

Guide to the Records of the United Steelworks of America Local 5623 BHC-MSS 0111

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Summary Information

Repository:	Bridgeport History Center, Bridgeport Public Library
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Abstract:	Unlike United Steelworkers of America Local 7528, Local 5623 dealt exclusively with the Jenkins Brothers, a valve and steel manufacturer. The material within the collection provides a snapshot of the work done by the union on behalf of its members.

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Biographical / Historical

The United Steelworkers union, now the United Steel, Paper and Forestry, Rubber, Manufacturing, Energy, Allied Industrial and Service Workers International Union, was founded in 1942 and grew out of six years of work and conventions from the: Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel, and Tin Workers and Steel Workers Organizing Committee.

Unlike Local 7528, Local 5623 dealt exclusively with the Jenkins Brothers, a valve and steel manufacturer. The company dissolved in 1984, but during its heyday it was a major employer in Bridgeport. The dedicated union reflects this fact, and there were extensive negotiations and even lawsuits between the two parties.

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Scope and Contents

This collection is not comprehensive. Instead it provides a snapshot of the relationship between the union and the employer, with samples of union dues and agreements. Of note is the material relating to the lawsuit filed in 1955.

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Arrangement

Subject files arranged alphabetically.

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Immediate Source of Acquisition

1978.23 [photocopy of Suit against Jenkins Bros.] loaned by James Corriveau. 1978.22 gift of Steelworkers Local 5623.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Labor unions.
- Iron and steel workers--Labor unions

Collection Inventory

Series I

Title/Description	Instances	
Agreements, 1967-1970	BHC-MSS 0111 Box 1	folder 1
Election materials, 1950	BHC-MSS 0111 Box 1	folder 2
Suit against Jenkins Bros. [photocopy], 1955	BHC-MSS 0111 Box 1	folder 3
Newspaper clippings on affiliation, 1950	BHC-MSS 0111 Box 1	folder 4
Election material, 1970, undated	BHC-MSS 0111 Box 1	folder 5
Pension agreements, 1950-1959	BHC-MSS 0111 Box 1	folder 6
Steel labor [union newspaper], 1950	BHC-MSS 0111 Box 1	folder 7

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