

Inventory of the

Central Labor Union of Freeport
Freeport, Illinois

Records

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INTRODUCTION

Steven Jennings, president of the Central Labor Union of Freeport, donated the Union's records to the Northern Illinois Regional History Center on July 26, 1984.

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SCOPE AND CONTENT

Records in the Central Labor Union of Freeport collection date 1901-1983, with the bulk of the records dating from the 1930's to the late 1970's. The Central Labor Union's activities, from 1934-1981, are documented through its constitution, minutes, financial records, correspondence, delegate's credentials, and lists of affiliated unions. Records from several affiliated unions are included in the collection. Among these are documents from the local, district, state, and national organizations of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America (UBCJA). UBCJA Local 719 of Freeport has records that pre-date the Central Labor Union. These records include its constitution, minutes, financial records, agreements with employers, and membership information. UBCJA Northwestern Illinois District and State Councils are documented through minutes and proceedings, agreements with employers, the state publication Carpenter and Builder, and correspondence. National UBCJA records document executive board meetings, jurisdictional decisions, and agreements. Another affiliated union whose records are included in the collection, is the International Association of Machinists Local 1096 of Freeport. This union's activities are recorded in minutes and correspondence detailing agreements and grievances with area companies. In addition, the collection includes some records from the Freeport Building and Construction Trades Council, 1928-1970.

The Central Labor Union is affiliated with the Illinois State Federation of Labor (IFL) and the American Federation of Labor-Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO). Records from both organizations are in the collection. IFL activities from 1942-1982 are documented through convention proceedings, executive board reports, announcements, notices, and correspondence with the Central Labor Union. AFL-CIO activities from 1941-1983 are documented through executive council reports, policy resolutions, financial statements, announcements, notices, and correspondence with the Central Labor Union.

The collection also contains labor-related pamphlets and publications put out by the AFL-CIO, the UBCJA, the U.S. Government, and the Illinois State Government. In addition, charters and certificates of affiliation for local Freeport unions are in the collection. Researchers

interested in trade and labor unions in Northern Illinois should consult the Center's guide for other trade and labor union collections.

HISTORICAL SKETCH

The Central Labor Union of Freeport was organized in the 1930's. It was chartered by the American Federation of Labor, and received a certificate of affiliation from the Illinois State Federation of Labor in 1936. Local trade and labor unions are represented in the Central Labor Union by delegates, elected members of locals whose numbers are based on the size of their respective unions. The number of affiliated unions has varied over the years from 26 to the current 6. Active delegates, today, represent rubber and electrical workers, carpenters, teachers, and machinists.

The Central Labor Union's original objectives were: to encourage formation of local unions; to unite local unions; to help settle disputes between unions and employers; to provide support to unions involved in labor-management conflicts; to support legislation and candidates favorable to workers and unions. These objectives continue to guide the Central Labor Union's activities as it serves as an information exchange for workers, politically educates area workers, supports legislation favorable to workers and unions, and aids its affiliated locals ". . .in their common and individual endeavors." (Taken from the Constitution of the Freeport Central Labor Union, 1936 and 1974 editions.)

SUBJECT TRACINGS

Central Labor Union of Freeport
 Construction Industry
 Freeport
 Freeport Building and Construction Trades Council
 International Association of Machinists
 Labor
 Labor Unions
 United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America

COLLECTION INVENTORY

<u>BOX</u>	<u>FOLDER</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
Series I. Central Labor Union of Freeport (CLU)		
1	1	Constitution and By-laws, 1936 , 1958, 1974
	2	List of Affiliated Unions and Members, 1942-1952
	3	Delegate's Credentials, 1941-1948, 1960-1970
	4-8	Correspondence, 1939-1948, 1951-1981
	9	Minutes, 1963-1978
2	2 volumes	Minutes, 1937-1963
	2 volumes	Dues Books, 1957-1970
	2 volumes	Roll Books, 1934-1962
	1 volume	Day Book, Receipts and Expenditures, 1940-1945
3	1	Journals, 1943, 1972-1977
	2	Ledgers, 1962-1969
	3	Cash Books, 1962-1972
	4	Financial Papers, 1936, 1945-1946, 1959-1960
Series II. Affiliated Unions and Organizations		
Subseries A. United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America (UBCJA)		
Local 719:		
4	1	Constitution and Financial Statements, 1954, 1958-1971, 1977
	2	Treasurer s Cash Book, 1963-1966
	3	Income Tax Returns, 1959-1964, 1977
	4	Agreements, 1958-1966
	5	Bond and Labor Organization Reports, 1958-1974
	6	Blank Forms, n.d.
	7-11	Minutes, 1901-1904, 1930-1952
5	1	Correspondence and Membership List, 1936, 1960-1961
	2-3	Membership Applications, 1958-1970, 1974
	4-10	Membership Accounts, B-Z, 1957-1971
	11	Membership Accounts Statements, 1972-1974, 1980
6	1-2	Membership Dues Day Book, 1965-1972, 1975-1979

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7	1	Northwestern Illinois District Council: By-laws and Minutes, 1960, 1978-1981	
	2	Financial Reports, 1977-1981	
	3	Agreements and Correspondence, 1977-1981	
	4	Illinois State Council: Constitution and Proceedings, 1962, 1965, 1967	
	5	Notices and Correspondence, 1978-1981	
	6-14	<u>Carpenter and Builder</u> , 1948, 1958-1965	
	15	National UBCJA: Constitution and Financial Statements, 1955, 1959-1964, 1978-1980	
	16	General Executive Board Minutes, 1963, 1967, 1971, 1978, 1980	
	17-18	Jurisdictional Decisions, 1956-1958, 1961-1970, 1974- 1980	
	19	Agreements, 1953-1980	
	20	<u>Password Quarterly</u> , 1972, 1978-1981	
	21	Notices and Correspondence, 1953-1954, 1975, 1978-1981	
	22	Coordinated Housing Organizing Program, 1973	

Subseries B. International Association of Machinists (IAM)

8	1-5	Local Union 1096: Minutes, December 1941-November 1943, February 1948- December 1949, November 1953-September 1955, March 1957-April 1961	
9	1-3	Cash Books, 1938, 1943-1945	
10	1	Correspondence, 1959-1960	
	2	Hoefer Manufacturing Co.: Correspondence, 1945-1953	
	3	Agreements, 1945-1963	
	4	Industrial Combination, Inc., 1958-1961	
	5-7	Stover Steel Tank and Mfg. Co.: Correspondence, 1943-1953, 1956-1959	
	8	Agreements, 1940-1959	
	9	Structo Manufacturing Co.: Grievances, 1962-1963	
	10	Correspondence, July-November 1963	
	11	Contract Meetings and Background Information, 1961, 1963	

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10	12-14	W.T. Raleigh Co.: Correspondence, 1945, 1947-1953, 1960-1964	
	15	Agreements, 1947-1964	
	16	Grand Lodge Convention Proceedings, 1980	
Subseries C. Freeport Building and Construction Trades Council			
	17	Constitution, Financial Paper and Form, 1928, 1958, 1960, 1969	
	18	Correspondence, 1947-1948, 1970	
	19-21	Minutes, August 1940-May 1962	
	22	Ledger, 1946-1957	
Subseries D. Local and Regional Organizations			
11	1	Bartenders' International League of America: Local Union 607, 1947	
	2	Illinois State Culinary Alliance, 1946	
	3	Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen, Constitution and By-laws, 1953, 1959, 1969	
	4	Freeport Chamber of Commerce, 1944-1945, 1947-1948	
	5	Quad-Cities Labor Advisory Committee, 1944-1945	
	6	Union and Trade and Labor Assembly Constitutions, 1940-1967	
Series III. Illinois State Federation of Labor			
12	1-8	Convention Proceedings, 1944, 1947-1956, 1958, 1961, 1963, 1976, 1982	
13	1-3	Executive Board Report, 1945, 1947-1952, 1960, 1962, 1963, 1968, 1977, 1982	
	4	Announcements and Notices, 1944-1948, 1981	
	5	Freeport Central Labor Union Correspondence and Receipts, 1942-1948	
Series IV. American Federation of Labor-Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO)			
14	1	Constitution, 1965, 1973, 1975, 1979, 1983	
	2	Financial Reports, 1952, 1979-1983	
	3	Executive Council Report and Statements, 1951, 1981-1983	
	4	Policy Resolutions, 1957, 1977, 1981, 1983	

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14	5	Building and Construction Trades Department, 1947, 1957-1960, 1978	
	6	National Legislative Council, Union Label & Service Trades Dept. and Industrial Union Dept., 1949, 1958, 1979	
	7-8	List of Affiliated Organizations, 1977, 1979-1983	
	9	Announcements and Notices, 1944-1948, 1960, 1975, 1978, 1979	
	10	Convention Announcements and Notices, 1946-1948, 1980	
	11	Freeport Central Labor Union Correspondence and Receipts, 1941-1948	
	12	Fact Sheets, 1960, 1964	
	13	<u>Labor's Monthly Survey and Research Report</u> , 1948	

Series V. Publications, Charters and Photographs

		AFL-CIO:	
15	1	General Publications, 1944-1973	
	2	Legislative Publications, 1951, 1978, 1980	
	3	Building and Construction Trades Department and Union Label Trades Dept. Publications, 1948, 1950, 1961, 1969	
	4	George Meany Publications, 1953-1959, 1978	
16	1	UBCJA Publications, 1960, 1979-1981	
	2	Various Unions' Publications, 1944, 1948, 1961	
	3	Institute of Labor and Industrial Relations - Reports and Publications, 1948-1957	
	4-5	Various Organizations' Publications, 1944-1984	
	6	Insurance and Welfare Fund Publications, 1953, 1961-1963, 1972, 1977	
		U.S. Government:	
	7	Legislative Acts, 1938, 1939, 1948, 1959	
17	1	Department of Labor and Labor-Management Committees Publications, 1948-1960	
	2	Director of Defense Mobilization-Quarterly Reports, 1951-1952	
		Illinois State Government:	
	3	Workers Compensation and Wages Publications, 1945, 1960, 1980	
	4	Department of Labor Publications, 1950-1961	

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18		<p>Charters:</p> <p>Metal Polishers, Buffers, Platers and Helpers International Union-Local 221 Freeport, 1937</p> <p>International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees and Moving Picture Machine Operators-Local 207 Freeport, 1923</p> <p>Retail Clerks' International Protective Association-Local 644 Freeport, 1937</p> <p>International Brotherhood of Bookbinders-Local 218 Freeport, 1941</p> <p>Illinois State Federation of Labor-Certificates of Affiliation:</p> <p>Central Labor Union of Freeport, 1936</p> <p>International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees of America-Local 207 Freeport, 1927</p> <p>International Molders' Union of North America-Local 195 Freeport, 1939</p> <p>International Printing Pressmen's and Assistant's Union of North America-Local 501 Freeport, 1948</p> <p>Photographs:</p> <p>UBCJA Carpenters Home, Lakeland, Florida, n.d.</p> <p>Building and Construction Trades Council Convention, Atlantic City, New Jersey, 1957</p>	
Oversize	1 item	UBCJA Logo-painted, wooden sign, n.d.	