

The Joe Walton Collection
Papers, 1936 - 1984
5 linear feet

Accession Number 1382

The papers of Joe Walton were placed in the Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs in November 1988 by Joe Walton. This collection primarily reflects Walton's involvement with UAW Local 581.

Joe Walton was born Dec. 15, 1906. He attended Cadillac MI High School. Walton started working for General Motors at the Fisher Body 2 plant located in Flint, Michigan in 1926. Later, in 1935 he transferred to Fisher Body 1 where he worked in the cushion department. Joe Walton was an active participant in the Flint Sit-Down Strike of 1936-37. In his union career Walton held the following positions: Line Steward, Committee Man, Guide, Sergeant-At-Arms and Trustee, representing Local 581. In 1956, he was elected Financial Secretary for UAW Local 581, a position he held for seven years. Walton retired from General Motors in 1967. On August 5, 1984, he received the Walter P. Reuther Distinguished Service Award. Joe Walton makes his home in South Branch, Michigan.

Box 1

Correspondence 1960-61

Flint Sit-Down Strike 1936-37, list of participants
Handbills, misc.

Local 581 Elections, notes, clippings, list of officers

Local 581 Elections, Solidarity Rank & File handbills

Local 581 Elections, United for Action handbills

Local 581 Elections, United Independent handbills

Local 581 Elections, United Rank & File handbills

Local 581 Elections, misc. slate handbills

Newspaper, "Flint Flasher" 1979-1984 (irregular)

Twenty-fifth Anniversary of Sit-Down Strike 1937-62,
correspondence

Twenty-fifth Anniversary of Sit-Down Strike 1937-62
clippings & flyers

Walter P. Reuther Distinguished Service Award 1984,
clippings & corres.

Memorabilia: buttons, UAW 1936-1946

Memorabilia: convention badges & name cards

Memorabilia: identification cards

Memorabilia: invitations, UAW events

Memorabilia: picket cards yrs 1937(?). 45, 46, 58, 61

Memorabilia: union dues book

Memorabilia: union dues, receipts for payment

Photographs

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