

Inventory of the

**Will-Grundy Building Trades Council**  
Joliet, Illinois

Records

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## INTRODUCTION

Frederic Schwartz, President, donated the Will-Grundy Building Trades Council records to the Northern Illinois Regional History Center on June 2, 1982.

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## SCOPE AND CONTENT

The Will-Grundy Building Trades Council records (1934-1979) are divided into three series: administrative records; pamphlets, brochures, publications, and manuals; and financial records. The administrative records comprise meeting minutes (1940-1977), annual directories, and pre-job information as well as a subseries composed of subject files. The subject files are alphabetically arranged and primarily consist of records on or about local labor unions and politics. None of the files are complete; there are gaps in the listed series and all records prior to 1934 are missing. Records in the final series document union procedures, Joliet revised codes, legislation, and Building and Construction Trades constitutions and conventions.

The collection is useful for documenting the labor climate in Will and Grundy Counties. Researchers studying labor in all of northern Illinois may wish to check the other labor records held by the Center. Please consult the Center Guide or with a staff member for more information.

## HISTORICAL SKETCH

The Will County Building and Construction Trades Council organized in 1914 to unite the various trades and labor unions of Will County. Sometime around 1950 the council combined with Grundy County to form the Will-Grundy Building Trades Council. Affiliated with the American Federation of Labor, the council strived to assist in the formation of new unions when no local had jurisdiction, to use the utmost endeavors to impress upon all fields of labor the necessity of an organization that will protect their rights and interest as wage earners, and to advance the sale of products bearing the union label. The council started publishing the Labor Record to inform the public of their endeavors, to maintain and improve the standard of living and to direct its strength for the benefit of any local belonging to the Council.

The objectives of the organization, as stated in the constitution, were as follows:  
to assist each other in receiving fair remuneration for labor and forcing recognition of our rights as free citizens to join and participate in any organization not in violation of the laws of the land. To secure safe and sanitary conditions in places of employment. To discuss, investigate and act upon all political questions affecting the interests of organized labor and to inform all affiliated Unions of the action taken thereon.

SUBJECT TRACINGS

Building Trades  
Construction Industry, Labor Unions  
Grundy County  
Joliet  
Labor  
Labor Unions  
Politics  
Will County  
Will-Grundy Building Trades Council

COLLECTION INVENTORY

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	18-21	Pre-Job Conference Records, (1967-1976)
	22-25	Membership Cards, 1955-1967
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	26	American Federation of Labor, 1943-1944
	27	Arnold and Kadjan, Attorneys, 1973, 1975
	28	Boilermakers, (1948-1976)
	29	Bricklayers, (1939-1975)
	30	Brown-Olds Plumbing Co. Case, 1958
	31	Budget Committee, n.d.
	32	B & C.T.C. Correspondence, 1972-1979
	33	B & C.T., Washington D.C., (1939-1979)
	34	Correspondence to Other B. & C. T. C., (1940-1975)
	35	Building Trades Directory, 1972, 1974
	36	Building Trades Photos, n.d. (2)
	37	Business Agents' Meeting, January 1976
	38	C.E.T.A., 1979
	39	Carpenters, (1939-1975)
	40	Cement Masons, (1941-1977)
	41	Chemical Workers, n.d.
	42	Congratulatory Messages, 1970-1972
	43	Congressmen, Letters to, 1971
	44	Corps of Engineers, 1965
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	50	Correspondence-Outgoing, 1970-1976
	51	D. & M. Motors, 1971
	52	Department of Labor, Illinois, (1934-1962)
	53	Department of Labor, Washington D.C., 1943-1946
	54	Department of Public Safety, 1942, 1943
	55	Department of Public Works, 1957
	56	Dodge Reports, (1963-1978)
	57	Donation Requests, (1970-1973)
	58	Electricians, 1970-1974
	59	Elevator Constructors, 1971, 1973
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	65	Glazier's, (1947-1975)
2	1	Heritage Bank, 1972, 1973
	2	House Bills, 1939
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	4	Illinois Contracts Compliance Commission, 1972
	5	Illinois House of Representatives, 1939, 1971
	6	Illinois Production Urgency Committee, 1944-1945
	7	Illinois State Conference of B. & C.T., (1944-1974)
	8	Illinois State Federation of Labor, (1939-1973)
	9	International Building Trades, 1951
	10	Ironworkers #444, (1949-1976)
	11	Jansco, Inc., 1968-1975
	12-13	Jurisdictional Disputes, (1939-1964)
	14	Kofoid Construction Co., 1976
	15	LM-3 Tax Forms, 1968-1975
	16	Laborers, (1942-1974)
	17	Lathers, (1944, 1974)
	18	Legislative Report, Building Trades Dept., AFL-CIO, 1966, 1974
	19	Machinists, 1974
	20	Maintenance of Way Employees, 1943-1944
	21	Meat Cutters, 1945, n.d.
	22	Midwestern States Conference, 1951
	23	Molders' Union, 1943
	24	National Jobs Conference, 1975
	25	National Labor Relations Board, 1949, 1979
	26	Occupational Safety and Health, 1970-1976
	27	Officials of Joliet, IL, (1939-1972)
	28	Operating Engineers, (1947-1976)
	29	Painters, n.d.
	30	Per Capita Tax, 1975, 1976
	31	Pipefitters #597, (1943-1948, 1979)
	32	Plasterers, (1970-1975)
	33	Plumbers #130, (1958-1973)
	34	Plumbing and Steamfitters #422, (1944-1970)
	35	Premium Pay-Building Trades Wage Adjustment Board Decision, 1944
	36	Prevailing Wage Committee, (1967-1976)
	37	Prevailing Wage Rates, 1960-1979
	38	Prisons, (1935-1947)
	39	Public Laws, 1965-1966
	40	Resignations, (1956-1972)
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	45	Teamsters, 1942-1948	
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	48	Unemployment Compensation, 1957-1973	
	49	Unfair Contractors, 1973	
	50	U.S. Department of Labor, (1942-1968)	
	51	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, n.d.	
	52	U.S. Government Printing Office, 1967-1973	
	53	Veteran's Day, 1978	
	54	Wage and Fringe Benefit Dispersal, 1974	
	55	War Production Board, 1942-1945	
	56	Will County Area Council of Defense, 1944	
	57	Will County Building Code, 1965-1971	
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	59	Will County Highway Department, 1943	
	60	Will County Industrial Union Council, 1950	

Series II. Pamphlets, Brochures, Publications, and Manuals

61	<u>Social Cost of Instability in Construction</u> , 1979
62	Electing Union Officials, Manuals, 1960-1970 (4)
63	Procedural Rules, 1953-1970
64	Constitutions of the B. & C.T. Dept., AFL-CIO, 1957-1973
65	Joliet Revised Code of 1939, 1945
66-67	Illinois B. Q. C. T. Reference Guides, 1962, 1966
68	Illinois Unemployment Compensation Act Guide, 1972
69	Labor Law of 1959
70	Davis-Bacon Act Brochure, 1975
71	National Jobs Conference Position Papers, 1975
72	Building and Construction Trades, AFL-CIO, Annual Convention Proceedings, 1973

Series III. Financial Records

73	Financial Statements, 1968-1975
74	Record of Receipts and Disbursements, (1929-1955)
75	Cash Book, 1957-1965

3 Cash Books, 1965-1973