

MS-125, United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, Local 104 Records

Collection Number: MS-125

Title: United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, Local 104 Records

Dates: 1890-1973 (bulk 1890-1969)

Creator: United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America. Local 104

Summary/Abstract: These records include minutes of the organization, 1890-1969, ledgers, 1947-1963, and bond reports, 1934-1953. The collection consists of eighteen volumes and twelve folders.

Quantity/Physical Description: 3.5 linear feet

Language(s): English

Repository:

Special Collections and Archives, Paul Laurence Dunbar Library, Wright State University, Dayton, OH 45435-0001, (937) 775-2092.

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Sponsor: This collection was obtained with the assistance of the Ohio Labor History Project and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Other Finding Aid: The finding aid is available on the Wright State University Libraries, Special Collections & Archives Department web site at http://www.libraries.wright.edu/special/collection_guides/guide_files/ms125.pdf.

Related Material:

MFM 8, Miami Valley Carpenter's District Council Records

MS-72, [United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, Local 684 Records](#)

MS-84, [United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, Local 2248 Records](#)

MS-93 [Carpenter's Miami Valley District Council Records](#)

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Arrangement: Arranged by record type, and chronologically thereunder.

Historical Note:

The United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America was founded in Chicago, Illinois, on August 12, 1831. The purposes of the organization were "to discourage piece work; to encourage an Apprenticeship System and a higher standard of skill; to cultivate feelings of friendship among the men of the craft; to assist each other to secure employment; to reduce the hours of daily toil, to secure adequate pay for work done; to elevate the moral, intellectual and social condition of its members; to improve the trade and to furnish aid in cases of sickness, permanent disability, or death." Local 104, Dayton, Ohio, was organized circa. 1882. Locals 104 and 396 amalgamated in 1894.

Scope and Content:

The bulk of the records of Local 104, United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, is the minutes of the organization for the years 1890-1923, 1926-1939, 1947-1954, and 1967-1969. The minutes are general in nature. They include records of the receipt of communications, payment of expenses, application and initiation of members, elections of officers and delegates to union councils and conventions, and contributions for the relief of members in distress. There are occasional references in the early minute books to labor issues, but no details are recorded on these subjects.

The hour and wage goals of the union in 1890 and 1900 are recorded in Minutes Books 1 and 2, respectively. In volume 1, there is a reference to the local's first-- and unsuccessful-- strike, from May 16 to June 7, 1980. In 1919, there are frequent records of requests for aid from striking unions and of Local 104's actions on these requests. In 1920, proposed rules for job stewards are recorded. From the 1920s, reports on expenditures from the unions various funds appear regularly in the minutes; prior to this, expenditures are not recorded for specific accounts. There are gaps in the minutes from February 1923 through May 1926, January 1940 through June 1947, and 1955 through 1966. Minute Book 11, 1923-1926, appears to have been missing as early as circa 1939, when an inventory of minute books was prepared.

Miscellaneous loose papers removed from the minute books include correspondence, rough drafts, financial reports, and committee reports. Among these miscellaneous loose papers are two sheets which appear to be notes excerpted from an earlier minute book. They mention events in the history of the Local from the 1880s.

The financial records consist of one folder of bond reports and quarterly audits, 1934-1953, and three ledgers: receipts and expenses, 1947-1954, and in two volumes, accounts of the General Fund, Building Fund, Sick Benefit Fund, Emergency Fund, and Contingency Fund, 1957-1963.

Ephemera consists of miscellaneous printed items, including: a card containing a brief history of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, an "ode card;" a pension fund report dated 2/1/73; and union stationery.

Subject Terms:

Organizations/Corporate Names

United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America. Local 104 – History.

Subjects (General)

Carpenters -- Labor unions -- Ohio -- Dayton.

Material Types

Ledgers (account books)

Minutes (administrative records)

Collection Inventory

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
1	1	Minute Book 1	1890 April 30 - 1900 February 7
	2	Minute Book 2	1900 February 21 - 1902 December 9
	3	Minute Book 3	1902 December 23 - 1904 December 27
2	1	Minute Book 4	1905 January 3 - 1908 June 5
	2	Minute Book 5	1908 July 3 - 1910 December 27
	3	Minute Book 6	1911 January 3 - 1913 January 7
	4	Minute Book 7	1913 January 7 - 1915 June 8
	5	Minute Book 8	1915 June 15 - 1917 August 7
3	1	Minute Book 9	1917 August 14 - 1920 January 6
	2	Minute Book 10	1920 January 13 - 1923 January 23
		[There is no Minute Book 11]	
	3	Minute Book 12	1926 June 3 – 1928 May 10
	4	Minute Book 13	1928 May 17 - 1930 July 24
	5	Minute Book 14	1930 July 31 - 1933 January 19
4	1	Minute Book 15	1933 January 23 - 1936 June 26
	2	Minute Book 16	1936 July 3 - 1939 December 29
5	1	Minutes	1947 July - December

Box	File	Description	Date
5	2	Minutes	1949-1950
	3	Minutes	1951-1952
5	4	Minutes	1953-1954
	5	Minutes	1967
	6	Minutes	1968 January - June
	7	Minutes	1968 July - December
	8	Minutes	1969 January - June
6	1	Minutes	1969 July - December
	2	Loose papers from minute books	Circa 1890-1939
	3	Bond reports and quarterly audits	1934-1953
	4	Ephemera	1925, 1973, undated
7	1	Ledger, Receipts & Expenses	1947 July 3 - 1954 December 15
	2	Ledger, Various Funds	1957 January 4 - 1961 June 16
	3	Ledger, Various Funds	1961 July 7 - 1963 June 23