

United Food and Commercial Workers International Union Local 1459 Records

1977-1985

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BACKGROUND ON UFCW LOCAL 1459

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CONTENTS OF COLLECTION

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ACCESS

The collection is open for research.

LANGUAGE:

English

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Collection inventory

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| By-laws, Local 1459 | 1978, 1980 | Box 1: 1 |
| Retail Clerks Union, Local 1459 | 1978 | |
| UCFW, Local 1459 | 1980 | |
| Constitution and merger agreement | 1979 | Box 1: 2 |
| Merger of Amalgamated Meat Cutters and UCFW. | | |
| Constitution and merger agreement | 1983 | Box 1: |
| Contracts | 1982-1985 | Box 1: |
| Blackwood, Inc. | 1982 | Box 1: 4 |
| Caldor, Inc. | 1984 | Box 1: : |
| Child World | 1982 | Box 1: 0 |
| Geriatric Authority of Holyoke | 1983 | Box 1:7 |
| Harlow and Tick | 1984 | Box 1:8 |
| Ludlow Savings Bank | 1982 | Box 1: 9 |
| Massachusetts Wholesale Drug Co. | 1984 | Box 1: 10 |
| Paysaver | 1982 | Box 1:11 |
| Providence Hospital | 1983 | Box 1: 12 |
| Stop and Shop | 1982 | Box 1: 13 |
| Membership information, Local 1459 | 1985 | Box 1: 14 |
| Union Leader (newsletter) | 1977 | Box 1: 13 |
| Union Leader (newsletter) | 1978 | Box 1: 10 |
| Union Leader (newsletter) | 1979 | Box 1: 17 |
| Union Leader (newsletter) | 1980 | Box 1: 18 |
| Union Leader (newsletter) | 1981 | Box 1: 19 |
| Union Leader (newsletter) | 1982-1983 | Box 1: 20 |
| Union Leader (newsletter) | 1984 | Box 1: 2 |
| Union Leader (newsletter) | 1985 | Box 1: 22 |
| Your Rights on the Job, by Robert M. Schwartz. Boston, Mass. : Labor Guild of Boston | 1983 | Box 1: 23 |

Administrative information

PROVENANCE

Gift of 1985.

PROCESSING INFORMATION

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- Food industry and trade--Labor unions--Massachusetts
- Labor unions--Massachusetts

NAMES

- Retail Clerks International Union. Local 1459 (Springfield, Mass.)
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