

Inventory of the

Carpenters' Auxiliary #280
Rockford, Illinois

Records

In the
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INTRODUCTION

Tom Smith, Business Administrator for Northwestern Illinois Building and Construction Trades Council, donated the Carpenters' Auxiliary #280 records to the Northern Illinois Regional History Center on November 22, 1989.

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SCOPE AND CONTENT

The Carpenters' Auxiliary #280 records consist of a history, correspondence, and newsletters dating 1941 to 1971. Two scrapbooks which contains photographs of Auxiliary activities and newspaper clippings pertaining to the organization are included in the collection.

HISTORICAL SKETCH

On March 2, 1937, a charter was granted to Auxiliary #280 of the Carpenters and Joiners Local 792. The Auxiliary had 14 charter members. The objectives of the organization was "to stand behind their men in troubled items as well as good, buy union made items, hire union help, and promote the knowledge of unionism at all times."

The Auxiliary women formed committees which helped to enforce union backed laws and projects, aided the charities, educated people to the ways and means of the union label, and encouraged the hiring of union people. They assisted the local in social gatherings, with convention programming, and entertaining of the delegates and their wives. By the beginning of the 1970's the Auxiliary was making plans to disband. The age and health of the members as well as the need for many of the women to work, left the 8 remaining active members responsible for organizing all the activities. The inability to do so, brought forth the resignation of the officers and the disbanding of the Auxiliary.

SUBJECT TRACINGS

Carpenters' Auxiliary #280
Labor
Rockford
Women's Organization

COLLECTION INVENTORY

<u>BOX</u>	<u>FOLDER</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
1	1	Historical Sketch, 1962
	2	Newsletters, 1959-1967
	3	Correspondence, 1941-1942, 1964-1971
	4-5	Scrapbooks, 1950-1970