Amalgamated Clothing and Textile Worker's Union (ACTWU), Hudson Valley Area Joint Board; Records apap050

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Summary Information

Repository: M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections & Archives
Creator: Amalgamated Clothing and Textile Worker's Union. Hudson Valley Area Joint Board.
Title: Amalgamated Clothing and Textile Worker's Union (ACTWU), Hudson Valley Area Joint Board Records
ID: apap050
Date [inclusive]: 1919-1989
Physical Description: 13.03 cubic ft.
Physical Location: The materials are located onsite in the department.
Language of the Material: English
Mixed Materials [Collection]: X

Abstract: The Hudson Valley Area Joint Board was formed in 1957 through the merger of the Columbia County and Mid-Hudson Valley Joint Boards. At that point, the two joint boards were affiliated of the Textile Workers Union of America (TWUA), which merged with the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America (ACWA) in 1976 to form the Amalgamated Clothing and Textile Workers Union (ACTWU). The collection documents the organization, administration, and activities of the Hudson Valley Area Joint Board and its predecessor organizations.

Preferred Citation

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Administrative History

The Hudson Valley Area Joint Board was formed in 1957 through the merger of the Columbia County and Mid-Hudson Valley Joint Boards. At this point, the two joint boards were affiliated of the Textile Workers Union of America (TWUA), which merged with the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America (ACWA) in 1976 to form the Amalgamated Clothing and Textile Workers Union (ACTWU). After the formation of the Hudson Valley Area Joint Board in 1957, other joint boards joined the union. The Capital District Joint Board, which was chartered in 1937, joined the Hudson Valley Area Joint Board in 1968. The Amsterdam Joint Board, which was charted in 1942, also joined the Hudson Valley Area Joint Board in the mid 1960s. All of the joint boards had local chapters that represented different workplaces and institutions. Each local chapter had its own set of bylaws and constitutions, and each institution had its own set of bylaws and constitutions as well.

Prior to the merge the Capital District Joint Board oversaw the Berkshire Joint Board, which was chartered in 1946. When the merge occurred, the Hudson Valley Area Joint Board oversaw their records until 1968-1969. The Berkshire Joint Board then joined the Connecticut Joint Board in 1969. The Capital District Area Joint Board was also affiliated with the Troy Area Industrial Union Council, CIO. The Hudson Valley Area Joint Board was also associated with the AFL-CIO and helped keep track of their local unions. These unions included the Upper Hudson Area Industrial Council, which became the Upper Hudson Area Central Labor Union in 1958. These records were held by the Columbia County Joint Board until the merge. The Hudson Valley Area Joint Board also helped maintain the Central Labor Union of New York records as well.

Scope and Contents

This collection divided into five series that document the organization, administration and activities of the Hudson Valley Area Joint Board of the ACTWU and its predecessor organizations. The collection contains meeting minutes, correspondence, contracts and arbitration documents, board by-laws and organizing leaflets for the Hudson Valley Board and its predecessors. The collection also contains bylaws, constitutions, and meeting minutes of the AFL-CIO organizations that the Hudson Valley Area Joint Board helped maintain.
Arrangement

This collection is made up of five series. Series 1 includes records documenting the activities of the Hudson Valley Area Joint Board. Series 2 documents the activities relating to the Amsterdam Joint Board. Series 3 includes records from the Capital District Area Joint Board. Series 4 is made up of records relating to the Columbia County Joint Board and Series 5 contains records relating to the Mid-Hudson Valley Area Joint Board.

Administrative Information

Publication Statement

M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections & Archives

Revision Description

Encoded into EAD and additional arrangement and description by Sheri Sarnoff in 2019.

Processing Information

Collection processed in 1990 by Geoffrey A. Huth.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

All the items in series 1 of this manuscript group were lent to the University Libraries, M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections and Archives, by the Hudson Valley Area Joint Board, ACTWU, and were subsequently microfilmed as a part of the Harry Van Arsdale, Jr., Labor History Project. The originals have been returned to the Hudson Valley Area Joint Board. The original items in series 2-5 were subsequently donated.

Controlled Access Headings

- Labor unions -- New York (State)
- Labor
Amalgamated Clothing and Textile Workers Union. Hudson Valley Joint Board.

Indexes to Companies Where Locals Worked

Below is a list of the different local chapters of the joint boards prior to their merge. The Hudson Valley Area Joint Board contains all of the local chapters after the merge, as well as the Berkshire Joint Board local records as well.

Amsterdam Joint Board (chartered 1942; merged with the Hudson Valley Area Joint Board ca. 1965)
Bigelow-Sanford Carpet Company (Local 1) Mohasco Industries (Local 489) Mohawk Carpet Mills (Local 489 and Local 856) Fownes Brothers and Company, Inc. (Locals 646) Chalmers Knitting Company (Local 835) Montco Manufacturing Company, Inc. (Local 835) Local 846 BAM Industries, Inc. (Local 1761)

Capital District Joint Board (chartered, 1937; merged with Hudson Valley Area Joint Board, 1968)

Columbia County Joint Board (existed at least since 1947; merged with the Mid-Hudson Joint Board in 1957 to form the Hudson Valley Area Joint Board) Local 96 Local 791 High Rock Mills, Inc. (Local 792) Springdale Mills (Local 793) Imperial Pen and Pencil Co. (Local 938) Nassau Pen Manufacturing Co. (Local 938) Faith Mills, Inc. (Local 1122) Hudson Glue Corporation (Local 1246) Union Piece Dye Works (Local 1342)

1318) Price Fire and Waterproofing Company (Local 1318) Atlas Fibres Company, Inc. (Local 1338) Local 1818 Local 1420

Hudson Valley Area Joint Board (formed in 1957 from the merger of the Columbia County and the Mid-Hudson Joint Boards, TWUA) The Berkshire Joint Board Local Chapters are also listed here.

Collection Inventory

Hudson Valley Area Joint Board, 1919-1989

**Physical Description:** 8.19 cubic ft.

**Arrangement**

This series is arranged alphabetically.

**Scope and Contents**

This series contains records related to the Hudson Valley Area Joint Board. This series is divided into four sub-series. The first sub-series contains the subject files of the Joint Board. The second sub-series contains records relating to the Textile Workers Union of America (TWUA), also known as the Amalgamated Clothing and Textiles Workers Union (ACTWU). The third sub-series contains local chapter files and the fourth sub-series is contains records associated with the union councils of the AFL-CIO.

Subject Files, 1919-1989

**Physical Description:** 1.59 cubic ft.

**Arrangement**

This sub-series is arranged alphabetically.

**Scope and Contents**

This sub-series contains the subject files of the Hudson Valley Area Joint Board. Included in the subject files are records relating to the organization of the Board, arbitration documents, contracts, correspondence, meeting minutes, and bylaws and constitutions. This series also contains records relating to the Berkshire Joint Board, which the Hudson Valley Area Joint Board oversaw until it left in 1969 to join the Connecticut Joint Board. This series also contains buttons that were worn by the union members to show political support.

Textile Workers Union of America (TWUA), 1919-1989

**Physical Description:** .6 cubic ft.

**Arrangement**

This sub-series is arranged alphabetically.

**Scope and Contents**

This sub-series contains records relating to the Textile Workers Union of America (TWUA). When the Hudson Valley Area Joint Board was formed in 1957 through the merger of the Columbia County and Mid-Hudson Valley Joint Boards, it was already affiliated with the Textile Workers Union of America (TWUA). The TWUA merged with the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America (ACWA) in 1976 to form the Amalgamated Clothing and
Textile Workers Union (ACTWU). This series contains the records of the assistant state director of the TWUA, as well as the international representation files of the union.

**Local Files, 1919-1989**

*Physical Description:* 5.4 cubic ft.

**Arrangement**

This sub-series is arranged alphabetically.

**Scope and Contents**

This sub-series contains the records of the local chapters of the Hudson Valley Area Joint Board. Each local chapter had their own set of records. These records include arbitration documents, bylaws, contracts, and meeting minutes.

**Central Labor Union Councils - AFL-CIO, 1919-1989**

*Physical Description:* .6 cubic ft.

**Arrangement**

This sub-series is arranged alphabetically.

**Scope and Contents**

This series contains the records of central union councils affiliated with the AFL-CIO. The TWUA, which the Hudson Valley Area was a part of, joined the AFL-CIO around 1976. Prior to the formation of the Hudson Valley Area Joint Board, the Columbia County Joint Board held the records of the Upper Hudson Area Industrial Council, CIO. The Upper Hudson Area Industrial Council became the Upper Hudson Area Central Labor Union, AFL-CIO in 1958. The records were then transferred from the Columbia County Joint Board to the Hudson Valley Area Joint Board in 1958-1959. The Hudson Valley Area Joint Board also oversaw the records of the Central Labor Union of New York, AFL-CIO.

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to the founding of the board and their bylaws and constitutions. The records also contain arbitration documents, constitutions, meeting minutes, and contracts of local chapters of the board.

Capital District Area Joint Board, 1919-1989

Physical Description: 1.6 cubic ft.

Arrangement

This series is arranged alphabetically.

Scope and Contents

This series contains the records of the Capital District Area Joint Board. The Capital District Area Joint Board which was chartered in 1937, became a part of the Hudson Valley Area Joint Board in 1968. This series contains records of the main board, including meeting minutes, bylaws, and constitutions. The series also includes local chapter arbitration documents, meeting minutes, and bylaws. This series also contains records related to the Troy Area Industrial Union Council, CIO, which was associated with the Capital District Area Joint Board.

Columbia County Joint Board, 1919-1989

Physical Description: 1.44 cubic ft.

Arrangement

This series is arranged alphabetically.

Scope and Contents

This series contains the records of the Columbia County Joint Board. The Columbia County Joint Board, which was chartered in 1947, merged with the Mid-Hudson Joint Board to form the Hudson Valley Area Joint Board in 1957. This series contains the main board's meeting minutes, bylaws, and contracts, as well as arbitration documents, bylaws, and constitutions for the local chapters. This series also contains a scrapbook with newspapers and photographs of the board.

Mid-Hudson Valley Joint Board, 1919-1989

Physical Description: 1 cubic ft.

Arrangement

This series is arranged alphabetically.
## Scope and Contents

This series contains the records of the Mid-Hudson Valley Joint Board. The Mid-Hudson Valley Joint Board was chartered in 1948 and merged with the Columbia County Joint Board to form the Hudson Valley Area Joint Board in 1957. This series contains meeting minutes, arbitration documents, bylaws, constitutions, and correspondence.