

Michael Bell Local 555 Collection (AC77)

Introduction:

The Michael Bell Local 555 Collection contains documents and photographs related to the Mason and Plaster Tenders Local Union No. 555.

Descriptive Summary:

Creator: Mason and Plaster Tenders Local Union No. 555

Title: Michael A. Bell Collection

Date Range: 1949- 1994

Size: 1.19 linear feet (2 boxes)

Collection Number: AC77

Donor Information:

Donated by Michael A. Bell, April 2015

Citation Note:

Michael A. Bell Collection (AC73), Black Archives of Mid-America, Kansas City, Missouri.

Related Collections:

AC11 Mason and Plaster Tenders Local 555

Administrative Information:

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Historical Sketch:

Michael Bell is a construction worker and a member of the Local Union No. 264. The Construction and General Laborers Local Union 264 was chartered June 20, 1907. However, the organization actually dates back to April 13, 1903, and the founding of the International Hod (a tray or trough that has a pole handle and is used to carry materials such as mortar or brick) Carriers and Building Laborers' Unions. In 1912, IHC and BLC name changed to the

International Hod Carriers and Common Laborers of America, and then the International Hod Carriers' Building and Common Laborers of America.

In KC, LINUA consists of the Construction and General Laborer's Union Local No. 264, the Construction and General Laborer's Union Local No. 1290, and the Hod Carrier's, Mason Tender's and Plasters' Union Local No. 555.

Local 264, first established at 14th & Woodland, relocated to 3 E. Armour Blvd. in 1945. During their nearly 120 year history, Local 264 has helped construct or renovate: the Power and Light Building; Municipal Auditorium; City Hall; Bellerive Hotel; Richard Gebaurs Air Force Base; Bartle Hall; KCI International Airport; Crown Center; The Nelson Art Gallery; Hyatt Regency Crown Center; St. Luke's Hospital; Truman Medical East University of Missouri Kansas City; Union Station; Sibley; and automobile assembly, munitions, and power plants, among a multitude of others. The Union relocated to the old Lakeside Hospital in 1995, but they moved again in 1997 to their current location at 1101 E 87th Street in Kansas City, Missouri.

Nearly nothing is known about the history and origins of Local 555. They seem to have dissolved sometime in the mid-late '90s.

Scope and Content Note:

This Collection contains memorabilia, photographs, and a record book related to Mason and Tenders Local Union 555.

Collection Inventory

- f. 1 Local Union No. 555
- f. 2 Bumper Stickers
- f. 3 Campaign Stickers
- f. 4 Certificates
- f. 5 Photographs
- f. 6 Building Laborers Local No. 74
- f. 7 Booklet

f. 8 Record Book

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Sources:

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