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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections & Archives
<b>Title:</b>	Laborers' International Union of North America Local 157 Records
<b>ID:</b>	apap076
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1912-1972
<b>Physical Description:</b>	0.4 cubic ft.
<b>Physical Location:</b>	The materials are located on site in the department.
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English , Italian .
<b>Abstract:</b>	This is a repository of the minutes and records of the local chapter 157 of the Laborers' International Union of North America.

### Preferred Citation

Preferred citation for this material is as follows:

Identification of specific item, series, box, folder, Laborers' International Union of North America Local 157 Records, 1912-1972. M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University at Albany, State University of New York (hereafter referred to as the Laborers' International Union of North America Local 157 Records).

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## Organizational Sketch

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The Laborers' International Union of North America was formed in April 1903 as the International Hod Carriers' and Building Laborers' Union of America from twenty-five delegates representing seventeen cities and over 8,000 laborers. By the late 1920s, a construction boom and the addition of three amalgamations added to the union's size: the International Compressed Air and Foundation Workers Union; the Tunnel and Subway Constructors International Union; and the International Union of Pavers, Rammemen, Flag Layers, Bridge and Curb Setters and Sheet Asphalt Pavers. In 1955, the union affiliated with the AFL-CIO Industrial Union Department in order to represent the 60,000 laborers working under the jurisdiction of the IUD. After the post-World War II boom, the union also began representing non-construction workers. In 1965, the union officially changed its name to the Laborers' International Union of North America to reflect its continued growth beyond the construction field.

Local 157 was chartered in 1912 and represented laborers in Schenectady, New York and surrounding communities in the building trades. The local's early members were primarily Italian American.

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## Scope and Contents

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The Laborers' International Union of North America, Local 157 records primarily document the union's activities for the period 1937-1972 through correspondence and meeting minutes. All of the records are photocopies of the original documents. The records provide an account of routine operations by Local 157 including negotiations with employers in Schenectady, grievances, elections, as well as financial and membership records. The union's early members were predominantly Italian American, which means the membership lists of 1912-1914 are in Italian. The correspondence includes material specific to Local 157 as well as items from the national office having to do with legislation and other national issues. Included with the correspondence and meeting minutes are sporadic membership and officer lists.

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## Arrangement of the Collection

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The collection is organized alphabetically. There are no series.

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## Administrative Information

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### Revision Description

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### Processing Information

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## Access

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## Acquisition Information

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- Schenectady, New York
- Labor
- Unions, Labor
- Italian Americans
- Building
- Schenectady (N.Y.)
- Correspondence
- Administrative records
- Membership lists
- Minutes
- Financial Records
- The Laborers' International Union of North America
- International Hod Carriers' and Building Laborers' Union of America
- International Compressed Air and Foundation Workers Union
- Tunnel and Subway Constructors International Union
- International Union of Pavers, Rammemen, Flag Layers, Bridge and Curb Setters and Sheet Asphalt Pavers

## Collection Inventory

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Title/Description	Instances
Correspondence, 1943-1963 <u>Digital Object:</u> <a href="#">Online Object Uploaded through Hyrax UI</a> <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	
Correspondence, 1947 <u>Digital Object:</u> <a href="#">Online Object Uploaded through Hyrax UI</a> <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	
Membership Register, (1912-1914) <u>Digital Object:</u> <a href="#">Online Object Uploaded through Hyrax UI</a> <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	
Minutes, (1937-1949) <u>Digital Object:</u> <a href="#">Online Object Uploaded through Hyrax UI</a> <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	
Minutes, (1949-1956) <u>Digital Object:</u> <a href="#">Online Object Uploaded through Hyrax UI</a> <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	
Minutes, (1956-1962) <u>Digital Object:</u> <a href="#">Online Object Uploaded through Hyrax UI</a> <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	
Minutes, (1962-1967) <u>Digital Object:</u> <a href="#">Online Object Uploaded through Hyrax UI</a> <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	
Minutes, (1967-1972) <u>Digital Object:</u> <a href="#">Online Object Uploaded through Hyrax UI</a> <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	