

Horace L. Sheffield Collection

Papers, 1963-1977

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Horace Sheffield was born in Vienna, Georgia in 1916. He attended the Detroit Institute and Wayne University in the 1930s and 1940s and served as an International Representative for the UAW from 1942 to 1967. During the 1960s, he was particularly active in promoting civil right issues through the Trade Union Leadership Council and the Coalition of Black Trade Unionists.

The Detroit Plan Group, Inc. was established with federal funding in the early 1970s to increase minority representation in the construction trades in the Detroit metropolitan area. The organization included representatives from the Detroit Building Trades Council, the Construction Employers Council and a "Minority Coalition" of African Americans, Latinos, Native Americans and Asian Americans. Mr. Sheffield served on the Detroit Plan's board of directors and as its chairman.

The Horace L. Sheffield Collection contains correspondence, reports, newspaper clippings, press releases, and meeting minutes related to the Detroit Plan, the Detroit-area construction trades industry, and early efforts at integrating the building trades.

Important subjects in the collection:

Afro-Americans—Employment—Michigan—Detroit
Building Trades—Segregation
Coalition of Black Trade Unionists
Discrimination in Employment—Michigan—Detroit
Trade Union Leadership Council
Trade Unions—Afro-American Membership—Michigan—Detroit

Important correspondents in the collection:

William Brodhead
Nicholas Hood
William Milliken
Mel Ravitz

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1-1	Clippings and editorials, 1960s-70s
1-2	By-laws, 1970, 1973
1-3	Meeting mins.; incomplete, 1971-75
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1-10 thru 26	Correspondence; by year, 1963-77
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