

**MS-162: International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Local 645 Records**

**Collection Number:** MS-162

**Title:** International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Local 654 Records

**Dates:** 1937-1951

**Creator:** International Brotherhood of Teamster. Local 654 (Springfield, Ohio)

**Summary/Abstract:** The bulk of the collection consists of meeting minutes of Local 654 and of its regional body, Joint Council 61. Also prominent in the collection are a run of bulletins from the Ohio Conference of Teamsters dating 1950-1951. Some correspondence, dues records, photographs, and miscellaneous items are included. Local 654 was headquartered in Springfield, Ohio.

**Quantity/Physical Description:** 1 linear foot

**Language(s):** English

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**Other Finding Aid:** The finding aid is available on the Special Collections & Archives, Wright State University Libraries web site at

[http://www.libraries.wright.edu/special/collection\\_guides/guide\\_files/ms162.pdf](http://www.libraries.wright.edu/special/collection_guides/guide_files/ms162.pdf). It is also available in the OhioLINK Finding Aid Repository at <http://ead.ohiolink.edu/xtf-ead/>.

**Revisions:** Finding aid revised according to DACS standards by Alyssa Stark and Toni Vanden Bos, December 2018.

**Processed by:** Stanley J. Sobiech, June 1986.

**Arrangement:** The collection is arranged into five series:

Series I: Administrative Records, 1937-1947

Series II: General Correspondence, 1937-1938

Series III: Materials from Affiliated Organizations, 1940-1948

Series IV: Bulletins from the Ohio Conference of Teamsters, 1950-1951

Series V: Miscellaneous, 1937-1938, 1942

**Historical Note:**

The International Brotherhood of Teamsters was created in 1903 with help from the American Federation of Labor (AFL). The early teamster union supported men who drove horse-drawn wagons. Later the brotherhood grew to include the men operating motor vehicles. The Local 654 located in Springfield, Ohio was chartered by the American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO) in 1940. The Local 654 was affiliated with other regional unions to create the Joint Council #61. The coalition consisting of Western Ohio and Eastern Indiana teamster unions. As of 2018, Local 654 is no longer in existence. There is still a Dayton, Ohio Local under the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Local 957.

**Scope and Content Note:**

The records of Teamsters Local 654 are divided into five series: Administrative Records, General Correspondence, Materials from Affiliated Organizations, Bulletins from the Ohio Conference of teamsters (Legal, Research, and Statistical Division), and a Miscellaneous series.

Administrative Records (Series I) contains the minutes of regular and special board meetings dating from January, 1937 to December, 1947. A gap exists between April, 1939 and December, 1941. There is also a file of undated miscellaneous minutes. The Statements of Charges file contains short, handwritten charges of union violations directed against members.

Correspondence in Series II is of a very general nature and dates from 1937 to 1938.

Series III contains materials from Joint Council #61, a coalition of Western Ohio and Eastern Indiana Teamsters Locals. Minutes of regular and executive board meetings between 1940 and 1948 are included, as is a set of undated dues records.

Series IV contains Bulletins from the Ohio Conference of Teamsters (Legal, Research, and Statistical Division). There is one Bulletin from 1950 and a nearly complete set of 1951 Bulletins. They deal mainly with collective bargaining wage settlements.

The Miscellaneous series (Series V) contains four folders holding five miscellaneous items from 1937, 1938, and 1942.

**Subject Terms**

**Organizations/Corporate Names**

International Brotherhood of Teamsters. Local 654 (Springfield, Ohio) – Archives

International Brotherhood of Teamsters. Joint Council 61

Ohio Conference of Teamsters -- Periodicals

**Places**

Springfield (Ohio)

**Subjects (General)**Labor unions – Ohio – Springfield – History – 20<sup>th</sup> century

Labor unions – Ohio -- Periodicals

Transport workers -- Labor unions -- Ohio

**Material Types**

Bulletins

Correspondence

Minutes (administrative records)

Photographs

**Collection Inventory**

<b>Box</b>	<b>File</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>Series I: Administrative Records</b>			<b>1937-1947</b>
<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
1	1	Minutes, Regular and Special Board Meetings	1937 January-October
1	2	Minutes, Regular and Special Board Meetings	1937 October-1939 April
1	3	Minutes, Regular and Special Board Meetings	1941 December-1943 December
1	4	Minutes, Regular and Special Board Meetings	1944 January-1947 December
1	5	Minutes, Miscellaneous	undated
1	6	Statements of Charges	1937 May-1938 December
<b>Series II: General Correspondence</b>			<b>1937-1938</b>
<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
1	7	Correspondence	1937 May-1938 December
<b>Series III: Materials from Affiliated Organizations</b>			<b>1940-1948</b>
<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
1	8	Minutes, Joint Council #61, Regular and Executive Board Meetings	1940 February-1943 January
1	9	Minutes, Joint Council #61, Regular and Executive Board Meetings	1943 February-1948 September

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
1	10	Minutes, Joint Council #61, Special Board Meeting	1943 January
1	11	Dues Records, Joint Council #61	undated
<b>Series IV: Bulletins, Ohio Conference of Teamsters</b>			<b>1950-1951</b>
<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
1	12	Bulletin, Volume 1, No. 18	1950 September 30
1	13	Bulletin, Volume 2, No. 1	1951 January 31
1	14	Bulletin, Volume 2, No. 3	1951 February 26
1	15	Bulletin, Volume 2, No. 4	1951 March 31
1	16	Bulletin, Volume 2, No. 5	1951 April 30
<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
2	1	Bulletin, Volume 2, No. 6	1951 May 21
2	2	Bulletin, Volume 2, No. 7	1951 May 31
2	3	Bulletin, Volume 2, No. 8	1951 June 14
2	4	Bulletin, Volume 2, No. 10	1951 July 12
2	5	Bulletin, Volume 2, No. 11	1951 July 31
2	6	Bulletin, Volume 2, No. 12	1951 Aug 28
2	7	Bulletin, Volume 2, No. 13	1951 Aug 31
2	8	Bulletin, Volume 2, No. 13	1951 September 30
2	9	Bulletin, Volume 2, No. 14	1951 October 12
2	10	Bulletin, Volume 2, No. 15	1951 October 31
2	11	Bulletin, Volume 2, No. 16	1951 November 19
2	12	Special Bulletins	1951 January-November
2	13	Trade Divisions of Ohio Conference of Teamsters	1951
<b>Series V: Miscellaneous</b>			<b>1937-1938, 1942</b>
<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
2	14	Application Blank; Photograph, "Kohler Strikers," Three Years After Memorial Picket Line	1937 July 25, undated
2	15	Record of Attendance, General Conference of Over-the-Road Unions to Ratify Area Contract	1938
2	16	Supplementary Rules Governing the Over-the-Road Motor Freight Labor Agreement, Chicago, Ill.	1938 October 26
2	17	Transcript of Testimony: Hearing of Mr. Orle Schaffner, Local Union 517	1942