



I.W.A. Local 1-71 Finding Aid

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Summary Information:

General Material Designation: Textual records and photographs.

Level of Description: Fonds

Repository: The International Woodworkers of America Archive, Kaatza Station Museum and Archives

Reference Code: KSM-IWA171

Dates: 1941-2002.

Physical Description: 87.5cm of textual records, 44 scrapbooks, 103 unbound newspapers, and 7 binders of photo negatives.

Name of Creator: I.W.A. Local Union 1-71

Administrative History/Biographical Sketch

I.W.A. Local 1-71, also known as the Loggers' Local, was originally founded as Local No. 2783 of the Lumber and Sawmill Workers's Union during the 1930s. The original purpose of the local union was to organize the loggers of Haida Gwaii, and the Northern British Columbia coast, and began gaining especial traction during the 1936 strike. That same year the local union purchased a boat for transporting workers and union organizers up and down the coast, the first vessel in what would subsequently be known as the Loggers Navy.

With the creation of the International Woodworkers of America, and its affiliation with the Congress of Industrial Organizations, I.W.A. Local 1-71 received its charter in 1937 and inherited the structures and membership of LSWU 2783. The local union's boundaries covered a vast area and represented woodworkers on the mainland coastal B.C. from the Sunshine Coast to the Alaskan Border, on the northern tip of Vancouver Island, and on Haida Gwaii. The Local Union's head office was in Vancouver, but it also had offices in Courtenay, Gibsons, Port McNeill, Terrace, and Daajing Giids (formerly the Village of Queen Charlotte).

As one of the largest I.W.A. Locals in terms of both membership and geographical scope, Local 1-71 was at the heart of many of the key events in the history of the I.W.A. Local union officers played a key role in the 1948 decision of the I.W.A. B.C. District Council to disaffiliate with the Portland-based International Union, forming the Woodworkers Industrial Union of Canada in the Process. Equally, management of Local 1-71 was central to the International's "White Bloc" organizers regaining control of the union in the late 1940s and early 1950s. Local 1-71 members also played a leading role in the wildcat Fallers Strike of 1972 and would subsequently be greatly impacted by campaigns during the 1980s and 1990s to preserve old growth forests on Haida Gwaii, the Great Bear Rainforest, and Squamish's Elaho Valley.

In 1998, following almost two decades of catastrophic membership loss, Local 1-71 merged with the I.W.A.'s Vancouver local union 1-217 to form IWA-Canada Local 2171. Following IWA-Canada's merged with the United Steelworkers in 2004, Local 2171 joined other local unions in forming USW Local 1-1937, which continues to operate to this day.

Scope and Content:

The fonds contains records and media produced by Local Union 1-71 of the International Woodworkers of America. Most of the records in the fonds were produced in the years immediately following the Split, and detail union organizing against the rival Woodworkers Industrial Union of Canada, financial information, executive board records, and negotiations and arbitrations between the union and the industry. The fonds also contains logbooks used by pilots of vessels in the Local Union's Loggers Navy, issues of the Local Union's newspaper *Green-Gold News*, files created during the production of the newspaper, a collection of newspaper clipping scrapbooks, and an assortment of documents produced or collected by officers of the Local.

Record types included in the fonds include administrative files, correspondence, reports, meeting and convention proceedings, scrapbooks, financial statements, facsimiles, email printouts, logbooks, newspapers, and bulletins.

Notes:

Physical Condition: Surviving records are, generally, in good condition.

Immediate Source of Acquisition: Kaatza Historical Society volunteers acquired the records from the United Steelworkers Local 1-1937 office in Courtenay BC.

Arrangement: Records remain in the original order, insofar as the order they were when arriving at the Kaatza Station Museum and Archives. Series and subseries were designated according to functional and material breakdowns made by the creators.

All records are reflected in the intellectual arrangement described above, and some records in the same series are physically located in different locations to retain original order. Where present, file names have been preserved.

Related Material: I.W.A. Local 2171 records can also be found in the Local 1-217 Fonds, also in the I.W.A. Collection.

Series 1: Local 1-71 Administration

Date: 1946-1963.

Physical Description: 66.5cm of textual records.

Scope and Content: The series contains administrative files produced by I.W.A. Local 1-71 officers and staff in the years following the 1948 Split in the union. Subseries in this series are dedicated to executive board records, financial records, meetings, negotiations, arbitrations, and finally a collection of records produced by I.W.A. organizers as they campaigned against defectors in the Woodworkers Industrial Union of Canada.

Record types include minute books, proceedings financial ledgers, administrative files, inventory journals, press releases, bulletins, by-laws, and newsletters.

Subseries 1a) Local Executive Board

Dates: 1946-1957.

Physical Description: 10cm of textual records.

File/Item List:

| Title | Dates | Container |
|--|-----------|-----------|
| Local Executive Board (Correspondence) | 1953 | 327.14 |
| Financial Statements and Audits | 1946-1948 | 327.15 |
| Local Executive Board (Correspondence) | 1954 | 328.01 |
| Local Executive Board (Correspondence) | 1955 | 328.02 |
| Local Executive Board (Correspondence) | 1956 | 328.03 |
| Local Executive Board (Correspondence) | 1957 | 328.04 |
| By-Laws Local 1-71 | 1950-1953 | 328.05 |

Subseries 1b) Local Union Finances

Dates: 1949-1962.

Physical Description: 7.5cm of textual records.

File/Item List:

| Title | Dates | Container |
|--|-------|-----------|
| I.W.A. Local 1-71 Financial Statements | 1949 | 332.04 |
| I.W.A. Local 1-71 Financial Statements | 1950 | 332.05 |
| I.W.A. Local 1-71 Financial Statements | 1951 | 332.06 |
| I.W.A. Local 1-71 Financial Statements | 1952 | 332.07 |
| I.W.A. Local 1-71 Financial Statements | 1953 | 332.08 |
| I.W.A. Local 1-71 Financial Statements | 1954 | 332.09 |
| I.W.A. Local 1-71 Financial Statements | 1955 | 332.10 |
| I.W.A. Local 1-71 Financial Statements | 1956 | 332.11 |
| I.W.A. Local 1-71 Financial Statements | 1957 | 332.12 |
| I.W.A. Local 1-71 Financial Statements | 1958 | 332.13 |
| I.W.A. Local 1-71 Financial Statements | 1959 | 332.14 |

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| I.W.A. Local 1-71 Financial Statements | 1960 | 333.01 |
| I.W.A. Local 1-71 Financial Statements | 1961 | 333.02 |
| I.W.A. Local 1-71 Financial Statements | 1962 | 333.03 |

Subseries 1c) Local Union Annual Meeting/Convention

Dates: 1941-1963.

Physical Description: 9cm of textual records.

File/Item List:

| Title | Dates | Container |
|--|-------|-----------|
| Local 1-71 Annual General Meeting Proceedings (Booklet) | 1941 | 333.04 |
| Local 1-71 I.W.A. Ninth Annual Meeting Proceedings (Booklet) | 1945 | 333.05 |
| Local 1-71 I.W.A. Tenth Annual Meeting Proceedings (Photocopy) | 1946 | 333.06 |
| Local 1-71 I.W.A. Tenth Annual Convention Proceedings (Booklet) | 1959 | 333.07 |
| Local 1-71 I.W.A. Twelfth Annual Convention Proceedings (Booklet) | 1961 | 333.08 |
| Local 1-71 I.W.A. Thirteenth Annual Annual-Delegated Meeting (Booklet) | 1962 | 333.09 |
| Local 1-71 I.W.A. Fourteenth Annual Annual-Delegated Meeting (Booklet) | 1963 | 333.10 |

Subseries 1d) Negotiations

Dates: 1952-1955.

Physical Description: 12.5cm of textual records.

File/Item List:

| Title | Dates | Container |
|---|-------|-----------|
| F.I.R. | 1953 | 329.01 |
| I.W.A. District Committee | 1952 | 329.02 |
| Independents | 1953 | 329.03 |
| Negotiations Committee I.W.A. District | 1953 | 329.04 |
| F.I.R. | 1954 | 329.05 |
| Negotiating Committee I.W.A. District Council | 1954 | 329.06 |
| Independents | 1954 | 329.07 |
| Negotiation Committee I.W.A. District Council | 1955 | 329.08 |
| Independents | 1955 | 329.09 |
| F.I.R. | 1955 | 329.10 |
| Negotiations Bulletins | 1953 | 329.11 |
| Negotiations Bulletins | 1954 | 329.12 |
| Negotiations Bulletins | 1955 | 329.13 |

Subseries 1e) Arbitration Cases

Dates: 1952-1959.

Physical Description: 13cm of textual records.

File/Item List:

| Title | Dates | Container |
|----------|-------|-----------|
| District | 1954 | 330.01 |

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|---|-----------|--------|
| Alex McDonald - Woss | 1954 | 330.02 |
| District | 1958 | 330.03 |
| B.P. & W. - Paul Batiuk & Pete Ender | 1958-1959 | 330.04 |
| Bill Gyger | 1952 | 330.05 |
| J. J. Holloway r.e. Canadian Forest Products, Beach Camp Englewood BC | 1952-1953 | 330.06 |
| Doug Atkins vs. Canadian Forest Products Ltd. | 1955 | 330.07 |
| Lewis Lew vs. Canadian Forest Products Ltd. | 1954-1955 | 330.08 |
| Mike Homyszyn | 1955 | 330.09 |
| Stan Lowe vs. Canadian Forest Products Ltd. | 1958 | 330.10 |
| William Green vs. Canadian Forest Products | 1957 | 330.11 |
| William Pennington | 1958 | 330.12 |
| Flynn & Moore | 1956 | 330.13 |
| J. Gleason & D. Ervin vs. Canadian Forest Products Ltd. | 1955-1956 | 330.14 |
| Local | 1956 | 330.15 |

Subseries 1f) Woodworkers Industrial Union of Canada

Dates: 1946-1958.

Physical Description: 7cm of textual records.

File/Item List:

| Title | Dates | Container |
|--|-----------|-----------|
| W.I.U.C. Bulletins | 1949-1952 | 327.02 |
| I.W.A. International Executive Board Investigating Committee Report | Oct. 1948 | 327.03 |
| I.W.A. District Council #1 Wages and Contract Conference | 1947 | 327.04 |
| W.I.U.C. Local 71 Governing Documents | 1948 | 327.05 |
| Local and District Financials | 1946-1948 | 327.06 |
| Local 1-71 Executive Meetings | 1948 | 327.07 |
| Legal File (r.e. Union Finances) | 1948-1950 | 327.08 |
| Correspondence (r.e. W.I.U.C. Camp Organizing) | 1948-1958 | 327.09 |
| Correspondance (r.e. Ernie Dalskog) | 1958 | 327.10 |
| W.I.U.C. (Assorted Documents) | 1948-1949 | 327.11 |
| International Officers Report to the International Convention | 1949 | 327.12 |
| I.W.A. B.C. District Council #1 Alphabetical List of Errant Members (Binder) | 1951 | 327.13 |

Subseries 1g) Other 1-71 Administrative

Dates: 1952-1957.

Physical Description: 7.5cm of textual records.

File/Item List:

| Title | Dates | Container |
|-------------------------|-------|-----------|
| Lawyer - Alec MacDonald | 1952 | 328.06 |
| Lawyer - Alex MacDonald | 1953 | 328.07 |
| Lawyer - Alex MacDonald | 1954 | 328.08 |
| Lawyer - Alex MacDonald | 1955 | 328.09 |

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| Lawyer - Alex MacDonald | 1957 | 328.10 |
| Transportation Costs of Loggers - Questionnaires | 1954 | 328.11 |
| Income Tax Department - Brief, Correspondences, Misc. | 1955 | 328.12 |
| Union Steamships Ltd. | 1954 | 328.13 |
| Department of Transport | 1955 | 328.14 |
| Injunctions | 1952 | 328.15 |
| Bulletins - Miscellaneous | 1952 | 328.16 |
| Bulletins - Miscellaneous | 1953 | 328.17 |

Series 2: The Green Gold News

Date: 1946-2003.

Physical Description: 103 unbound newspapers, 4cm of textual records, 7 binders of photo negatives.

Scope and Content: This series contains records produced by editors of Local 1-71's newspaper, the *Green Gold News*. The first subseries contains printed editions of the newspaper, beginning with the second volume. The second subseries contains files and materials produced when creating the newspaper, and includes photo negatives, correspondence, and design documents.

Subseries 2a) Green Gold News Editions

Dates: 1974-2003

Physical Description: 103 unbound newspapers.

File/Item List:

| Title | Dates | Container |
|--|-----------|-----------|
| The Green Gold News (103 unbound editions - mostly complete) | 1974-2003 | SB 1027 |

Subseries 2b) Green Gold News Production

Dates: 1946-2002.

Physical Description: 4cm of textual records plus 7 binders of photograph negatives.

File/Item List:

| Title | Dates | Container |
|------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Bill Owens - Green Gold News | 2001 | 333.11 |
| Graphics | 1993-2002 | 333.12 |
| Newspaper Clippings | 1979-1987 | 333.13 |
| Cartoons (Binder) | 1990-2001 | 334.01 |
| Green Gold News Negatives (Binder) | 1987-1988 | 334.02 |
| Green Gold News Negatives (Binder) | 1988-1989 | 334.03 |
| Green Gold News Negatives (Binder) | 1990 | 334.04 |
| Green Gold News Negatives (Binder) | 1991-1993 | 335.01 |
| Green Gold News Negatives (Binder) | 1994-1997 | 335.02 |
| Green Gold News Negatives (Binder) | 1998-2002 | 335.03 |
| Historical Photos (Binder) | 1946-1949 | 335.04 |

Series 3: The Loggers' Navy

Date: 1954-1956.

Physical Description: 8cm of textual records.

Scope and Content: This short series contains documentary material produced by Local 1-71's fleet of transportation vessels, the Loggers' Navy. The series is made up of logbooks maintained by the navy to record trips taken, passengers carried, and weather conditions.

File/Item List:

| Title | Dates | Container |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|-----------|
| Loggers' Navy Logbook | Mar.-Dec. 1954 | 326.06 |
| Loggers' Navy Logbook | Feb. 1955- Aug. 1956 | 326.07 |
| Loggers' Navy Logbook | Jul. 1955- Sep. 1955 | 326.08 |
| Loggers' Navy Logbook | Mar. 1956- Dec. 1956 | 327.01 |

Series 4: Newspaper Clippings

Date: 1946-1983.

Physical Description: 44 scrap books.

Scope and Content: Series contains newspaper clippings collected and preserved by local union officers or staff. They cover issues relevant to the union, and range in their focus from I.W.A. affairs and forest industry happenings to broader labour movement news and political events at both the Provincial and Federal levels.

File/Item List:

| Title | Dates | Container |
|---|-----------|-----------|
| Newspaper Clippings (6 scrap books) | 1946-1952 | SB 1068 |
| Newspaper Clippings (5 scrap books) | 1952-1953 | SB 1069 |
| Newspaper Clippings (3 scrap books) | 1954-1956 | SB 1070 |
| Newspaper Clippings (3 scrap books) | 1956-1958 | SB 1071 |
| Newspaper Clippings (4 scrap books) | 1958-1959 | SB 1072 |
| Newspaper Clippings (3 scrap books) | 1960-1961 | SB 1073 |
| Newspaper Clippings (4 scrap books) | 1962-1966 | SB 1074 |
| Newspaper Clippings (3 scrap books) | 1966-1968 | SB 1075 |
| Newspaper Clippings (4 scrap books) | 1968-1970 | SB 1076 |
| Newspaper Clippings (4 scrap books) | 1970-1971 | SB 1077 |
| Newspaper Clippings (4 scrap books) | 1971-1973 | SB 1078 |
| Negotiations Newspaper Clippings (1 scrap book) | 1983 | SB 1078 |

Series 5: Assorted Materials

Date: 1946-1983.

Physical Description: 9cm of textual records.

Scope and Content: Series contains an assortment of publications and records either collected or produced by Local Union 1-71, beginning in the late 1950s. This includes publications, correspondence, reports, research, and workbooks.

File/Item List:

| Title | Dates | Container |
|---|-----------|-----------|
| House of Commons Debates - Part 1 of 2 | 1957-1966 | 336.01 |
| House of Commons Debates - Part 2 of 2 | 1957-1966 | 336.02 |
| I.W.A. Wage and Contract Conferences | 1952-1953 | 336.03 |
| Dispute Between Local 1-71, I.W.A., and the Columbia Cellulose Co. Ltd. | Undated | 336.04 |
| Peter Trower, "Between the Sky and the Splinters - Logging Poetry (Bill Owens Photocopy) (Binder) | 1974 | 336.05 |
| BC Forest Centre Project | 1977 | 336.06 |
| I.W.A. History Materials | 1995 | 336.07 |
| Report r.e. Contracting Review Committee | 1987 | 336.08 |
| Forest Industry Pension Plan, Pre-Retirement Counselling Workbook | 1982 | 336.09 |
| Administration Manual, I.W.A.-Forest Industry Pension Plan (Booklet) | 1983-1984 | 336.10 |
| "After Work" Publication and Correspondence | 1982-1987 | 336.11 |