

Guide to Zack Carter IUMSWA Local 18 Papers

Descriptive Summary:

Creator: A. Z. (Zack) Carter III, 1950-

Title: Zack Carter IUMSWA Local 18 Papers

Dates: 1980 – 1990 (**Bulk 1985-1989**)

Quantity: .5 linear feet

Abstract: The Zack Carter IUMSWA Local 18 Papers contain legal filings, correspondence, union records, publications, flyers, legal research, and news clippings resulting from the union activities of A. Z. (Zack) Carter III, before and during his tenure as President of the IUMSWA Local 18, located in Mobile, Alabama.

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Biographical Note:

The Industrial Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers of America (IUMSWA) represented workers along the Gulf Coast beginning in the 1930s. The Local 18 Chapter (Mobile) was certified in 1938. The Union became part of the AFL-CIO (American Federation of Labor–Congress of Industrial Organizations) in 1955. Its membership included both skilled and non-skilled as well as a racially and ethnically diverse group of workers. During the 1980s, disputes between IUMSWA and ADDSCO centered on occupational safety, pension funds, and job interchangeability. In 1989 the ADDSCO shipyard was closed and all workers terminated. In 1988 the IUMSWA Local 18 merged with another union, the International Association of Machinists (IAM). Zack Carter worked as a machinist for ADDSCO and was active in union leadership for 10 years. He served as president of the IUMSWA from 1987-1989. Carter donated his union related papers to Bonnie Gums in the course of her work preparing a Historic American Buildings Survey (HABS) report on the Shipbuilders Local 18 Union Hall Building.

Scope and Content: Materials focus on labor disputes with Alabama Dry Dock and Shipbuilding Company (ADDSCO). Included are arbitration files, correspondence, grievance documents, legal papers, news clippings, newsletters, and union flyers. Of particular interest

is the Collective Bargaining Agreement which governed relations between IUMSWA and ADDSCO 1982-1985.

Provenance:

Received from Bonnie Gums, Center for Archaeological Studies, University of South Alabama.

Arrangement:

Collection is arranged in three series: I. Correspondence II. Legal and III. Union Business

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- Alabama Dry Dock and Shipbuilding Company (81-03-60, 88-08-170, 90-08-200) Union related material can be found in Box 12 sub-series 7.
- LeFlore Papers (093-1985) Union related materials can be found in Box 7.

At other repositories:

- IUMSWA Archives at University of Maryland Libraries, 1934-1970.

Content List:

BOX 1

Correspondence Files:

1. Correspondence, 1983-1989

Legal Files:

2. Case Law
3. Filings
4. CBA and Pension Plan Documents
5. Retirement Fund Documents

Union Business Files:

- 6-7. Union Business
8. Printed Materials