

undated

Box C44

SMW: Pin: American Sheetmetal Worker International Alliance

undated

Box C44

SMW: Watch fob: Sheet Metal Workers International Association Chicago

1938

Box C44

Steel Workers Organizing Committee (SWOC)

1937-1964

Box C20

The Committee for Industrial Organization (CIO) and the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel, and Tin Workers (AA) reached an agreement in 1936 leading to the creation of the Steel Workers Organizing Committee (SWOC). The AA had failed to unionize a substantial proportion of the Steelworkers, and by organizing basic steel, John L. Lewis, who headed both the CIO and the United Mine Workers of America (UMWA), hoped to strengthen his bargaining position with the managers of the captive mines owned by the steel industry.

SWOC's main target was the U.S. Steel Corporation, which since 1909 had refused to deal with organized labor. SWOC's strategy was to capture or disrupt the company unions fostered by U.S. Steel, however, the group actually won its recognition through secret meetings of Lewis and the board chairman of U.S. Steel. As a result, in March 1937 the corporation's subsidiaries signed a contract recognizing SWOC as representative for its members. The union claimed a total of 200,000 members.

The items that represent SWOC in the Bennett Collection illustrate the union's transformation, which occurred in 1942 following the first constitutional convention. The convention dissolved the AA and transformed SWOC into the United Steelworkers of America.

SWOC: Button

1937

8 items

Box C20

SWOC: Button

1938

3 items

Box C20

SWOC: Button

1939

2 items

Box C20

SWOC: Button

1940

3 items

Box C20

SWOC: Button

1941

8 items

Box C20

SWOC: Button

1942

10 items
Box C20
SWOC: Button
1943
2 items
Box C20
SWOC: Button
1944
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1960

2 items
Box C20
SWOC: Button
1961
Box C20
SWOC: Button
1962
Box C20
SWOC: Button
undated

9 items
Box C20
SWOC: Watch Fob
1946
Box C20
SWOC: Watch Fob
1950
Box C20
SWOC: Watch Fob
1964
Box C20
Steering Wheel Makers Federal Labor Union
1939-1942
Box C21
SWMFLU: Button
1939

9 items
Box C21
SWMFLU: Button
1940

11 items
Box C21
SWMFLU: Button
1941

9 items
Box C21
SWMFLU: Button
1942

11 items
Box C21
SWMFLU: Button
undated

3 items
Box C21
Stove Mounters International Union
Box C26
Street Pavers: button
1947
Box C45
Textile Workers Union of America (TWUA)
Box C17, C36
United Aircraft Engine Workers
Box C17, C43
United Association of Plumbers, Steam Fitters and Gasfitters(UA)
Box C37

United Automobile Workers (UAW)

1935-1997

Box C22-C24, C41

In Detroit on August 26, 1935, a group of auto workers started their own charter of the United Automobile Workers of America. From its inception, the union dealt with governance issues, and was directed and administered by the American Federation of Labor. In 1936, the union alienated the AFL and joined the Congress for Industrial Organization (CIO), a more militant organization. By this time more automobile workers joined the labor organization and in 1937 the UAW had between 20,000 and 30,000 members.

The Buttons within this collection illustrate an organizational split within the union. Some union members sought to be affiliated with the AFL, while a larger group remained faithful to the CIO. Buttons from both UAW-CIO and UAW-AFL are represented.

In December 1936 UAW local officials felt the union was numerically strong enough to demand recognition by the big three automobile companies: General Motors, Chrysler, and Ford. General Motors was picked as the test case because it had defied federal law by refusing to discuss collective bargaining or even recognition of the UAW. "Quickie" strikes occurred at the Atlanta, Cleveland, Toledo, and Flint, Michigan plants. In January 1937, UAW declared a nationwide strike against General Motors.

In 1937, General Motors recognized the UAW. Subsequently, a short sit-down strike forced Chrysler Motors to accept the UAW. In 1955 the AFL and the CIO merged to form the AFL-CIO. UAW president Walter Reuther, who was also the president of the CIO played a significant role.

UAW: Brief History of UAW/District 65

ca. 1988

Box 1

UAW: Button

1935

Box C22

UAW: Button

1937

13 items

Box C22

UAW: Button

1938

18 items

Box C22

UAW: Button

1939

8 items

Box C22

UAW: Button

1940

7 items

Box C22

UAW: Button

1941

13 items

Box C22

UAW: Button

1942

6 items

Box C22

UAW: Button

1944

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Box C22

UAW: Button

1945

7 items

Box C22

UAW: Button

1946

4 items

Box C22

UAW: Button

1947

4 items

Box C22

UAW: Button

1948

11 items

Box C22

UAW: Button: Organizing Drive

undated

2 items

Box C22

UAW: Button: UAW CIO

undated

Box C22

UAW: Button: Voye UAW

undated

2 items

Box C22

UAW: Button: Vote Yes Union Shop

undated

Box C22

UAW: Button

1949

5 items

Box C23

UAW: Button

1950

Box C23

UAW: Button

1951

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Box C23

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UAW: Button

1955

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UAW: Button

1956

5 items

Box C23

UAW: Button

1958

2 items

Box C23

UAW: Button
1964
Box C23
UAW: Button
1967
Box C23
UAW: Button, Local 422
1968
Box C23
UAW: Button
1969
2 items
Box C23
UAW: Button
1970
4 items
Box C23
UAW: Button
1973
2 items
Box C23
UAW: Button
1978
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UAW: Button
1979
2 items
Box C23
UAW: Button
1980
Box C23
UAW: Button: Alternative Committeeman
undated
Box C23
UAW: Button: Chief Steward
unkown
Box C23
UAW: Button: Construction Workers Council
unknown
Box C23
UAW: Button: Join UAW
unknown
Box C23
UAW: Button: Organizing Committee
unknown
Box C23
UAW: Button: Paid Dues August
unknown
Box C23
UAW: Button: Paid Dues October
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Box C23
UAW: Button: Paid Dues September
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Box C23
UAW: Button: Steward
unknown
Box C23
UAW: Button: Local 174

unknown
Box C23
UAW: Button: Local 201
unknown
Box C23
UAW: Button: Local 550
unknown
Box C23
UAW: Button: 571
1997
Box C23
UAW: Button: 594
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Box C23
UAW: Button: Local 600
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Box C23
UAW: Button: Local 652
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Box C23
UAW: Button: Local 662
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2 items
Box C23
UAW: Button: Local 719
unknown
Box C23
UAW: Button: UAW CIO
1939-1956
7 items
Box C24
UAW: Button: UAW AFL
1947, 1950
2 items
Box C24
UAW: Button: Vote UAWA A.F.L., the American Way
unknown
Box C24
UAW: Button: Vote U.A.W.-C.I.O., Industrial Unionism
ca. 1950
Box C24
UAW: Button
1967
2 items
Box C24
UAW: Button
1975
Box C24
UAW: Button: Local 12 (Toledo, Ohio)
ca. 1955
Box C24
UAW: Button: Executive Board Member, 365
unknown
Box C24
UAW: Button: WPA Auxiliary
Box C24
UAW: Flyers: strike
1981
Box 1

UAW: Key Chain: Local 600, 22nd Anniversary Ford Rouge Strike
1963
Box C24
UAW: Key Chain
unknown
Box C24
UAW: Lighter: Dallas Sells Region 3
unknown
Box C24
UAW: Periodicals
1978-1985
Box 1
UAW: Pin: Local 933
unknown
Box C24
UAW: Watch Fob
unknown
Box C24
United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America (UBC)
Box C27-C29
United Builders Service Workers (UBSW): button
1940
Box C45
United Construction Workers (UCW)

Box C45
United Construction Workers Organizing Committee (UCWOC)

Box C45
United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America (UE)
Box C14, C38
United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America (UE): Local 220
1944-1947
Box 1
United Farm Equipment and Metal Workers of America (FE)
Box C26
United Furniture Workers of America (UFWA)
Box C17
United Garment Workers of America (UGWA)
Box C17
United Hatters, Cap & Millinery Workers
Box C17
United Mine Workers of America (UMWA)
undated
Box C30, C39
United Mine Workers of America (UMWA): printed material
1990
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undated
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Box C17

United Slate, Tile & Workers Association (USTWA)
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United Steel Workers of America (USWA)
Box C20, C31
United Steel Workers of America (USWA)
1977-1980
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United Steel Workers of America (USWA): Local 3654 arbitration
1947-1982
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1981-1985
Box 1
United Steel Workers of America (USWA): Local 3654 contract materials
1955-1989
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1987
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United Steel Workers of America (USWA): Local 3654 correspondence
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United Steel Workers of America (USWA): Local 3654 daily notes and agendas
1976 Jan-Mar
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1976 July-Sept
Box 1
United Steel Workers of America (USWA): Local 3654 daily notes and agendas
1976 Oct-Dec
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United Steel Workers of America (USWA): Local 3654 educational materials
ca. 1990
Box 1
United Steel Workers of America (USWA): Local 3654 grievance exchange
1958
Box 1
United Steel Workers of America (USWA): Local 3654 grievance forms (blank)
undated
Box 1
United Steel Workers of America (USWA): Local 3654 grievance register
1950-1989
Box 1
United Steel Workers of America (USWA): Local 3654 grievances
1950-1989
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United Steel Workers of America (USWA): Local 3654 job description
1978-1984
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United Steel Workers of America (USWA): Local 3654, Kennedy, John F.
1951
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United Steel Workers of America (USWA): Local 3654 manuals
1953-1976
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United Steel Workers of America (USWA): Local 3654 membership cards

1987-1989

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United Steel Workers of America (USWA): Local 3654 memos of understanding

1988

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1958-1973

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1982

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1987

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ca. 1950-1960, 1985

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1989

Box 2

United Steel Workers of America (USWA): Local 3654 seniority list

1956

Box 2

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1957

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undated

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1982

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1982

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1980

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1980

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United Steel Workers of America (USWA): Local 3654 White Consolidated Pension and Insurance Analysis

1980

Box 2

United Textile Workers of America (UTWA)

Box C17, C25

United Union of Roofers, Waterproofers and Allied Workers

Box C45

Utility Workers Union of America

Box C26

Utility Workers Union of America

1982

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Wood, Wire and Metal Lathers International Union
1964
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1940
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American Postal Workers Union (APWU)
1980
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ca. 1985
Box 2
Bakery & Confectionery International Union of America
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Brewery Workers Union
1915-1941
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1935-1973
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Federation of Telephone Workers of Pennsylvania
1959
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1907-1978
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Hotel Front Service Employees Union
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Insurance Workers International Union
1970
Box F2
International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF)
1940

Box F2
International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF)
undated

Box 1
International Brotherhood of Stationary Firemen (IBSF)
1900

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International Union of United Brewery, Flour, Cereal, Soft Drink and Distillery Workers
ca. 1900-1947

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Journeyman Barbers International Union (JBIU)
ca. 1910-1934

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1977

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1937 Oct

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National Postal Transit Association (NPTA)
1950

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National Rural Letter Carriers Association (NRLCA)

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ca. 1915

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Packing-House Workers Industrial Union
1920-1942

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Box F10
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Retail Clerks International Association (RCIA)
1937-1978

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Retail Shoe Salesmens Union
1945

Box F9
Retail Wholesale Department Store Union (RWDSU)

Box F9
Service Employees International Union

Box F11
Service Employees International Union
1990

Box 3
Texas Farm Workers Union (TFWU)
Box F11

United Dairy Workers of America
1940
Box F11

United Farm Workers of America (UFW)
1970-1990
Box F11

United Farm Workers Organizing Committee
ca. 1970
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1980, undated
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1984
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United Packinghouse Workers of America (UPWA)
1937-1949
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United Retail Employees of America
ca. 1935
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United Retail, Wholesale, and Department Store Employees
ca. 1935
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1940
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1906, 1981
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1958
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Central Labor Union
1900
Box O3

Congress of Industrial Organizations (CIO)
1935-1955
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1957
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1931-1946

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1955

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1957

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1916-1949

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1977

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1917-1977

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undated

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1986

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1974-1977

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1916-1983

Box C12
International Union

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Iowa State Federation of Labor
1956

Box O6
Labor Workers Union

Box O17
Maine State Federation of Labor
1917

Box O6
Massachusetts State A.F.L.
1916-1941

Box O7-O8, O10
Massachusetts State AFL-CIO
1999

Box O8
Massachusetts State C.I.O.
1951-1957

Box O9
Massachusetts State Federation of Labor
1933-1956

Box O10, O11
Massachusetts State Labor Council

1933-1956
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1952
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1941, 1943
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Missouri State A.F.L.-C.I.O.
1960-1970
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1941
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1929
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New York State AFL-CIO
1961-1988
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Noble Order of the Knights of Labor (KofL)
1890
Box O6
Ohio State Federation of Labor
1910
Box O15
Oregon AFL-CIO
Box O15
Pennsylvania State A.F.L.-C.I.O.
1962-1999
Box O15
Pennsylvania State A.F.L.-C.I.O.
1976
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Pioneer Valley Central Labor Council
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1949
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undated
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1924-1985
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The American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) was the result of a constitutional convention of state, county, and municipal unions of the American Federation of Government Employees (AFGE) on December 9, 1935. Growth did not come easily at first. The union's primary tactic was lobbying to pass or strengthen civil service laws. By the end of 1936, AFSCME had 10,000 members. Ten years later membership was up to 73,000.

The post-World War II era was marked on the one hand by inflation in the private sector resulting in new jobs and higher pay, and on the other hand by unrest among public employees. Reaction to the discontent was swift and by the end of 1947, eight states passed laws which would penalize striking public workers. That same year, the U.S. Congress passed the Taft-Hartley Act which restricted labor unions in private industry. Despite this opposition, AFSCME continued to grow. By 1955, the year of the AFL and CIO merger, membership passed the 100,000 mark. The attitudes of AFSCME members were changing as well during this time. Many of the union's new members came from big cities which had strong trade union roots and traditions. At conventions in the mid and late 1950s, AFSCME members began stressing public workers' rights and collective bargaining as a means to improve their working conditions. In 1958, responding to pressure from AFSCME, New York City Mayor Robert Wagner signed an executive order which granted collective bargaining rights to unions representing city employees. A turning point had been reached.

In 1961, President John Kennedy issued Executive Order 10988, which legitimized collective bargaining for federal employees and helped create a favorable atmosphere for similar demands from all public employees.

AFSCME Button

1924

Box P2

AFSCME Button

1944

4 items

Box P2

AFSCME Button

1945

7 items

Box P2

AFSCME Button

1946

13 items

Box P2

AFSCME Button

1947

7 items

Box P2

AFSCME Button

1948

2 items

Box P2

AFSCME Button

1949

Box P2

AFSCME Button

1953

Box P2

AFSCME Button

1969

Box P2

AFSCME Button

1970

Box P2

AFSCME Button

1971

Box P2

AFSCME Button

undated

12 items

Box P2
AFSCME Lapel Pin
ca. 1985
5 items

Box P2
AFSCME Lapel Pin
undated
7 items

Box P2
AFSCME Lighter
undated

Box P2
AFSCME: publications
ca. 1975-1992

Box 3
American Federation of Teachers (AFT)
1965-1971

Box P3
American Federation of Teachers (AFT)
1972-1997

Box 3
American Newspaper Guild

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1938

Box P3
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Box P3
Federation of University Employees

Box P4
Graphic Arts International Union (GAIU)
1981

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Graphic Arts International Union (GAIU)
ca. 1978

Box 3
Indiana Conference of Typographical and Mailer Unions
1976

Box 3
International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees and Moving Picture Operators of the United States and Canada
undated

Box 3
International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees and Moving Picture Operators of the United States and Canada
1916-1960

Box P4
International Brotherhood of Telephone Workers

Box P5
International Federation of Professional and Technical
1944

Box P5
International Typographical Union (ITU)
1897, undated

Box P5
International Typographical Union (ITU)
1975-1979

Box 3
Massachusetts Community College Council: bargaining agreements
1983-1993

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Massachusetts Community College Council: bargaining agreements

1995-1998

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Massachusetts Community College Council: printed material

1983-1987

Box 3

National Federation of Federal Employees (NFFE)

Box P6

National Treasury Employee Union

Box P6

Office and Professional Employees International Union

Box P6

Office Employees International Union (OEIU)

ca. 1950

Box P6

Professional Air Traffic Controllers Organization (PATCO)

1950-1982

Box P6

Professional Employees Federation (PEF)

Box P6

United Federation of Teachers (UFT)

1968-1970

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United Office and Professional Workers of America

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Box P6

Series 5. Transportation Unions

1910-1952

20 boxes

Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway

1909-1942

Box T1-T2

Amalgamated Association of Street and Electrical Railway

1945-1950

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Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU)

1967-1971

Box T3

Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU): Local 1512

2000

Box 3

Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers

1910-1950

Box T4

Angered over changes in wages and working hours, thirteen engineers at the Michigan Central Railroad issued a call to all engineers to meet in Detroit on March 17, 1863, to discuss grievances. As a result of this meeting came the establishment of Division Number One, Brotherhood of Footboard (BOF). In 1964, the organization became the Grand International Division of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers with membership specifically limited to locomotive engineers.

The buttons in this collection help resurrect an interesting history of the American railroads during the early 1900s. BLE followed an independent, conservative policy, but also cooperated with other railway unions in making influential changes within the industry. In 1911, BLE helped secure passage of the Locomotive Inspection Act and the Adamson Act, which established an eight-hour day for rail-operating employees.

After the 1920s increased competition from other forms of transportation, changes brought by technological advances, and deterioration of the railroads during the depression years of the 1930s reduced demand for engineers, but that demand revived dramatically during World War II. Since World War II, the railway industry has experienced significant changes and so have railway labor organizations. By 1960 BLE's membership had fallen from 86,000 in 1920 to 68,000.

BLE Button

1938

Box T4

BLE Button

1948

2 items

Box T4

BLE Button

1949

Box T4

BLE Lapel Pin

ca. 1910

7 items

Box T4

BLE Lapel Pin

undated

Box T4

BLE Lapel Pin: Continuous Membership

ca. 1910

2 items

Box T4

Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen (BLF)

1890-1947

Box T4-T5

The Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen (BLF) was organized in 1873 by eleven railway firemen in Port Jervis, New York. Two years later the organization had 900 members in twenty-nine lodges. In 1902, the union amended its constitution to permit the enrollment of locomotive engineers and in 1906 the name of the union was changed to the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen.

BLF Badge: Photo of Joshua Leach

ca. 1890

Box T4

BLF Lapel Pin

ca. 1890

4 items

Box T4

BLF Ribbon: Membership

ca. 1900

Box T4

BLF Badge: Convention

1947

Box T5

BLF Button

1929

Box T5

BLF Button

1930

3 items

Box T5

BLF Button

1931

Box T5

BLF Button

ca. 1920

Box T5

BLF Button

ca. 1930

Box T5

BLF Lapel Pin: Membership, Past President

ca. 1912

Box T5
BLF Lapel Pin
ca. 1910
7 items

Box T5
BLF Pendant
ca. 1900

Box T5
BLF Pendant
ca. 1910
4 items

Box T5
BLF Pendant
ca. 1920

Box T5
BLF Ribbon: Membership
ca. 1900

Box T5
BLF Ribbon
ca. 1900

Box T5
Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen (BLFE)
ca. 1910-1947

Box T5
Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees (BMWE)
1920-1959

Box T6
Brotherhood of Railroad Brakemen
1890

Box T7
Brotherhood of Railroad Signalmen
1920-1979

Box T8
Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen (BRT)
1900-1950

Box T9-T10
Brotherhood of Railway and Steamship Clerks, Freight Handles, Express and Station Employers
1935-1948

Box T11
Brotherhood of Railway Carmen of America (BRCA)
1900-1954

Box T7
Brotherhood of Railway Clerks
1935-1948

Box T11
Carriage and Wagon Workers Union
ca. 1890

Box T11
Independent Federation of Flight Attendants
1986

Box 3
Inland Boatmen's Union
1937

Box T11
International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Warehousemen and Helpers of America
1905-2001

Box T12-T15
International Brotherhood of Teamsters
undated

Box 3

International Brotherhood of Teamsters: Cleaning up the Teamsters Union: A Three-Year Progress Report
1995

Box 3

International Brotherhood of Teamsters: Periodicals
1981-1984

Box 3

International Brotherhood of Teamsters: The Gap
2000

Box 3

International Longshoreman's Association (ILA)
1918-1964

Box T16

International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union
1945

Box T16

International Organization of Masters, Mates and Pilots of America
1948

Box T16

Ladies Auxiliary to Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen

Box T11

Ladies Auxiliary to Order of Railway Conductors of America

Box T11

Ladies Society to Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen

Box T11

Order of Railway Conductors and Brakemen

1870-1920

Box T17-T18

Order of Railway Telegraphers

1917-1920

Box T18

Railway Organizations

1902

Box T18

Railway Shop Laborers

1920

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Seafarers International Union of North America (SIU)

Box T19

Switchmen's Union of North America

ca. 1910-1966

Box T19

Team Drivers International Union (T.D.I.U.)

Box T19

Transport Workers Union of America (TWUA)

1938-1984

Box T20

Transport Workers Union of America (TWUA): calendars

1981-1995

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United Railroad Workers

1930

Box T20

United Railway Operating Crafts

Box T20

United Transport Service Employees of America

1944

Box T20

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1910-1952

17 boxes

Labor Day

Labor Day Badge

1927

Box LD1

Labor Day Button

1898

Box LD1

Labor Day Button

undated

Box LD1

Labor Day Button

undated

Box LD1

Labor Day Button

undated

Box LD1

Labor Day Flag

undated

Box LD1

Labor Day Ribbon

1913

Box LD1

Labor Day Ribbon

1946

Box LD1

Labor Day Ribbon

1916

Box LD1

Labor Day Ribbon

1915

Box LD1

Labor Day Ribbon

undated

Box LD1

Labor Day Ribbon

1915

Box LD1

Labor Day Badge

1900

Box LD2

Labor Day Banner

undated

Box LD2

Labor Day Button

undated

Box LD2

Labor Day Button

1920

Box LD2

Labor Day Button

1976

Box LD2

Labor Day Button

1983

Box LD2

Labor Day Flyer
1981
Box LD2
Labor Day Ribbon
1906
Box LD2
Labor Day Ribbon
undated
Box LD2
Labor Day Ribbon
undated
Box LD2
Union Cause

Button: I'm Against the Right to Work
Box UC1
Button: I am Opposed to a Right to Work Law
Box UC1
Button: No on the Phoney "Right to Work"
Box UC1
Button: OSHA for Public Workers
Box UC1
United Steelworkers of America: Button: Safety & Health Representative
Box UC1
CUPW: Button: Safety Before Profits
Box UC1
White Lung Association: Button: Asbestos Kills!
Box UC1
Central Labor Rehab Council: Button: Safety/Health Concern
Box UC1
Workers Memorial Day: Button: Fight for the Living
Box UC1
Button: No CETA Layoffs
Box UC1
IUE: Button: Defeat NAFTA
Box UC1
Alliance for Retired Americans: Button: Medicare Drug Benefit Now
Box UC1
New York University: Button: The Challenge to Labor & Labor Education
1986
Box UC1
UFCW: Button: Make Education a Top Budget Priority
Box UC1
United University Professions: Button: Save SUNY
Box UC1
Button: New York State Committee on Pay Equity
Box UC1
Button: Full Pension 30 Years
Box UC1
UAW: Button: Equal Justice
Box UC1
Button: March for Justice
1989
Box UC1
UAW: Button: Justice Now
Box UC1
CWA: Button: Justice
Box UC1

Button: PHEW on TWU
Box UC2
CSEA: Button: Behind Every Successful Woman is Herself
Box UC2
SEIU: Button: No Take Aways
Box UC2
UFWA: Button: No Grapes
Box UC2
Button: No SCABS
Box UC2
Button: Rhode Island Labor History Society
Box UC2
CLUW: Button: Give Her the ERA for Mother's Day
Box UC2
SEIU: Button: SOS Local 211
Box UC2
CLUW: Button: Pro-Union, Pro-Choice
Box UC2
UFT: Button: One Million Good Reasons
Box UC2
AFSCME: Button: Getting Ready for Hi-Tech
Box UC2
USWA: Button: Volunteer Organizer
Box UC2
USWA: Button: District 31 Women's Caucus
Box UC2
Hotel, Restaurant, & Bartenders Union: Button: Baseball Booster
Box UC2
NYNEX: Button: Health Care for All not Health Cuts
Box UC2
CWA: Button: Every Worker a Member
Box UC2
AFL: Button: Stop the Assault on the Workers
Box UC2
ACTWU: Button: Bildisco is a Bankrupt Decision
Box UC2
Local 1199: Button: Bread and Roses
Box UC2
Button: Stop SCABS
Box UC2
Massachusetts Nurses Association: Button: Nurse
Box UC2
Massachusetts Nurses Association: Button: I Support the Nurses of Brockton Hospital
Box UC2
Local 102: Patch: Millwork
Box UC2
Button: No Co-pay, No Givebacks on Medical Benefits
Box UC2
AFSCME: Button: AFSCME Retiree Power
Box UC2
Local 1199: Button: Youth for Progress
1999
Box UC2
TWU: Name Tag
Box UC6
CWA: Sticker: A National Union in the National Interest
Box UC6
ILGWU: Mending Kit: To Feel Right, To be Right in Style
Box UC6

ILGWU: Mending Kit: Look for this Union Label When You Shop
Box UC6
ILGWU: Pog: Look for this Union Label When You Shop
Box UC6
ILGWU: Ruler: Symbol of Progress Made and More to Come
Box UC6
ILGWU: Key Chain: Look for this Union Label When You Shop
Box UC6
ILGWU: Rain Cap: Buy Union Made American Fashions
Box UC6
UAW: Key Chain: Key To Victory
Box UC6
IAM: Sticker: International Association of Machinists
Box UC6
Sticker: Don't Buy Russell Stover Candies
Box UC6
Labor causes: AT&T
1986
Box 4
Labor causes: Bell Atlantic
2000
Box 4
Labor causes: Coors
1987
Box 4
Labor causes: *Daily News*
ca. 1991
Box 4
Labor causes: Bell Atlantic
2000
Box 4
Labor causes: FutureWorks
undated
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Labor causes: Greyhound
1990
Box 4
Labor causes: Harper & Row
1984
Box 4
Labor causes: Hook's Drugs
1984
Box 4
Labor causes: Hormel
ca. 1981
Box 4
Labor causes: imprisoned Pittsburgh workers
1917
Box 4
Labor causes: J. P. Stevens
ca. 1980
Box 4
Labor causes: MCI
1984
Box 4
Labor causes: Mount Holyoke College housekeepers
2001
Box 4
Labor causes: New York Metropolitan Transit Authority

1986
Box 4
Labor causes: Overnight Transportation Company
2000
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Labor causes: Pierce Governor
ca. 1976
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1989
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1979
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Labor causes: Street Heat
1999-2000
Box 4
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undated
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Labor causes: sweatshop abuse in Nicaragua
2000
Box 4
Labor causes: Wingate strike
1999-2001
Box 4
Labor causes: Yale University
1984
Box 4
Labor causes: yellow school bus cuts
undated
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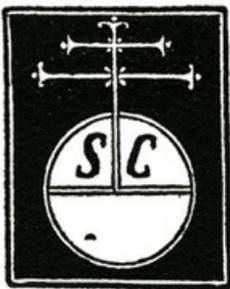
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