United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America. Local 1240 (Chico, Calif.) Records

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Arrangement
The records are arranged in four series, all of which have been further arranged in subseries as follows:
Administrative History
The United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America (UBC) was created in 1881 when representatives from 11 cities met with Peter J. McGuire, first General Secretary of UBC, in Chicago and mapped out a constitution, structure, and membership for a new union. The UBC played a major role in establishing an eight-hour workday and minimum hourly wages for workers in the building trades. Today, UBC is one of North America's largest trade unions and represents many
workers in the construction industry, including general carpenters, scaffolders, drywallers, pile drivers, cabinetmakers, roofers, and lathers. There are 36 regional and district councils, with each council overseeing individual local unions. Carpenters Local 1240 is located in Chico, California, and includes predecessor Locals 2043 and 156.

Scope and Contents
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Many of the records document the day-to-day operations of the locals. Membership logbooks, authorization cards, and contact/transfer cards were created in order to keep track of members, record their monthly dues and receipts, and document their standing in the union. Individual dues books, dating from 1923 to 2009, list payments from hundreds of union members. For each local, minute books contain detailed reports of local meetings, including discussions of grievances, costs, disbursements, motions, and appointments. Account books and ledgers contain descriptions of the locals' assets, liabilities, income and expenses, as well as monies received from membership dues. Other records comprise forms and manuals used for administrative purposes, and descriptions of various agreements and acts that impact workers in the construction industry.

Subjects and Indexing Terms
United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America. Local 1240 (Chico, Calif.)
Wood, Wire, and Metal Lathers' International Union.
Carpenters--Labor unions--California.

Series 1: Local 1240 (Chico, Calif.) 1923-2009
Extent: Cartons 1-6; Box 1, Boxes 4-6
Arrangement
Scope and Contents
Consists of correspondence, minutes, membership materials, and financial and administrative documents. Also includes convention materials from the 1990 convention in Atlantic City, New Jersey, and the 1993 and 1995 conventions held in Las Vegas, Nevada. Carton 6, folder 23 contains five diskettes.

Subseries 1.1: Correspondence 1986-1987
Extent: 2 folders
Arrangement
Arranged chronologically.
Scope and Contents
Consists of correspondence pertaining to the employment of non-union workers, as well as general correspondence by Golden Empire District Council delegates.

Carton 1, Folder 1
Frank Mendibles, Local 42, and George Weiglein, Local 1240 correspondence 1986-1987

Carton 1, Folder 2
Golden Empire District Council correspondence; general correspondence 1986-1997
Subseries 1.2: Minutes 1923-1995

Extent: 11 folders
Arrangement
Arranged chronologically.
Scope and Contents
Comprises minute books from Local 1240 meetings, 1923 to 1995.

Carton 1, Folder 3  1923-1926
Carton 1, Folder 4  1927-1939
Carton 1, Folder 5  1939-1940
Carton 1, Folder 6  1942-1949
Carton 1, Folder 7  1949-1952
Carton 1, Folder 8  1951-1961
Carton 1, Folder 9  1952-1955
Carton 1, Folder 10  1955-1958
Carton 1, Folder 11  1962-1964
Carton 1, Folder 12  1967-1978
Carton 1, Folder 13  1979-1995

Subseries 1.3: Convention Proceedings 1990-1995

Extent: 4 folders
Arrangement
Arranged chronologically.
Scope and Contents
Contains proceedings from the sixty-fourth convention of the Building and Construction Trades Department of the AFL-CIO, as well as the 1993 and 1996 UBC conventions.

Carton 1, Folder 14  Proceedings, 64th Convention 1990
Carton 2, Folders 1-2  Proceedings, Special Constitutional Convention 1993 August 30-31
Carton 2, Folder 3  Proceedings, General Convention 1995 September 25-28

Subseries 1.4: Membership 1949-2009

Extent: 1 box, 54 folders
Arrangement
Authorization cards are arranged chronologically. Contact cards, transfer/clearance cards, and membership receipts are arranged chronologically and alphabetically.
Scope and Contents
Comprises various membership materials issued by the union and by employers, including receipts and statements of fees paid by members, as well as individual dues books. Authorization cards allowed employers to deduct wages to cover supplemental union dues, and transfer/clearance cards, issued by local unions and valid for a period of one month, enabled employees to go to different cities or locations to find work.

Authorization cards
Carton 2, Folder 4  1990-1999
Carton 2, Folder 5  1999-2007
Carton 2, Folder 6  2007-2009
Contact cards
Carton 2, Folder 7  Address books (contacts) 1982, undated
Carton 2, Folder 8  File A-I undated
Carton 2, Folder 9  File J-Z undated
Transfer cards
   A-K 1968-1988
Carton 2, Folder 10  L-Z 1961-1994
Carton 2, Folder 11  Clearance cards 1976-1993
Carton 2, Folder 12  Transfer cards 1992-1995
Carton 2, Folder 13
Membership dues receipts 1954-2009
   A-L 1954-1958
Carton 2, Folder 14  Mc-Z 1954-1958
Carton 2, Folder 15  A-G 1962-1963
Carton 2, Folder 16  H-O 1962-1963
Carton 2, Folder 17  P-Z 1962-1963
Carton 3, Folder 1  A-J 1964-1965
Carton 3, Folder 2  K-Z 1964-1965
Carton 3, Folder 3  A-J 1966-1967
Carton 3, Folder 4  K-Z 1966-1967
Carton 3, Folder 5  A-Z 1965-1968
Carton 3, Folder 6  A-H 1968-1971
Carton 3, Folder 7  I-Z 1968-1971
Carton 3, Folder 8  1973-2008
   A-Ba 1973-2008
Carton 4, Folder 1  Be-Bu 1973-2008
Carton 4, Folder 2  C 1973-2008
Carton 4, Folder 3  D 1973-2008
Carton 4, Folder 4  E-F 1973-2008
Carton 4, Folder 5  G 1973-2008
Carton 4, Folder 6  He-I 1973-2008
Carton 4, Folder 7  J-K 1973-2008
Carton 4, Folder 8  L-Ma 1973-2008
Carton 4, Folder 9  Me-My 1973-2008
Carton 4, Folder 10  N-O 1973-2008
Carton 4, Folder 11  P 1973-2008
Carton 4, Folder 12  Q-R 1973-2008
Carton 5, Folder 1  Sa-So 1973-2008
Carton 5, Folder 2  Sp-Sw 1973-2008
Carton 5, Folder 3  T-Wa 1973-2008
Carton 5, Folder 4  We-Z 1973-2008
Carton 5, Folder 5  1973-1976
Carton 5, Folder 6  1977-1982
Carton 5, Folder 7  Membership applications 1972-1974
Carton 5, Folder 8  Directories
Carton 5, Folder 9  1949
Carton 5, 1949-1956
Folder 10
Subseries 1.4: Membership 1949-2009

Box 1

Dues books of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America 1923-2009

Arrangement
Arranged as received.

Scope and Contents
Consists of dues books from Local 1240 members.

Box 4, Folder 1

Monthly membership reports 1996-1997

Box 4, Folders 2-7

Membership statements 1992-1997

Subseries 1.5: Financial 1960-2006

Extent: 2 boxes, 6 folders

Arrangement
Arranged as received.

Scope and Contents
Consists of financial records of Local 1240. Includes payroll records of employees, a chart of accounts detailing the assets, liabilities, capital, income, and expenses of Local 1240, and five ledgers listing income and disbursements from 1975 to 1996.

Carton 5, Folder 14


Carton 5, Folder 15

Payroll records 1960-1994

Carton 5, Folder 16


Carton 6, Folder 1

Finance committee 1987-1990

Box, Folder 8

Local 1249 Chart of Accounts 1967-1968

Boxes 5-6

Ledgers 1975-2006

Carton 5, Folder 13

Records book 1930s-1940s

Physical Description: Item is wrapped due to presence of mold on outside cover and inside pages.

Subseries 1.6: Administrative Materials 1930-1991, undated

Extent: 15 folders

Arrangement
Arranged as received.

Scope and Contents
Consists of various administrative documents and forms used in the day-to-day operations of the union.

Carton 6, Folder 2

Davis-Bacon and Related Acts 1981

Carton 6, Folder 3

Residential Agreement 1986

Carton 6, Folder 4

Project Agreement 1987

Carton 6, Folder 5

Grievance form undated

Carton 6, Folder 6

Job Call Reports undated

Carton 6, Folder 7

Memorandum Agreements undated

Carton 6, Folder 8

Request to Discharge Employee form; Stewards reports, Housing Construction Survey; miscellaneous forms 1978-1979, undated
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Carton 6, Folder 9
Election procedures 1974-1980
Office procedures 1986-1989

Carton 6, Folder 10
UBC Industrial Contract Survey 1983

Carton 6, Folders 11-12
Carpenter's Pension Trust Fund for Northern California 1984

Carton 6, Folder 13
Sacramento office procedures 1985

Carton 6, Folder 14
Grievance training materials 1991

Carton 6, Folder 15
Memorandum Agreement 1986

Subseries 1.7: Publications and Audiovisual Materials 1959-1983, undated

Extent: 7 folders
Scope and Contents
Comprises labor publications such as manuals, reports, and informational brochures, as well as a video cassette tape from the Labor Occupational Health Program on the dangers of lead in construction. Also includes a map and miscellaneous diskettes.

Arrangement
Arranged chronologically.

Carton 6, Folder 17
New Tools for the Trade undated

Carton 6, Folder 18
Master Labor Agreements booklet 1959-1962

Carton 6, Folder 19
California Building and Construction Trades Council report 1986

Carton 6, Folder 20
Chico-Oroville-Paradise map Undated

Carton 6, Folder 21
Labor-Management Reporting and Disclosure Act Compliance Assistance Kit, Department of Labor 1986-1992
Training video Caution: Lead 1993

Carton 6, Folder 22
United Brotherhood of Carpenters diskettes 1996

Series 2: Local 2043 (Chico, Calif.) 1937-1982

Extent: Cartons 7-9; Carton 10, Folders 1-3; Box 2
Arrangement
Scope and Contents
Consists predominantly of minutes and membership materials for Local 2043, the predecessor for Local 1240.

Subseries 2.1: Minutes 1948-1982

Extent: 7 folders
Arrangement
Arranged chronologically and alphabetically.
Scope and Contents
Comprises minute books from Local 2043 meetings, 1948-1982.
Subseries 2.1: Minutes 1948-1982

| Carton 7, Folder 1 | 1948-1952 |
| Carton 7, Folder 2 | 1953-1954 |
| Carton 7, Folder 3 | 1959-1961 |
| Carton 7, Folder 4 | 1961-1966 |
| Carton 7, Folder 5 | 1966-1970 |
| Carton 7, Folder 6 | 1970-1972 |
| Carton 7, Folder 7 | 1978-1982 |

Subseries 2.2: Membership 1937-1980

Extent: 1 box, 33 folders

Arrangement
Arranged chronologically and alphabetically.

Scope and Contents
Consists of membership ledgers (some unbound) covering the years 1937 to 1961. Each member received an entry with their name, date of birth, residence, and the date they were first initiated into the union. Each page notes any dues, assessments, or fines that they paid. Also includes dues books for members of Local 2043.
Series 2: Local 2043 (Chico, Calif.) 1937-1982

Subseries 2.2: Membership 1937-1980

Carton 9, Folder 14
Carton 10, Folder 1
Carton 10, Folder 2
Carton 10, Folder 3
Box 2

F-K 1960-1961
L-Q 1960-1961
R-Z 1960-1961

"Chop" Ledger (Suspensions) 1979-1980

Dues books of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America 1938-1977

Arrangement
Arranged as received.
Scope and Contents
Consists of dues books from Local 2043 members.

Series 3: Lathers Local 156 (Chico, Calif.) 1911-1979

Extent: Carton 10, Folders 4-15; Carton 11, Folders 1-6

Arrangement

Scope and Contents
Consists of correspondence, minutes, membership materials, and financial documents generated by Lathers Local 156. Lathing is one of many construction crafts covered by the United Brotherhood of Carpenters. Includes two issues of the newsletter, The Lathers, as well as a bound book documenting the trade jurisdictions of the Wood, Wire and Metal Lathers' International Union.

Subseries 3.1: Minutes 1963-1979

Extent: 2 folders

Arrangement
Arranged in chronological order.

Scope and Contents
Comprises minute books from Local 156 meetings.

Carton 10, Folders 4-5

Minutes 1963-1979

Subseries 3.2: Membership 1951-1969

Extent: 5 folders

Arrangement
Arranged in chronological and alphabetical order.

Scope and Contents
Consists of membership ledgers covering the years 1951 to 1969. Each member received an entry with their name, date of birth, residence, and the date they were first initiated into the union. Each page notes any dues, assessments, or fines that they paid.

Carton 10, Folder 6
Carton 10, Folder 7

1951-1956
1956-1961
Subseries 3.2: Membership 1951-1969

Carton 10, Folder 8  
1958-1963
Carton 10, Folder 9  
1962-1964
Carton 10, Folder 10  
1965-1969

Subseries 3.3: Financial 1957-1969

Extent: 5 folders
Arrangement
Arranged in chronological order.
Scope and Contents
Consists of financial records for Local 156.

Account books 1957-1967
Lathing industry insurance funds and statements 1962-1963
Receipt book 1967-1969

Subseries 3.4: Publications 1911-1979

Extent: 6 folders
Arrangement
Arranged in chronological order.
Scope and Contents
Comprises various publications related to the Wood, Wire and Metal Lathers' International Union, and the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America.

Book establishing proof of the trade jurisdiction of the Wood, Wire and Metal Lathers' International Union 1911-1956
Scope and Contents
Bound book produced by the Wood, Wire and Metal Lathers' International Union containing copies of documents, predominantly correspondence, that establish trade jurisdiction between the Wood, Wire and Metal Lathers' International Union, the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, the International Association of Bridge, Structural and Ornamental Iron Workers, and electrical workers.

Dues Book of the Wood, Wire and Metal Lathers' International Union 1956
The Lather 1964 October-December
U.S. Department of Labor forms 1979

Series 4: Other Unions 1938-1986

Extent: Carton 11, Folders 7-16; Box 3
Arrangement
Scope and Contents
Contains membership and administrative records of various locals within the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America.
Subseries 4.1: **Membership 1938-1980**

*Extent: 1 box, 7 folders*

*Scope and Contents*

Consists of membership ledgers (one unbound) covering the years 1938 through 1962. Each member received an entry with their name, date of birth, residence, and the date they were first initiated into the union. Each page notes any dues, assessments, or fines that they paid. Also includes a notebook listing members from various locals, and a collection of individual members' dues books.

*Arrangement*

Arranged alphabetically and chronologically.

**Carton 11, Folders 7-10**

*Membership dues ledgers 1938-1948*

*United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America 1959*

*Ledger 1962*

**Carton 11, Folder 11**

*Notebook 1973-1980*

Includes lists of members from Local 1240, Local 1254, Local 1495, Local 1599, Local 1970, Local 2043, and Local 156.

**Box 3**

*Dues books of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America 1963-1991*

*Arrangement*

Arranged as received.

*Scope and Contents*

Consists of dues books from Local 1240, Local 2043, and Local 156 members.

Subseries 4.2: **Administrative Materials 1970-1986**

*Extent: 3 folders*

*Scope and Contents*

Comprises various administrative documents and manuals used in the day-to-day operations of the union.

*Arrangement*

Arranged as received.

**Carton 11, Folder 14**

*Job Registration and Dispatch Application forms for Carpenters 42 Northern California Counties 1970-1982*

*Arrangement*

Arranged alphabetically.

*Scope and Contents*

Consists of completed Job Registration and Dispatch Application cards for union members. Each card details the types of construction work that the member is qualified to perform.
Carton 11, Folder 15

**Directory 1982**

*Scope and Contents*
Includes a directory of names with listings of construction projects and construction companies.

*Arrangement*
Arranged alphabetically.

Carton 11, Folder 16

**Carpenter Funds Administrative Office of Northern California office manuals 1983, 1986**