



Missouri State Council of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, AFL-CIO Records (C3700)

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Abstract: The records of the State Council office of the secretary-treasurer, formed in 1938 by local unions to oversee union activities within the state, include weekly reports and other correspondence; photographs, printed material; and the proceedings of the annual council conventions.

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Historical Note:

In 1938 the Missouri State Council of Carpenters was formed by local unions of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, AFL-CIO, throughout Missouri. It represents the international general office with the state, works for unionization, and helps mediate labor disputes between AFL-CIO members unions. The council's working staff consists of the secretary-treasurer who functions as an executive secretary in running the council and travels throughout the state to mediate and to promote the union. A varying number of general office representatives, whose main function is mediation, work loosely with the council office.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into the following seven series:

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Calendars and Datebooks
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Scope and Content Note:

Correspondence

This series contains correspondence of the secretary-treasurer is arranged topically within each year. Topical divisions are General, dealing with daily routine and mediation and unionization activities; Convention, including reports and invitations; and Weekly and Financial Reports to the General office, also discussing mediation activities. A fire on December 6, 1958 destroyed a block of correspondence from 1947 to 1953 and some post-1953 materials. The bulk of the collection comprises the office files of secretary-treasurer Melvin E. Shasserre, 1950-c. 1970.

Calendars and Datebooks

This series contains the meetings and appointments of the secretary-treasurer, Mel Shasserre.

Printed Materials

This series contains printed reports and information bulletins issued by the general office, the State Councils of Iowa, Wisconsin, Kansas, Oklahoma, Nebraska and Arkansas, and the Missouri State Labor Council.

Constitution and Bylaws

This series contains constitutions and bylaws of the Missouri State Council of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, AFL-CIO are also included in the records.

Convention Proceedings

This is an incomplete series of the Convention Proceedings of the Missouri State Council of Carpenters, which includes photographs, financial statements, reports of the secretary-treasurer of labor disputes and unionization, and reports of the locals on their activities concludes the records.

Miscellaneous

This series contains photocopies of meeting minutes, convention schedules, correspondence, the 54th Annual Convention program, and newspaper clippings on Local 1310. Also included is "The Competent Carpenter's Roles in Economic Growth," written by John T. Carter, and a Governor's proclamation declaring the week of August 31, 1981, as Carpenter Centennial Week. The material in this series was not microfilmed when loaned for copying. The series has been arranged chronologically.

Photographs

This series contains photographs and negatives of council conventions, 1950-1972, n.d. Included are images from conventions held in Kansas City, St. Louis, Sedalia, Cape Girardeau, Columbia, Poplar Bluff, Chicago, and Puxico. Also found in this series are group photographs of the executive board, 1953, and presidents and treasurer-secretaries from the midwestern states, 1960. This series has been arranged chronologically.

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