

GREATER NEW HAVEN LABOR HISTORY ASSOCIATION



New Haven Typographical Union No. 47

Greater New Haven Labor History Association Archives
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A letter from the New Haven Typographical Union then- Vice President, Joseph J. Egan, written in 1938 to invite members of the New England Conference of Typographical Unions to a convention to be held in New Haven that June described "No. 47" as "one of the oldest Unions connected with the International...It was in the year 1855 that a handful of men met and petitioned what was then the National Typographical Union for a charter which after became the International Typographical Union and since that time No.47 has been a wide awake labor organization always in the forefront in the labor movement in Connecticut." It remained a strong and viable Local into the 1990s, and throughout its history in interacted significantly with many other locals and organizations in the Greater New Haven area.

The collection held at the Greater New Haven Labor History Association Archives richly illuminates the of those organizations as well as of the Local itself. It includes:

- Contract files from various businesses which employed typographers, including newspapers (1940-1973)
- Constitutions and amendments (few in ledgers books from the 1860s; others from 1958-1983; the last constitution, in 1990, reflecting the merger with Communication Workers of America)
- Minutes of meetings (1860-1983)
- Executive Committee minutes, 1962-1972; Membership Committee minutes, 1949-1975; and Attendance Records (1947-1984)
- A rich variety of membership records (1874-1990)
- Arbitrations 1943-1979
- Contracts, constitutions and by-laws of various other locals / groups, including the Greater New Haven Central Labor Council , the nternational Brotherhood of Teamsters; and the Connecticut State Labor Council (scattered dates)
- Contracts and agreements of other International Typographical Union locals 1930s to 1970s
- Photographs of union officers and events from the 1940s and 1950s
- Memorabilia and "objects" including a gavel, ballot boxes and ballot balls for union elections

(n.d.) and an oval commemorative plate from the 1960 New England Conference of Typographical Unions convention.