

### United Steel Workers of America collection

Minute books, safety logs, scrapbooks, legal papers, financial records, collective bargaining agreements and strike information.

#### Scope and content:

The United Steelworkers of America Collection is composed of eight series that contain: Minute books, safety logs, scrapbooks, legal papers, financial records, collective bargaining agreements and strike information from several union divisions.

**Series E76/1/1-12:** Minute books and attendance logs, 51cm, 1950-2000 (original). Contains accounts of the activities, finances and membership of fourteen divisions of the United Steelworkers of America. These books are organised numerically by union number.

- 1) Local 3466, 1960-1974; Two bound minute books, 4cm
- 2) Local 4464, 1950-1990; Three bound minute books, 9cm
- 3) Local 5046, 1954-1960; One bound minute book, 3cm
- 4) Local 5005, 1961-1976; Three bound minute books, 9cm
- 5) Local 5481, 1957-1990; One bound minute books, 6cm
- 6) Local 5855, 1959-1981; Four bound minute books, 15cm
- 7) Local 7020, 1976-1985; Two bound minute books, 6cm
- 8) Local 7520, 1969-1976; One bound minute book, 3cm
- 9) Local 7879, 1987-1991; One bound minute book, 3cm
- 10) Local 8126, 1961-2000; Five bound minute books, 15cm
- 11) Local 8533, 1976-1982, 1990-1992; Four bound minute books, 6cm
- 12) Local 8697, 1978-1986; One bound minute book, 3cm

**Series E76/2/1:** Health and safety logs, 4cm, 1989-2000 (original)

- 1) 1989-2000; One bound log book containing newspaper clippings and reports regarding accidents that result in an injury or death of a United Steelworkers of America member, 4cm

**Series E76/3/1-8:** Scrapbooks, 26cm, 1985-2001 (original and photocopy). Eight scrapbooks containing newspaper clippings, press releases, closure notices and correspondence involving the United Steelworkers of America. Arranged chronologically.

- 1) 1983-1985; One green binder, 7cm
- 2) 1989-1996; One large maroon scrapbook, 4cm
- 3) 1996-1997; One white scrapbook, 2cm
- 4) 1997-1998; One white scrapbook, 2cm
- 5) 1998; One floral pattern scrapbook, 2cm
- 6) 1998-1999; One floral pattern scrapbook, 2cm
- 7) 1999-2000; One floral pattern scrapbook, 2cm
- 8) 2000-2001; One floral pattern scrapbook, 2cm

**Series E76/4/1-6:** Legal file, 8cm, 1983-1997, (original and photocopy)

This file contains: reports, analysis and legal correspondence regarding a legal claim by Minova Inc - Winston Lake Division employee's that they are suffering from respiratory illness as a result of their work environment.

Arranged chronologically.

- 1) 1983, 1990-1993; Reports and assessments regarding the air quality and water quality of Minova Inc - Winston Lake Division. These reports were compiled by the United Steelworkers of America in order to support their members claims, 4cm (original and photocopy)
- 2) 1989-1997; Correspondence between United Steelworkers of America, Minova Inc and the employee's legal council, 1cm (original)
- 3) 1991-1997; Medical information on the employee's of Minova Inc including medical research on possible lung disease that can result from exposure to contaminated air and water, 2cm (original and photocopy)
- 4) 1991-1997; Legal documents such as appeals, claims submissions, and legal verdicts from the United Steelworkers of America vs. Minova case, 1cm (photocopy)
- 5) 1992-1993; Corporate policy and technical information for Minova Inc., 17fols, (photocopy)
- 6) 1992-1996; News articles written about the case and Minova employee illness 8fols, (photocopy)

**E76/5/1-2:** Financial records, 4cm, 1957-1973 (original)

These files contain financial information for the Atikokan division of the United Steelworkers of America. Arranged chronologically.

- 1) 1957-1962; One ledger from the local 5055 division of the United Steelworkers of America union. Contained within are cheque receipts and account balances. 1cm
- 2) 1960-1973; Two bound ledgers for the Atikokan Steelworkers Hall. Contained within is information on the catering costs and profits of hosting events at the hall, 3cm

**E76/6/1-15:** Collective bargaining agreements, 96 cm, 1945-2001(original)

These files contain various collective bargaining agreements between the United Steelworkers of America and their employers. These agreements adress such issues as: pay, benefits, strike rights, work conditions and promotions. They are arranged alphabetically by file name as was originally the case.

- 1) "Algoma", 1975-1988; Contains five collective bargaining agreements involving both the Wawa and Sault Ste Marie mine with the United Steelworkers of America Union, 1cm
- 2) "Caland Ore Co.", 1960-1980; Contains fifteen collective bargaining agreements involving Caland Ore Co and the United Steelworkers of America, 7cm
- 3) "Construction Aggregate Co.", 1953-1962; Contains six collective bargaining agreements and wage studies involving Construction Aggregate Co and the United Steelworkers of America, 4cm
- 4) "District # 3", 1995-1991; Contains fourteen collective bargaining agreements involving: Bralorne, Cariboo Quartz and Gold, Cyprus Anvil, Canadian Mine Ent., Smoky River Coal, Canada Wire and Cable Ltd., Rheem Canada Ltd., Northern Mines Ltd., San Antonio Gold., Mine Mill., Yukon Gold Ltd., Central Canada Potash, Cominco, Giant Yellowknife and

- the United Steelworkers of America, 5cm
- 5) "District # 5", 1967-1998, Contains four collective bargaining agreements involving: Merrill Island Co, Iron Ore Co., Les Mines D'or Kiena Ltd., Noranda Metallurgy and the United Steelworkers of America, 4cm
  - 6) "District # 6", 1981-1991; Contains six collective bargaining agreements involving: Cornwall Cil Inc, Iron Ore Co., Domtar Inc., I.C.G. Sudbury, Steetly Tale Inc., Brunswick mining and smelting and the United Steelworkers of America, 6cm
  - 7) "Falcon Bridge", 1972-1982; Contains five collective bargaining agreements involving: Manbridge Minemore Mill, O & T Sudbury and the United Steelworkers of America, 4cm
  - 8) "Geko Ltd.", 1956-1981; Contains ten collective bargaining agreements involving: Noranda Mines and the United Steelworkers of America
  - 9) "Golden Giant Mine", 1994-2000; Contains three collective bargaining agreements involving: Battle Mountain Canada Ltd. and the United Steelworkers of America, 3cm
  - 10) "Great Lakes", 1978-1985; Contains five collective bargaining agreements involving: Great Lakes Steel Ltd, Great Lakes Rail and the United Steelworkers of America, 3cm
  - 11) "Griffith Mine", 1966-1984; Contains the collective bargaining agreements involving: Griffith Mine Ltd. and the United Steelworkers of America, 4cm
  - 12) "Inco-Thompson", 1961-1981; Contains two collective bargaining agreements involving: Inco Metals and the United Steelworkers of America, 2cm
  - 13) "Kirkland Lake", 1985-1998; Contains seven collective bargaining agreements involving: N. Morisette, Willroy Mines Ltd., Kinross Gold Copr., Adams Mine, Barrik Mine and the United Steelworkers of America, 5cm
  - 14) "Lac des Iles", 1994-2000; Contains four collective bargaining agreements involving: Lac Des Iles Ltd. and the United Steelworkers of America, 3cm
  - 15) "Leich Gold Mines", 1957-1977; Contains seven collective bargaining agreements involving: Noranda Mines Ltd., Mattagami Lakes Mines Ltd., McLeod Mosher Gold Mines Ltd., Leitch Gold Mines Ltd. and the United Steelworkers of America, 2cm
  - 16) "Madison Red Lake Gold Mines", 1956-1973; Contains six collective bargaining agreements involving: Madison Red Lake Gold Ltd. and the United Steelworkers of America, 2cm
  - 17) "Mattabi", 1970-1989; Contains fourteen collective bargaining agreements involving: Noranda Group, Mattabi Mines Ltd. and the United Steelworkers of America, 5cm
  - 18) "Northern Ontario", 1957-1976; Contains eleven collective bargaining agreements involving: Mine Mill, Canadian Charleson Ltd., Leitch Gold

- Mines, Wilroy Mines, Surluga Gold Mines, Dension Mines, Coldstream Copper and the United Steelworkers of America, 4cm
- 19) "National", 1974; Contains one collective bargaining agreements involving: Bituminous Coal and the United Steelworkers of America, 1cm
  - 20) "Other Shipyards", 1956-1988; Contains ten collective bargaining agreements involving: Port Weller Dry Docks, Colling wood Shipyards, Midland Shipyards, St. John's Shipbuilding and the United Steelworkers of America, 3cm
  - 21) "Other Unions", 1956-1994; Contains twelve collective bargaining agreements involving: Welland Iron, Hawker Siddeley, Greyhound, Saskatchewan Minerals, Cold Corp., Kimberly-Clark, Canadian Salt Co., Dubrevil Bros Ltd., New Dominion Stores, Ontario Erectors Association and the United Steelworkers of America, 3cm
  - 22) "Pascol", 1949-1992; Contains twenty-three collective bargaining agreements involving: Port Arthur Shipping Co. and the United Steelworkers of America, 9cm
  - 23) "Security Guards Amalgamated", 1999-2001; Contains two collective bargaining agreements involving: Lakehead University, Pinkertons of Canada and the United Steelworkers of America, 2cm
  - 24) "Shebandowan", 1974-1995; Contains nine collective bargaining agreements involving: Inco and the United Steelworkers of America, 3cm
  - 25) "Steep Rock", 1945-1980; Contains twenty collective bargaining agreements involving: Steep Rock Mines and the United Steelworkers of America, 5cm
  - 26) "Sudbury", Contains eleven collective bargaining agreements involving: Inco, Chelmsford Metro, Cameron Construction and the United Steelworkers of America, 4cm
  - 27) "Thunder Bay", 1977-1995; Contains the collective bargaining agreements involving: Northwester Steel, Guilevin International, Wooside Machinist Ltd., MIWY Co., T.J.R. Terminals Inc., Service employee's International union, Mid Canada Welding and the United Steelworkers of America, 4cm
  - 28) "Timmins" 1979-1995; Contains seven collective bargaining agreements involving: Detour Lake Mine, Giant Industries, Placer Dome Canada, Parmour Ltd. and the United Steelworkers of America, 4cm
  - 29) Umex Inc.", 1975-1984; Contains six collective bargaining agreements involving: BACM & Umex Thierry Mine and the United Steelworkers of America, 2cm
  - 30) "Winston Lake" 1966-1997; Contains fourteen collective bargaining agreements involving: Inco, Inmet Mining Co., Metal Mining Co., Minova Inc. and the United Steelworkers of America, 6cm
  - 31) "950", 1959-1996; Contains sixteen collective bargaining agreements involving: Dickenson Mines, New Dickenson Mines Ltd., Goldcorp Inc. and the United Steelworkers of America, 4cm
  - 32) "5980", Contains four collective bargaining agreements involving: Rio Algoma, and the United Steelworkers of America, 3cm

33) "9165", 1986-2001; Contains six collective bargaining agreements involving: David Bell Mine and the United Steelworkers of America, 2cm

**Series E76/7/1:** Strike file, 33 fols, 1968 (original)

1) "C.W.A. Strkie - Atikokan On, June 1968", 1968; This file contains newspaper clippings, court injunctions, petitions and breifs that were compiled by the United Steelworkers of America during their strike in 1968, 33 fols

**Series E76/8/1-4:** Miscellaneous documents, 39 fols, 1982-1988 (original)

Various documents related to the United Steelworkers of America union. Arranged chronologically.

1) 1982, One pamphlet entitled "Why Unions" that was published by the American Federation of Labour and Congress of Industrial Organizations. Contained within is promotional information on unions, 10pgs (original)

2) 1986, One guestbook signed by members of the United Steelworkers of America at a "closure social" held on March 22, 1986, 6 fols

3) 1988, Two drafts of an internal United Steelworkers of America report entitled "Compilation of Mine Exploration, Development, NWO". These documents record the vital information of many of the mines in Northwestern Ontario such as: minerals present, ownership, opening date ect. The first draft has hand written notes on it, 22 fols

4) 1988, One handwritten corrspondence from Don Martel of Saskatchewan Minerals requesting a copy of thier collective bargaining agreement from the United Steelworkers of America, 1 fols

**Biographical sketch:**

The United Steelworkers of America was originally founded in the United States in response to the rise in industrialism and the degrading working conditions in factories. The union first came to Canada in 1936 riding the wave of the depression that had made life very difficult for the average factory worker. Since entering Canada, the United Steelworkers Union has expanded and now includes mining among other industries. The United Steelworkers of America is now one of the most powerful unions in Canada. Their primary function is to negotiate better working conditions and wages for their members.

**Additional information:**

Associated Material: See Photo Catalogue 2006.59.1