



BHC-MSS 0133
Guide to the Papers of Louis J. Santoianni
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Descriptive Summary

Creator: Santoianni, Louis J.

Title: Papers of Louis J. Santoianni

Dates: 1945-1975

Quantity: 1 linear foot

Abstract: Louis J. Santoanni, born June 21, 1910, loomed large over Bridgeport's labor politics from the 1940s until his retirement in 1975. This collection primarily focuses on the activities of the International United Electrical Workers Union, with newsletters heavily featured.

Language: English

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Biographical History:

Louis J. Santoianni, born June 21, 1910, loomed large over Bridgeport's labor politics from the 1940s until his retirement in 1975. Santoianni worked at the General Electric plant in Bridgeport for 34 years, and served as the president of the International Union of Electrical Workers (IUE), local #203. Santoianni was a passionate advocate for unionization and union protection, and also served as the financial secretary for the Greater Bridgeport Labor Council, among his other positions.

Together with his wife Mary, the couple had four children. Santoianni died on January 6, 1994.

Among his GE union colleagues, Josephine Willard was also a key figure. Please refer to her papers (BHC-MSS 0057) for additional insight into labor at General Electric at this time.

Scope and Content note:

This collection primarily focuses on the activities of the International United Electrical Workers Union, with newsletters heavily featured. There are also some agreements, union stewardship information, and additional pamphlets put out about unions. This includes anti-union material from General Electric itself and federal government publications.

Arrangement Note:

Arranged chronologically into two series: Local 203 and Additional publications

Administrative information:

Provenance: 1978.84,

Preferred Citation:

Papers of Louis J. Santoianni (BHC-MSS 0133), Bridgeport History Center, Bridgeport Public Library.

Names and Subject Tracings

Personal names

Santoanni, Louis

Corporate names

Subject tracings

Bridgeport, Conn.

Detailed box and folder listing

Box 1

Series I, Local 203

1. United Electrical Workers Local 203 handbills, 1940-1949
2. United Electrical Workers Local 203 handbills, 1940-1975
3. Reports, IUE-CIO-AFL1957-19583
4. United Electrical Workers Local 203 handbills from president, 1953-1973
5. International United Electrical Workers Local 203 news bulletin, 1950-1959
6. International United Electrical Workers Local 203 news bulletin, 1960-1965
7. International United Electrical Workers Local 203 news bulletin, 1966-1969
8. International United Electrical Workers Local 203 news bulletin,1970-1975
9. Union steward guide, local understanding, c. 1969
10. G.E. salaried workers, UE Local 24, 1945
11. National agreements, 1950-1976, 1978
12. General Electric news, 1958
13. Report, United Steelworkers of America, 1954
14. AFL-CIO handbook , undated

Box 2

Series II, Other publications

1. Electrical union pamphlets, 1940-1975
2. General Electric Cmpany pamphlets, 1947-1949
3. Communism in labor unions pamphlets, 1940-1969
4. State of Connecticut labor law pamphlets, 1960-1975
5. Republican State Central Committee pamphlet, 1943
6. U.S. Department of labor pamphlets, 1950-1964
7. U.S. Department of labor pamphlets, 1953-1967
8. Jewish Labor Committee, undated

Box 3

1. Other pamphlets on labor issues, 1945-1969
2. Other pamphlets on labor issues, 19451950-1959
3. Other pamphlets on labor issues, 19451950-1969
4. Other pamphlets on labor issues, 19451944, 1961