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**Records of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local Union 459
Manuscript Group 46**

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9 boxes; 14 linear feet

Biographical Note

The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers was first organized in 1891, as the National Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, in St. Louis, Missouri. As a craft union affiliated with the American Federation of Labor, the NBEW was composed chiefly of electricians employed in the construction industry. By 1899, as technology advanced and opened the electrical industry to new classes of workers, the Brotherhood had expanded its membership and extended its influence into Canada, becoming the IBEW. Local Union 459 of the IBEW was organized in Johnstown, Pennsylvania. The jurisdiction of Local Union 459 included utility work performed by employees of utility companies in the Johnstown, Somerset, and Indiana operating areas, as well as electrical manufacturing work in the Johnstown area.

Scope and Content

The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local Union 459 papers are housed in nine archival boxes. The collection is comprised of labor union papers dating from 1950-1987. These papers include copies of agreements, minute books, seniority lists souvenir programs of labor celebrations, policy books and some correspondence. This collection also contains photocopies of the following notebooks: Summary of Grievance Arbitration, Contract Changes 1950-1987, and Agreements between PA Electric Company and LU 459-30-1124. Along with the material pertaining to Local Union 459, many items pertaining to Local Unions 1138 & 1138B are included in this collection.

Provenance

Unknown.

Restrictions

None.

Processor

Records rearranged and inventory rewritten by Special Collections in 2014.

Container List

Box 1 (44 folders)

1. Agreement-Adams Electric Cooperative Incorporated, 1961
 - a. EBEW letters and correspondence, 1958-1968
2. Agreement-Adams Electric Cooperative Incorporated, 1963
3. Agreement-Richland Water Company, 1960
4. Agreement-Richland Water Company, 1962
5. Agreement-Richland Water Company, 1963
6. Agreement-Richland Water Company, 1966
7. Agreement-Rockingham Power Company, 1964
8. Agreement-Rockingham Power Company, 1966

9. Agreement-Rockingham Power Company, 1968
10. Agreement-Somerset Rural Electric Company, 1958
11. Agreement-Somerset Rural Electric Company, 1959
12. Agreement-Somerset Rural Electric Company, 1960-1963
13. Agreement-Somerset Rural Electric Company, 1963
14. Agreement-Somerset Rural Electric Company, 1964
15. Agreement-Windber Electric, 1962
16. Agreement-Windber Electric, 1963
17. Agreement-Windber Electric, 1966
18. Blue Cross Members, 1964
19. Bylaws of Local 1138, IBEW, 1967
20. By Laws of the PENN Central Beneficial Association, 1919-1959
 - a. By Laws of Local 459 and BEW Home Association
 - b. Changes in the Bylaws and Constitution
21. Contractors, 1966-1967
22. I.B.E.W. Correspondence, 1970-1975
23. Job bids to replace Al Vetter, 1966
24. Job Bids, 1965-1967
25. Meeting Attendance, 1960-1975
26. System Council Meeting Minutes, Keystone Station, October 2, 1966
27. PENELEC Employee's Travel Club, February 1977
28. Regional Utility Meeting in Boston, 1964
29. Retirement Annuities, 1959-1961
30. Retirement Annuities, 1962-1964
31. Routine Correspondence, 1971-1975
 - a. E.B.E.W. System Council E.M.-1, 1972
 - b. 14th Convention, 1978
32. Seniority List up to 1968
33. Seniority List up to 1968
34. Transformer Shop Correspondence, 1958-1964
35. Westinghouse Employees Council Meeting in Atlanta, Georgia, 1961-1965
36. Westinghouse Pension and Insurance Plans, 1963-1964
37. Information on the General Public Utilities Corporation, February 1974
38. Health and Pension Plan Brochures
39. Informational Brochures on the IBEW related to Safety and Power Plant Operations, 1965-1974
40. Informational Brochures on PA and Unions in General
41. Penn State Labor Studies Notebook
42. Colorado River Storage Project Hot-Stick Procedure
43. 500 KV Tool Ordering Information, January 1, 1967
44. Utility Work Practices on Energized Circuits, January 1977

Box 2 (10 folders)

1. I.B.E.W. Local Minutes, Loose Ruled Paper, 1970-1974
2. I.B.E.W. Local Minutes, October 20, 1939-March 23, 1942
3. I.B.E.W. Local Minutes, April 1, 1942-November 27, 1944

4. I.B.E.W. Local Minutes, December 12, 1944-September 9, 1947
5. I.B.E.W. Local Minutes, September 23, 1947-February 8, 1955
6. I.B.E.W. Local Minutes, May 25, 1948-July 27, 1948
7. I.B.E.W. Local Minutes, March 8, 1955-March 16, 1964
8. I.B.E.W. Local Minutes, April 20, 1964-December 18, 1972.
9. I.B.E.W. Local Minutes, January 15, 1973-November 15, 1976
10. I.B.E.W. Local Minutes, December 2, 1976-October 1, 1981

Box 3 (7 folders)

1. Convention Programs
 - a. *Proceedings of the Tenth Convention of the Electrical Workers' Benefit Association*, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, September 12, 1962
 - b. *Report of Officers to the 27th Convention of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers*, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, September 10-14, 1962
 - c. *Report of the Law Committee to the 28th Convention of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers*, St. Louis, Missouri, September 19-24, 1966
 - d. *Twenty-Eighth and Diamond Jubilee Convention of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers*, St. Louis, Missouri, First Day – Morning Session, Monday, September 19, 1966
 - e. *Twenty-Eighth and Diamond Jubilee Convention of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers*, St. Louis, Missouri, Second Day – Morning Session, Tuesday, September 20, 1966
 - f. *Twenty-Eighth and Diamond Jubilee Convention of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers*, St. Louis, Missouri, Third Day – Morning Session, Wednesday, September 21, 1966
 - g. *Twenty-Eighth and Diamond Jubilee Convention of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers*, St. Louis, Missouri, Fourth Day – Morning Session, Thursday, September 22, 1966
 - h. *Twenty-Eighth and Diamond Jubilee Convention of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers*, St. Louis, Missouri, Fifth Day – Morning Session, Friday, September 23, 1966
 - i. *Report of Officers to the 28th Convention*, St. Louis, Missouri, September 19-24, 1966
 - j. *Officers' Report to the 29th Convention IBEW*, Seattle, Washington, September 28 – October 3, 1970
 - k. *Fifth Day Proceedings: International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers – Thirty-first Convention*, Atlantic City, New Jersey, October 6, 1978.
2. Pennsylvania Unions and Labor, 1976
 - a. Two tickets and Union Solidarity Lyrics, Greater Johnstown Regional Central Labor Council, Salute to the Past Presidents, Cambria County War Memorial, Johnstown, Monday, April 26, 1976
 - b. *A Salute to the Working American!*, program for the Johnstown Regional Central Labor Council Salute to Past Presidents, Cambria County War Memorial, Monday, April 26, 1976
 - c. *Upward Struggle: A Bicentennial Tribute to Labor in Cambria and Somerset Counties*, by Bruce T. Williams and Michael D. Yates, 1976

3. I.B.E.W. Patches
4. Penelec History, December 30, 1976
5. Photographs
6. Souvenir programs of Anniversary Celebration of IBEW Local 459
7. Local 459 Officers, 1934-1970s

Box 4 (5 folders)

1. *IBEW Manual for Union Stewards*
2. *A Guide to Basic Law and Procedures under the National Labor Relations Act, 1976*
3. Union article to be voted on
4. Pennsylvania Electric Company, Index of Job Descriptions
5. Copy of the 1979 Negotiations, Pennsylvania Electric Company, Job Descriptions, I.B.E.W Productions, and Maintenance Workers

Box 5 (10 folders)

1. Local Union 1138, bank statements, savings deposit book, checkbook, 1971-1976
2. Local Union 1138 Bylaws, 1960 and 1973
3. Equal Employment Opportunity Report, 1974
4. Expense Vouchers and Receipts, 1970s
5. IBEW Constitution, 1966
6. Local Union 1138 Income Tax Information, 1970s
7. Labor Management reports, 1960s-1970s
8. Officer's Wages for 1975
9. Routine Correspondence Forms, August 1970-February 1974
10. Unemployment Compensation Forms, 1960s-1970s

Box 6 (10 folders)

1. Local Union 1138, Treasurer's Cash Books, 1960s
2. Local Union 1138, Treasurer's Cash Book, 1970s
3. Agreement for sale of real estate, 1977
4. Contract Proposals, 1976-1978
5. Grievances, July 7, 1978
6. Insurance Policies, 1950s-1970s
7. License Plate, April 7, 1977
8. Local Union 459, member list, 1976-1977
9. Pension Plan Changes, 1976
10. Local Union 459, Routine Correspondence, March 1972-December 1978

Box 7

1. Official Receipt book for Local Union 459, 1970-1977
2. Official receipt book for Local Union 469, 1970-1977
3. Local Union 1138 check book stubs, 1960s-1970s
4. Treasurer's Receipt Books, 1960s-1970s
5. Warrant Books, 1960s-1970s
6. Set of Keys, unknown origin, n.d.

Box 8

1. Summary of Grievance Arbitration, 1941-1987
2. Contract Changes, 1950-1990
3. Agreement between Pennsylvania Electric Company and LU 459-30-1124, 1950-1987

Box 9 (3 folders)

1. Perce R. Appleyard Receipts, 1960-1968
2. 10th Constitutional Convention Proceedings, 1969
3. Labor organizations Report-Washington D.C., 1960s