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Oil, Chemical, and Atomic Workers-Local 3-552
MSS# 77

OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION

Author: Unknown
Title: Oil, Chemical and Atomic Workers Local 3-552
Date: 1953-1980
Abstract: Minutes, contract negotiations, correspondence, and printed matter
Quantity: 1.5 cu. ft.

BIOGRAPHY OF

The Oil, Chemical and Atomic Workers Local 3-552 is based in Ironton, Ohio. It was founded in 1952 or there about among the employees of the Ironton Coke Company.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE COLLECTION

The main focus of the records is interchange between the company and the Local. The minutes, 1953-1966, contain not only the general Local business and financial record, but also the record of committees created by and which the purpose to promote interchange between members for policy making: bylaws, proposals to the company, etc. The Local minutes record discussion of grievances and votes on whether or not it goes to arbitration.

The transcript of arbitration and the files of grievances, 1953-1968, are a major part of this collection. They contain copies of hearings along with the evidence and minutes of meetings between company and Local members concerning grievances.

Contract negotiations, 1954-1960, 1964-1968, record meetings between company and union committees to discuss contract changes and proposals. Some printed matter
exists in the form of supplemental reports.

The major part of the correspondence, 1954-1967, is in the form of absentee letters. These are warnings to employees for repeated unexcused absence.

The rest of the collection is printed matter except for the job bids, 1953-1957, 1964-1969. These are a record of the job postings, the number of applicants, for each job, and who was awarded the position. They are referred to during grievance or arbitration proceedings.

**ORGANIZATION OF THE COLLECTION**

These records are organized into the following series:

- Series I: Minutes
- Series II: Arbitration
- Series III: Grievances
- Series IV: Contract Negotiation
- Series V: Agreements
- Series VI: Subject File
- Series VII: Printed Matter
- Series VIII: Job Bids

Abbreviations with in content list:

N/A

**RELATED MATERIALS**

Archives and Special Collections also has the Oil, Chemical, and Atomic Workers Local 3-689 (MSS #82).

See ALICE and OhioLINK under Oil, Chemical and Atomic Workers International Union for books.

Websites

- [www.webshells.com/ocaw/](http://www.webshells.com/ocaw/)

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION

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