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The papers of UAW Local 870 were placed in the Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs in May of 1971 by Ben Tyra, a member of the local, and were opened for research in April of 1985.

UAW Local 870 was established at the Ford plant in Dallas, Texas, in mid-1941, the site of considerable anti-union violence in the late 1930s. The local was an original member of the Dallas CIO Industrial Union Council, begun in May 1942, and joined the State CIO Industrial Union Council the following year.

Local 870 was part of the UAW Region 5, and was affiliated with the National Ford Council through UAW Sub-Council 7.

Ford closed the Dallas plant in February 1970, and the assembly plant unit of the local was disbanded. However, Ford workers involved in the parts units continued to be represented by the local.

Local 870 was very active on behalf of its members, especially during the 1940s and 1950s. The documents in this collection closely reflect this activity in the correspondence and minutes dealing with seniority, job classification, compensation and other grievance matters. There are also some materials relating to the local, county and state CIO councils and to UAW Sub-Council 7 and the National Ford Council and Ford Department.

Important subjects covered in the collection are:

Ford umpire decisions, 1941-1955	Strike funds and strike votes, 1941-1969
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Job classification, 1941-1969	UAW Region 5, 1941-1954
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Among the important correspondents are:

Addes, George	Mazey, FmLl
Bannon, Ken	McKee, John
Crittenden, G.M.	Murray, Philip
Jenkins, L.W.	Reuther, Victor
Leonard, Richard T.	Reuther, Walter P.
Letner, Russell	Rowe, Stanley A.
Livingston, John W.	Thomas, R.J.

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Non-manuscript Material:

Two 8"x10" black and white photographs and one 3"x5" black and white photograph were placed in the Archives Audio-Visual Collection.

Series I
General Files, 1939-1969
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Correspondence, by-laws, agreements, financial data, meeting notices and minutes, resolutions, election, compensation and grievance materials which document the daily functioning of this local particularly from the early 1940s through the mid-1950s. Some of the subjects most often discussed and disputed in the correspondence and the minutes are job classification and wage rates; unemployment, veterans and workmen's compensation; and seniority, employment practices, working conditions and other grievance matters. Materials are arranged alphabetically and then chronologically.

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