Guide to the Papers of Steven J. Hunyadi Regarding the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Union Local 488 bhc-mss 0105

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Abstract:	Founded in 1913, the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 488 currently covers most of western Connecticut. This small collection offers a historical snapshot of the union thanks to the history written by union member Steven Hunyadi.

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Biographical / Historical

Steven J. Hunyadi was a member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 488, having joined in 1925 as a probationary apprentice. He moved up the ranks over the years, and served as the financial secretary starting in 1942. Local 488 was founded on April 1, 1913. There was a recognized need by electrical workers in the city that they were in need of support and the benefits of a union due to the high rate of injury on the job and the low opinions of workers held by employers. The charter had 19 members, and that quickly expanded. Unsurprisingly, employers actively worked against the union – especially in its earliest years. Projects like the Poli and Majestic Theatres helped to fight against that particular problem, and the Local 488 supported its members well. During the Great Depression, about 50 of the

75 members were unemployed, and amendments were made regarding dues to ensure that no one was dropped from the union. In 1969, Local 488 merged with local 525 out of Danbury, expanding territory. This happened again in 1981 with Local 660 out of Waterbury and Local 208 out of Norwalk in 2009. IBEW 488 now covers most of western Connecticut and is highly active

Scope and Contents

The collection primary features Hunyadi's history of the Local 488 up to the 1960s, along with some sample IBEW literature and local anniversary events.

Arrangement

Arranged with history placed first, then chronologically.

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