



Plumbing



HVAC



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Pipefitting

**LOCAL 157
OUR HISTORY**



Gas Distribution



Instrumentation



Metal Trades



A Message from your Historian

This ebook is dedicated to all past, present, and future members of Local 157 Plumbers and Pipefitters. It is a "Living Document". By that I mean the information contained within it's pages can be corrected and updated at any time in the future. I will be updating with revisions and additions every 2 to 3 months.

I admit, some of the pictures are of very low quality, but they are the best I could locate among those I have collected over the past 3 years. If anyone would like their picture replaced simply send your copy and a note via Email to mitchp53@gmail.com and I will be more than happy to replace the old with the new in the next revised edition. You will find that a lot of information is missing but it is everything I have been able to collect through my research up to the time of publication. I will continue my research as long as I am able. If you can fill in any missing data please do so by contacting me at the aforementioned address. Members are encouraged to porous the pages of this ebook in numerical order and in "full screen view" to gain the best understanding of it's contents. I have created "Bookmarks" found on the left side of the screen to give you a quick way to locate the topics you find most interesting.



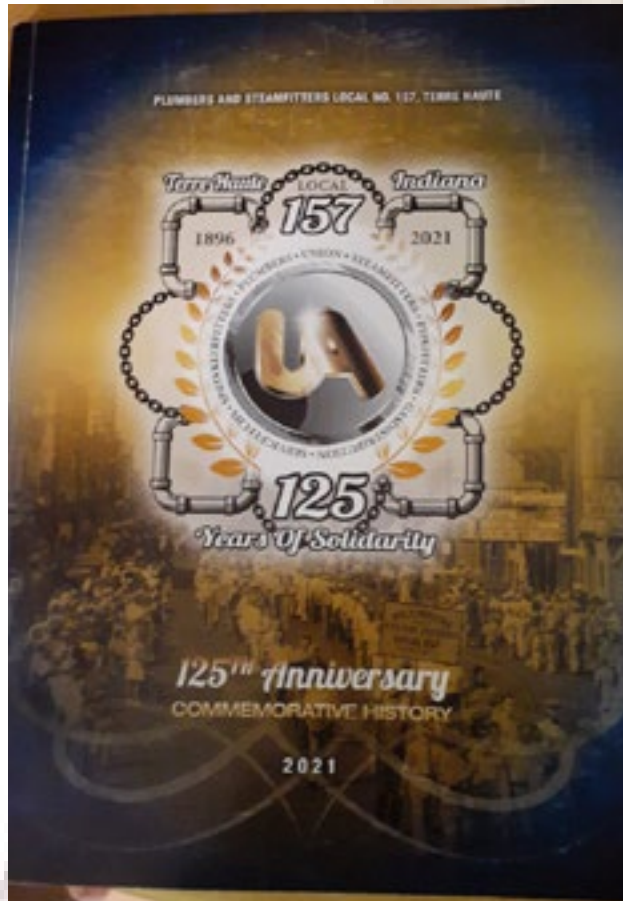


In the meantime I will be researching and editing our history from the 90s up to the present day along with the 1000's of pictures I have accumulated. I will make them available to the membership when complete. I have also scanned each existing page of the Regular Meeting Minutes from 1896 to 1907 and those are available on our website under "125th History". I will continue scanning the remaining minutes and make them available when I am able. I am still searching for the 1912 through 1935 minutes. You can find the Meeting Minutes (1896-1903) as PDFs on our Local Union Web Page under "125th History".

When you open the file, please make note of the information on the left side of the page. Click the small arrow pointing inward and five icons will appear. The top icon (after clicking) will allow you to peruse the book by choosing which page (thumbnail) you wish to view. The next icon down is titled "Bookmarks" and will allow the reader to choose which section you would like to view. After deciding you will need to go to the top of the screen and click "View". Then drop down and click, "Full Screen Mode".



A History of our Local Union in printed form, written and published by “Union Histories” is available through our Local Union Hall. Please pick one up by visiting the Business Office on Milner Avenue or at the Sub-Office in Lafayette. You can also receive a copy through the mail by calling the TH Hall or sending a check for the cost of the book plus shipping costs. There is also a copy of the printed version in digital form on the Local’s web page under “UA 157 History Book”. The printed version of our history covers topics that are not in this ebook; for example, contracts, pay scales, strikes, construction projects, and additions to jurisdiction. I am in the process of incorporating this information into this Ebook. The printed version has 40 pages, not counting the added pages of advertisements, while this ebook contains 659 pages as of this update and of a much more comprehensive record with no advertisements. It is free to all members and their families. Enjoy.



*In Solidarity
Mitchell Poynter*

Acknowledgments



Special thanks to Gary Brown. As Editor of the Piping Industry News brother Brown saved and categorized 90% of all of the pictures included in both this ebook and the printed version of our Local's history. Without his attention to preservation, we would not have the photos of all of the events enjoyed by our members and their families from the early 80's to the early 2000's.

Thank you to two of our retired members for donating the cost of material for one of the new roller display cabinets and for building the beautiful shadow boxes now hanging in the Meeting Hall. I would also like to thank the members of the History Committee: Mike Siddens, Barry Turner, Shawn Martin, Ben Rutledge Sr, and Terry Moore for their help in gathering data.

Finally I would like to recognize Ron Gibson along with all those members who contributed to the enhancement of our Meeting Hall in celebration of our 125 Year Anniversary.

Definitions

sic	thus it was written as it was written
Ca, circa	“around”, “about”, “approximately”
et al.	“and others”, “and co- workers”,
e.g.	“for example”, “for instance”
i.e.	“that is”, “in other words”



Dear Brothers, Sisters and Friends,

It is with great pride that I congratulate our membership on the accomplishment of 125 years of solidarity. As business manager of U.A. Local No. 157 it is truly an honor and privilege to serve the membership and to celebrate this momentous occasion with all of you. Reaching 125 years is quite an achievement, and our members should be proud of it.

From the start, our leaders, staff and members have persevered and helped this union to continue to be successful in the industry. We must not forget our local's founding fathers, we must respect the foundation that they built for us today, and we must continue to build on that foundation as one.

There is a certain sense of pride our members should feel every day as they pass by all the facilities we have built and continue to maintain. We can see the evidence of our labor that has and continues to provide comfort, stability and security to our families and the businesses of our communities. Many charities around the area have also been on the receiving end of our members' generosity.

We have not done this all alone; without the genuine relationships we have with our contractor and owner partners, we would not be where we are today. Along the way, co-workers and friends have become family; brothers and sisters who will forever be part of our lives. As we celebrate this accomplishment, let us remember those who came before us and those who stand beside us working diligently to lead the path for future generations to continue our great tradition.



**Fraternally,
Mark W. Swaner, Business Manager
U.A. Local No. 157**



Current Officers



Mark Swaner
Business Manager



Troy Bennett
Financial Secretary Treasurer



Steve Snyder
Business Agent



**Field
Representative**



Jon Wooten
President



Adam Bennett
Vice-President



**Mark W. Swaner
Business Manager**

Office	Years
Business Manager Local 157	Jan/2017- Present

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Steve Snyder
Business Agent

Office	Years
Local 157 Business Agent	2022-Present
Field Representative	2014-2022
Region Four Workforce Development	8
Lafayette City Economic Development Commission	8
Tippecanoe Building Trades President	5
Ivy Tech Board of Trustees	1
Greater Lafayette United Way Board member	8
Community Investment Committee Board	2
Fairfield Township Board President	2
Lafayette City Council at Large	1

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Troy Bennett

Office	Dates
Financial Secretary Treasurer	2023 - Present



Jon Wooten
Field Representative

Office or Appointed	Years
Local 157 President	
Local 157 Buiness Agent	2023-Present
Local 157 Field Representative	2023-Present

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Jon Wooten
President



Adam Bennett
Vice President



Matt Melin
Recording Secretary

Photo not
available at
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Liam Moeller
Inside Guard



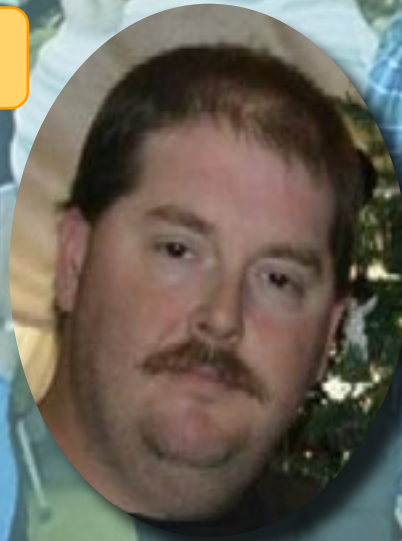
**Executive
Board**



Aaron Atterson



Josh Pine



Steven Shaffer



Todd Boland



**Finance
Committee**



Jimmy Lawrence



James Giffel



Mitchell Swaner





Examining Board



Brad Robertson



Shawn Bignell



John Sanquenetti



Tom Gofourth



Thomas Goforth

Office/Position	Years
Organizer Gas Distribution	2020-Present



**Past Elected
Officers and
Appointees
Local 157**

NEW OFFICERS of the Steam Fitters and Plumbers Union are installed at their union hall. Seated, from left, Al Fisher, Joe Gillespie, Grover C. Osborn, business agent, and Tiny Taylor; back, Robert Austin, Joe Rardin, Mervin Bays, Harold Brown, John Silg, Jerry Lindley, Tom Bailey, Al Crowley Jr., John Sandlin, Robert D. Walker, Eugene Bennett, Richard Austin, Roger V. Mansard, Joe Wools and Everett Green.



**Past Elected
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Appointees
Local 157**

	<i>Business Agents</i>	
From	To	Name
1939	1941	Frank Himmichhoeffer
1941	1944	Leslie Dilg
1944	1950	William Bartenbach



**No
Picture
Available**

Frank, Jacob
Himmichhoeffler

Very little is known about Local 157's first Business Agent. He is mentioned several times in the Local's Meeting Minutes but the only information gathered up to the time of this publication comes from Indiana State Records.

According to the 1920 Terre Haute Census, Frank Jacob Himmichhoeffler was the youngest of three sons born to Jacob and Clara (Sauer) Himmichhoeffler.¹ His brothers' names were John 1888-1891 and Clarence 1894-1978. There is some evidence that he (Clarence) collected a pension from the Local Union. (See picture below) At the time of the census he (Frank) was 22 and unmarried, born in Indiana and his occupation was listed as "Steamfitter" working in a "Plumbing Shop".

The information on his military draft card dated June 5, 1918 reads as follows. Frank resided at 2118 Cleavland Ave. in Terre Haute. He was born March 4, 1897 and the record listed his place of employment as *Wissel And Christman* at 1402 Wabash Ave. His eyes were "light brown" and he had "dark brown" hair.

The 1930 Terre Haute Census lists Frank as a 33 year old married man whose wife's name was Pearl. The website familysearch.org lists the date of their wedding as June 13, 1925. His occupation was listed as "Steamfitter" working at a "Canning Factory". Pearl was possibly taking in laundry for some extra income.



¹ Website familysearch.org, The Church of JESUS CHRIST of Latter-Day Saints, December 4, 2019

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The information on his military draft card dated February 16, 1942 reads as follows.

Frank Jacob Himmichhoeffer was 44 years old at the time living at the same address for past 22 years. His phone # was H-3249 and he was employed by Fred G. Christman 1404 Wabash Ave. Terre Haute. His height was 6'-0" and he weighed 190 pounds.

The following information was gleaned from brother Himmichhoeffer's "Medical Certificate of Death".

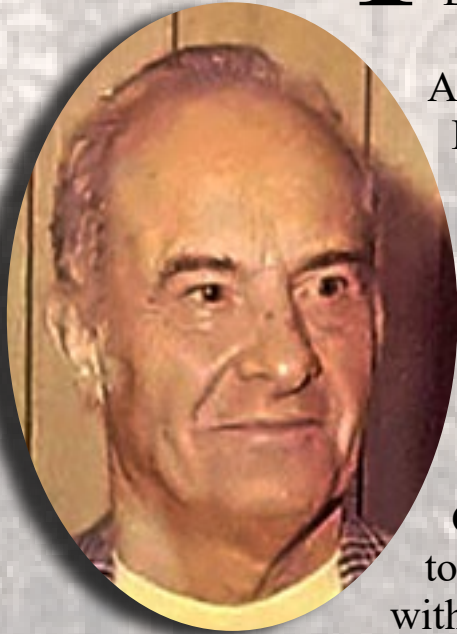
At the time of his death he had retired and was living in Brazil, Indiana with his wife Pearl. The cause of death was "Acute Myocardial Inflection" (Heart Disease). Under the heading *INTERVAL BETWEEN ONSET AND DEATH*, "Immediate". So it would seem that the first Business Agent for Local 157 Plumbers and Steamfitters died of a sudden heart attack at the Clay County Hospital on May 21st, 1959 at age 62. He was buried at the Calvary Cemetery in Terre Haute.

VIGO IND NO. →
REGISTRATION CARD—(Men born on or after February 17, 1897 and on or before December 31, 1907)
SERIAL NUMBER 179 1. Name (Print) Frank Jacob Himmichhoeffer ORDER NUMBER 10042
2. Place of Birth (Print) 2116 Cleveland Ave. Terre Haute Vigo Indiana
(State and county) (Town, township, village, or city) (County) (State)
(THE PLACE OF RESIDENCE GIVEN ON THE LINE ABOVE WILL DETERMINE LOCAL BOARD JURISDICTION; LINE 2 OF REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE WILL BE IDENTICAL)
3. MARITAL STATUS Single
(Marrying within 90 days after date of registration or line 2. If none insert word none)
4. TRADES H-3249 5. AGE OR YEARS 44 6. PLACE OF BIRTH Terre Haute Indiana
(Occupation) (Age) (Date of birth) (Town, township, village, or city) (County) (State)
7. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS Mrs. Pearl Himmichhoeffer 2116 Cleveland Ave.
8. EMPLOYER'S NAME AND ADDRESS Fred G. Christman 1404 Wabash Ave. Terre Haute
9. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS Fred G. Christman 1404 Wabash Ave. Terre Haute, Ind.
(Name and address of U.S.G. member) (Town) (County) (State)
I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE READ THE ABOVE AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.
D. R. S. Form 1 (Revised 1-1-42) 1-42 10-2220-1 Frank Jacob Himmichhoeffer (Signature)



The next Business Agent to be elected by the members of Local 157 Plumbers and Steamfitters was Leslie Edward Dilg. He was the son of John Dilg, an early member.¹

According to Leslie's Military Registration Card dated February 16, 1942, Brother Dilg was born October 8, 1903 and was at the time of his registration for the draft 38 years old. He was living at 2118 First Avenue, Terre Haute, Indiana. His mailing address was listed as 121 S. 8th Street which coincides with a 1944 Vigo County City Directory listing the same address for the Local 157 Union Hall; and would be within the same time period of his tenure as Business Agent (1941-1944). The phone number of his business "bus" (sic) was Crawford 1217 and his home phone was listed as Harrison 6380. He was married to Virginia (Crawford) Dilg and was described as having brown hair, brown eyes with a "dark" complexion. He weighed 145 pounds and stood 5'-8" tall.



Leslie Edward Dilg

¹ See Newspaper Article titled "Early Plumbing in Terre Haute" in "Union History" Section



Leslie Edward Dilg

Office	Years
Business Agent	1941-1944
Local 157 Field Representative	
President Indiana Association of Plumbers and Steamfitters	
General Organizer United Association	1943-1966
Assistant Secretary/ Treasurer of the United Association	1966-1969



Plumbers Give Testimonial for Leslie E. Dilg

Top officials of the United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices of the Plumbing and Pipe Fitting Industry of the United States and Canada, A.F. of L. C.I.O. will convene at the Terre Haute House Friday evening, for a Testimonial Banquet in honor of Leslie E. Dilg who is retiring from one of the top offices of the International

Dilg, who resides at 204 Woodridge Drive, has been a Member of Plumbers and Steam Fitters Local Union No. 157 of Terre Haute for more than 44 years. In 1943 he was appointed as a General Organizer by the late Martin P. Durkin, who was then General President of the International. Durkin later became Secretary of Labor in the Eisenhower Cabinet.

Dilg served as General Organizer until 1965, at which time he was selected as Assistant General Secretary-Treasurer and occupied an office in Washington, D.C.

Principal speakers at the meeting will be Martin J. Ward, Assistant General President; William T. Dodd, General Secretary-Treasurer, and Owen P. Kelly, who is replacing Dilg. Mayor Leland Larrison will also be a guest and will extend the welcome at the banquet.

The program will continue with a picnic on Saturday, July 26th, for all Members of Plumbers and Steam Fitters, their wives, and families at the Wabash Valley Fairgrounds. Guests at the picnic will include Congressman John T. Myers and other distinguished guests. All persons attending the picnic will be required to use the south gate of the Fairgrounds directly across from Vigo Dodge.

The program will be climaxed with a dance on Saturday evening at the Wayne New to American Legion Post No. 246, 1346 Wabash Avenue.

Congressman George Shipley of the 23rd District in Illinois who is a member of UA Local Union 157 will also be in attendance at the testimonial this evening and at the local union



TOP PLUMBING OFFICIAL HONORED—Leslie E. Dilg (second from right) was honored by the United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices of the Plumbing and Pipe Fitting Industry of the United States and Canada at a banquet in the Terre Haute House Friday evening. Dilg, who is retiring as assistant general secretary-treasurer of the organization, was honored for his 44 years service. Other officials of the UA who were in the city to honor Dilg were (from left) Martin P. Ward, assistant general president; William T. Dodd, general secretary-treasurer; Grover C. Oshorn, business manager of UA Local 157, Terre Haute, and U. S. Representative George Shepley (R-Ill.).

Martin Photo.

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In recognition of his many years of service, Assistant General Secretary Treasurer Dilg was given this plaque for his "Lifetime of Achievements".



Picture taken at the Union Hall on North 13th Street in the mid 50s. (Front Row L to R) - ?, George Pauley, Charlie Shaffer Sr., John Dilg, Al Fisher, Bob Austin (2nd Row) - ?, ?, Roger Mansard, Grover Osborn, James "Tiny" Taylor, ?, Albert Crowley, ?, Leslie Dilg (Back Row) - ?, ?

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FORMER PLUMBING INSPECTOR DIES

John H. Dilg, former city plumbing inspector, died Wednesday night at 11:30 o'clock at his home at 1614 Garfield avenue. Dilg, who was 81 years old, had been ill for the last year and a half.

He served the city as plumbing inspector for eight years before he retired a couple of years ago. He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth; two sons, Herman M. of Silver Springs, Md., and Leslie E. of Terre Haute; a daughter, Mrs. Helen Hessler of Detroit; a brother, Peter of Terre Haute; a sister, Mrs. William Mayes, also of Terre Haute; eight grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

The body was taken to the Gillis Memory Chapel, where final rites will be conducted Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Burial will be in the Rose Lawn Memorial Park. Friends may call at the funeral home after 6 p. m. Thursday.

From his death certificate we find that after a long and distinguished 44 year career with Local 157 and the United Association, Brother Dilg died at the age of 84 on November 20, 1987 after suffering a Myocardial Infarct (Heart Attack). He was cremated and entombed at Rose Lawn Memorial Park. At the time of his death he was living at 1614 Garfield Ave.

To the Left is his obituary from the Terre Haute Tribune.

INDIANA STATE BOARD OF HEALTH
MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

Local No. 157

DATE OF DEATH: 11-20-1987

DECEASED: JOHN H. DILG, 81, U.S.A., PLUMBING

RESIDENT: 1614 GARFIELD AVENUE, TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA

CAUSE OF DEATH: MYOCARDIAL INFARCT (HEART ATTACK)

DATE OF DEATH: NOV 20 1987



No Picture
Available
at time of
Publication

William VonEute
Bartenbach

The next person to hold the office of Business Agent/Secretary-Treasurer for Local 157 was born on September 1, 1900 in Terre Haute, Indiana. From his Registration for Military Service Card we learn that in 1942 he lived at 679 Barbour Avenue and his phone number was H-7543. His wife's name was Mary Edith Bartenbach. At the time of his registration (1942) William worked for Du Pont De Nemours & Company in Newport, Indiana. He was 5'-10" tall and weighed 145 pounds. His eyes and hair were brown and he had a light complexion.

VIGO IND NO. 1

REGISTRATION CARD—(Men born on or after February 17, 1897 and on or before December 31, 1921)

SERIAL NUMBER 549	1. NAME (Print) William Von Eute Bartenbach	ORDER NUMBER 10570
2. PLACE OF RESIDENCE (Print) 679 Barbour Ave., Terre Haute, Vigo, Ind.		
3. MAILING ADDRESS Same		
4. TELEPHONE H-7543	5. AGE IN YEARS 41 DATE OF BIRTH Sept. 1, 1900	6. PLACE OF BIRTH Terre Haute, Ind.
7. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS Mary Edith Bartenbach 679 Barbour Ave., Terre Haute, Ind.		
8. EMPLOYER'S NAME AND ADDRESS Du Pont De Nemours & Co., Newport Ind. Vermillion County		
9. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS Du Pont De Nemours & Co., Newport Ind. Vermillion County		

I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE

D. H. S. FORM 1 (Revised 1-1-42)

William Von Eute Bartenbach (Registration's Signature)



WILLIAM V. BARTENBACH

Services for William V. Bartenbach, 73, 1913 S. 25th St., who died at 5:30 p.m. Friday in St. Anthony Hospital will be at 11 a.m. Monday at the Thomas Funeral Home, with Rev. Jon Pekel officiating. Burial will be in Roselawn Memorial Park. Friends may call after 1 p.m. Sunday. He was a member of Terre Haute Masonic Lodge No. 19 and Plumbers and Steam Fitters Local No. 157. Surviving are the widow, Mary E.; two daughters, Mrs. Jean King, Milwaukee, Wis., and Mrs. Phyllis Taylor, Tulsa, Okla.; two brothers, Lewis, Terre Haute, and Carl, Lafayette; a sister, Mrs. Margaret Ike, Terre Haute, and two grandchildren.

DESCRIPTION OF REGISTRANT				
RACE	HEIGHT (Approx.)	WEIGHT (Approx.)	COMPLEXION	
White	5-10	145	Sallow	
	EYES		HAIR	
Negro	Blue	Blonde	Ruddy	
	Gray	Red	Dark	
Oriental	Hazel	Brown	Freckled	
	Brown	Black	Light brown	
Indian	Black	Gray	Dark brown	
		Gold	Black	
Filipino				

Other obvious physical characteristics that will aid in identification: *None*

I certify that my answers are true; that the person registered has read or has had read to him his own answers; that I have witnessed his signature or mark and that all of his answers of which I have knowledge are true, except as follows: *None to my knowledge.*

Registrar for Local Board: *James H. [Signature]*
Date of registration: *Feb. 16, 1942*

LOCAL SELECTIVE SERVICE
VIGO COUNTY
BOARD NO. 1
1254 MAPLE AVENUE
TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA



Past Officers of Local 157

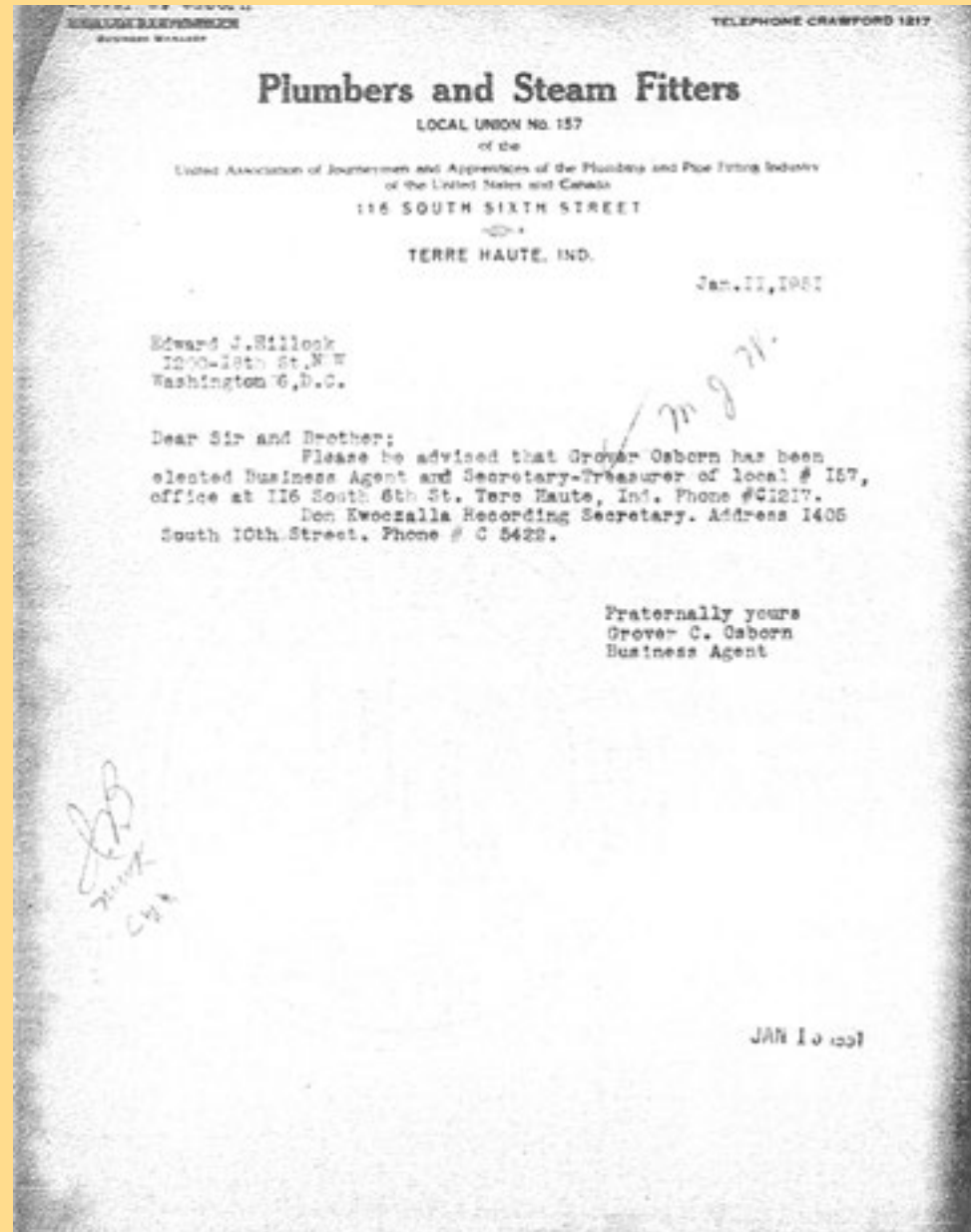
Business Manager

Grover Osborn



Beginning in 1939, prior to Brother Osborn's tenure as Business Manager the top elected position to be held in Local #157 was that of Business Agent. The first three (3) members to hold that office handled the non-salaried Financial Secretary position as well. Shortly after the merger of Local #156 located in Crawfordsville, Indiana and reflecting the increased demands of the additional jurisdiction, property, membership, and resources, Grover Osborn's title was changed from Business Agent to Business Manager making him the first person to hold that office. ¹ Additionally, James (Tiny) Taylor became Local #157's first full-time Financial Secretary.

¹ An Overview Of United States Labor History, pg. 28, Compiled and Edited by Gary Brown



Letter dated January 11, 1951 sent to the UA informing Edward J. Hillock of the election of Grover to the office of Business Agent of Local 157.



Grover C. Osborn

A class of “Grassy Holler School” cir. 1928. Brother Osborn is the first student on the left in the second row.

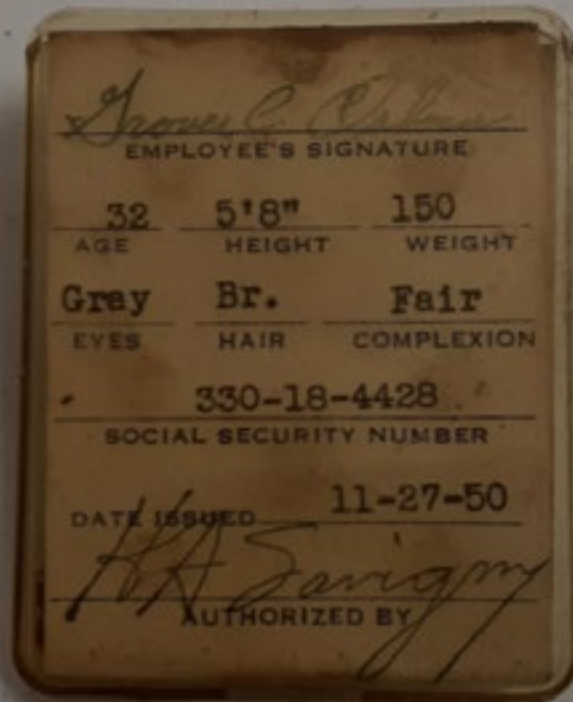


Flossie Osborn

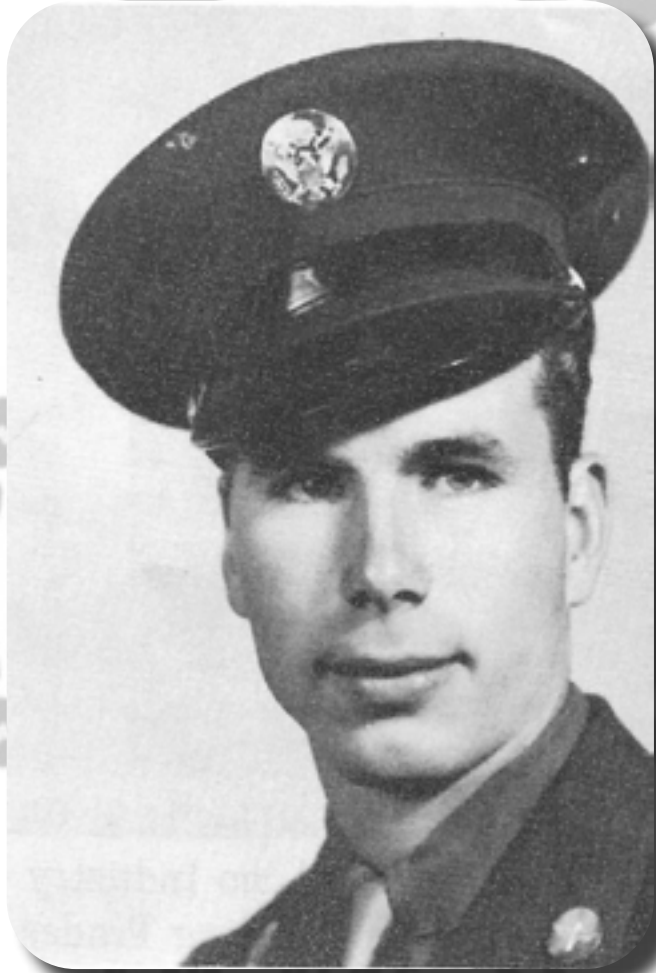
Grover C. Osborn was born June 11, 1918 in Crawford County, Ill. He was 1 of a family of 8 boys, and 4 girls. All of his brothers preceded him in death. He attended a rural elementary school in Crawford County. As did most boys born to the environment, his duties included working on the family farm. At the age of 18 he attended welding school in Cleveland, Ohio where he took various courses in welding and metallurgy. After completion of his training he returned home to work in a welding shop for the Norris Brothers Oil Well Supply Company as a welder. In 1942 he began work as a pipefitter and welder for the B. F. Shaw Company at the Newport Army Ammunition Plant. In that same year, he became a member of Local 157 and in September married Flossie Eveland, also a native of Crawford County, Ill. ¹

Three short months passed and then in December he was inducted into the United States Army before being transferred a few months later to the United

¹ *A Tribute To Crover C. Osborn “33 Years of Dedicated Leadership”*



This is the badge Grover probably wore to pass through the gate at Newport when he became BA of Local 157.



States Air Force.

For two years during WWII, one of which spent managing a welding shop in Bristol, England, Grover served in the European Theater of Operations as a Corporal in the 9th Air Force. After returning home from military service, he resumed his work as a pipefitter and welder. He served as a Foreman on several jobs in the Indiana and Illinois area and in 1949 he ran for and was elected to his first Union office as an Executive Board member of Local 157. In December of 1950 he was elected to his Union's highest office; that of Business Agent ²and Secretary-Treasurer by a vote of 72 to 68, a position ³
The office of BM was created shortly after Grover was elected as BA. He held that position for 33 years.

The following is an exert from a report written by Brother James "Tiny" Taylor in 1981.



² The office of Business Agent was later split into two separate offices. Business Agent and Business Manager

³ *A Tribute To Grover C. Osborn "33 Years of Dedicated Leadership"*



“When Grover took office he was the only employee on the Local Union payroll serving as Business Agent and Financial Secretary-Treasurer of the Local Union. There was no secretarial help and the Local operated out of one small room in the old Arcade Building which was then located at 116 South 6th Street in Terre Haute. The building was torn down some 25 years ago.

There was little office equipment and the total assets were less than \$30,000. There was no Health and Welfare Plan or insurance program of any kind, no Pension Plan, Vacation Fund, or Training Fund. The wage scale was \$2.25 per hour plus \$0.25 per hour for Foremen. No provisions were made in the Local Agreement for Area Foremen, General Foremen, Assistant Superintendents, or Superintendents. The recorded territorial jurisdiction included Vigo County and two other counties in the State of Indiana plus spot jurisdiction over a few jobs that had long been completed. The Local Union represented employees in only the Building Trades Branch of the Industry, and the Local Charter was limited to that Branch. The total membership in 1951 was less than 265 members.

Since 1951, Brother Osborn has been successful in increasing the territorial size of the Local Union immensely. The first huge project that was given the Local Union was the U.S.J. Plant at Tuscola, Illinois in 1954. In the past 26 years this project and surrounding Gas Booster Stations have created hundreds of man hours for the Membership. Since that time, additional territory has been added such as: Richland County, Illinois, the C.J.P.S. Power Plant at Newton, Illinois, the Hoosier Energy Power Plant at Petersburg, Indiana, the Marble Hill P.S.J. Power Plant at Madison, Indiana, the following Counties in Indiana (Formally Local 240) Tippecanoe, Clinton, Carroll, White, Benton and Fountain Counties and State-Wide jurisdiction for Gas Distribution work in Indiana.

Since 1951 the Local Union has been fortunate in securing from the International Union several additional branches, in addition to the Building Trades Branch. These branches give to the Local Union the right to cover Employees in Gas Division, Metal Trades, Residential Housing, Quality Control, and Refrigeration and Air Conditioning.”⁴

⁴ To this date, no picture or any other information is available for the “Arcade Building”.

⁵ 30 Years of Progress Plumbers and Fitters Local No. 157 1951-1980



The Local Union's Health and Welfare Plan was established in March of 1952. Grover led negotiations to include the financing of the Plan in the Local Agreement. He also drafted the Trust Agreement, and designed the reporting form and bookkeeping procedures. He later moved to expand the plan to include other United Association Local Unions in Indiana. He served as Secretary-Treasurer of the State Plan from its inception until his retirement.

In 1964, Local 157 started a Pension Fund for the membership. Here again Grover was instrumental in negotiating the plan and establishing the rules, records, etc.. The Local plan was well balanced which gave credit for years of membership, past service, and future service. It provided for a monthly pension based on the amount of money each individual contributed to the plan. He served as Secretary-Treasurer until 1969 when it merged into the new National Plan which was established by the United Association, and is known as "The Plumbers and Pipe Fitters National Pension Fund".

From a small apprentice training operation that existed in 1951 at Gerstmeyer Technical High School on North 13th Street in Terre Haute, the Local expanded its training program into one of the best in the United States. Grover urged the Local to negotiate an hourly payment into the Plan, and moved to start training courses for Journeymen to upgrade and expand their skills.

The Local Union's recreational area, the offices and other buildings located on the grounds just South of Seelyville, were all brought about during the tenure of Grover Osborn. At the time of his retirement, the area consisted of over 600 acres which included in addition to the offices, a picnic area, houses that brought income to the Local as rental properties, strip pit lakes for fishing, ball parks, tennis courts, an outdoor stage as an entertainment venue for members, horse shoe pits, a miniature golf course, and a shooting range for a Local Union Gun Club.



In the early 1960s Grover helped to establish a Foundation Fund which was designed to promote and improve the image of the Plumbing and Pipe Fitting Industry. The Fund did much to establish and or improve the relationship in the area with Management and Business officials. Its financial contributions to civic and charitable organizations was well received. Later, along with the Contractors Association, he helped to establish the Plumbing and Pipe Fitting Industry Promotional Fund. While the Fund was primarily an employer controlled fund, it was formerly used to promote the Union and Management concept of the Trade. "Industry Day" was an annual affair of this Organization. It sponsored, as guest speakers, such National figures as NBC's Weatherman Willard Scott, National Economist Irving R. Levine, and many others.



The committee which formed a joint labor-management charitable contributions foundation in Terre Haute, Indiana are shown as the plans were concluded. They are, from left: Fred Christman, Roy Williams, D. J. Pfleging, Joseph Decker, Byron F. Cooper and Grover Osborn, Business Manager of Local Union 157.



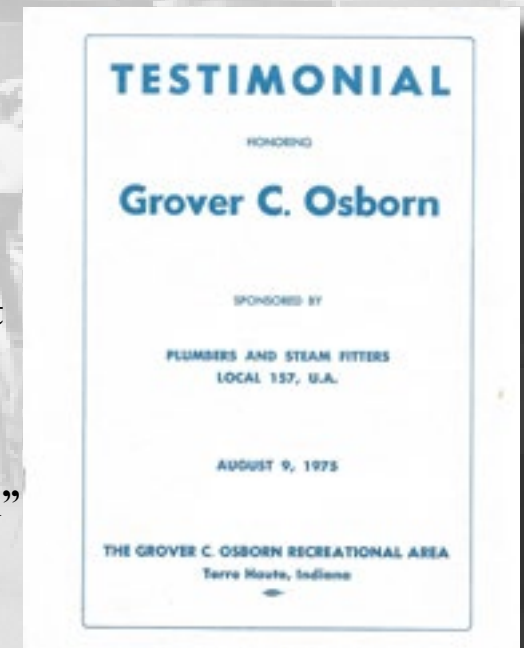
To show their appreciation for his forethought and guidance, in 1975 a resolution was adopted by the membership to name the area “The Grover C. Osborn Recreational Area”. Tiny Taylor drafted and submitted the resolution to the membership, who approved it during a regular meeting. Grover however did not want the name changed while he was still a full-time active officer of the Local Union. As he explained, “I want the members to know and understand that this facility belongs to them, not just one man”. It was assumed that after his retirement, the officers of the next administration would change the name of the Recreation Area at that time. Unfortunately, as of the date of this publication, the name change voted on and approved by the members in 1975 has not been acted upon.

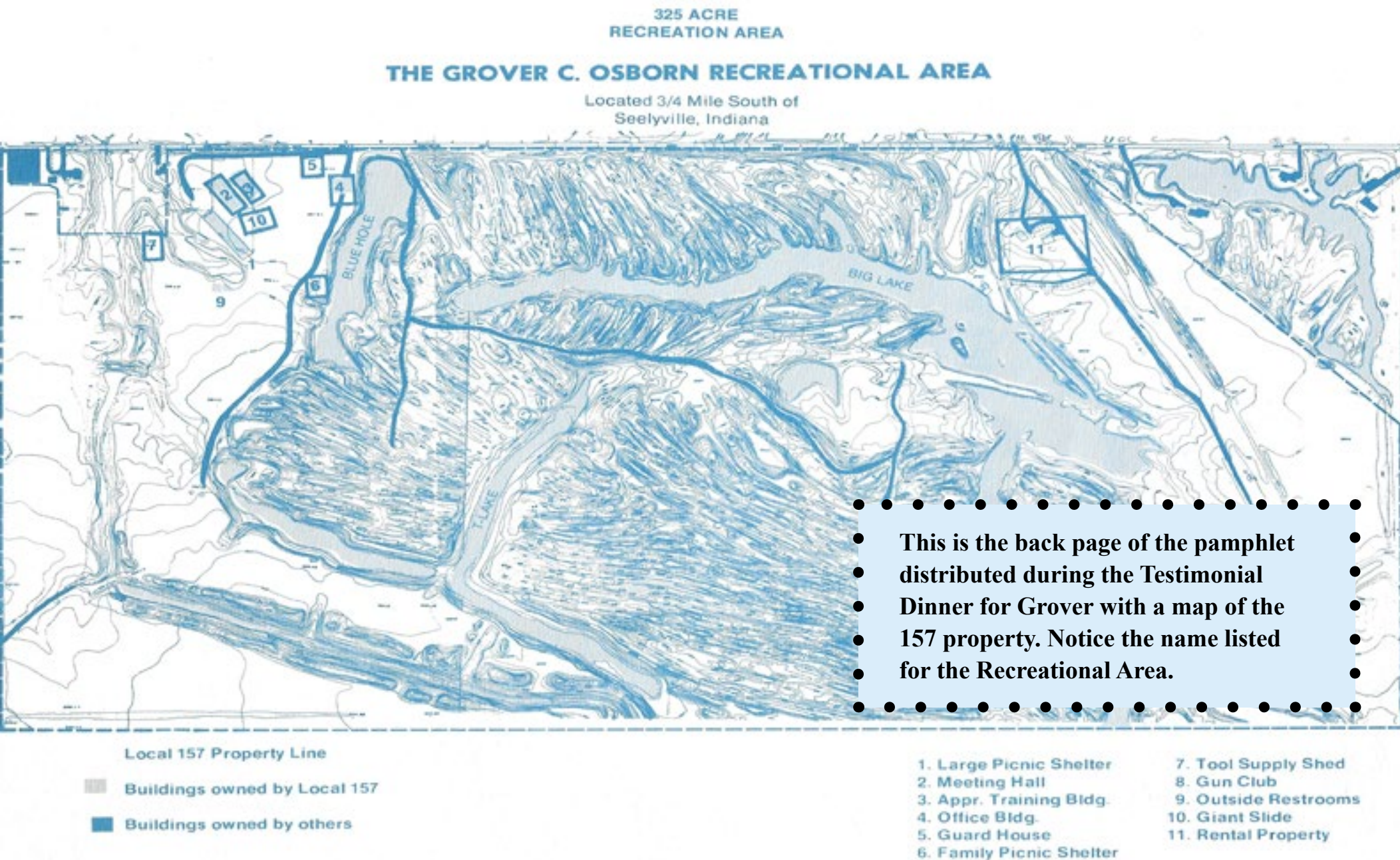


Left - Grover was honored by the Governor of Indiana, Dr. Otis R. Bowen.

Right - Cover page of a pamphlet announcing the Testimonial Dinner honoring Grover upon his retirement from Local 157. Note the entry at the bottom of the page listing the location of the event.

“THE GROVER C. OSBORN RECREATIONAL AREA”





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(Top Left) - Grover seated at his desk Union Hall N. 13th St. (Top Right) - Grover accepting his appointment as Secretary/
Treasurer Indiana State AFL/CIO (Bottom Left) - Grover with (son) Joe and (daughter) Karen (Not pictured "Mike")
(Bottom Right) - Grover accepting plaque from Brother Bill Fenton at Grover's Retirement Dinner

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Contractors and Union officials from Terre Haute and Kokomo, Indiana met in Terre Haute on April 5th and completed arrangements for establishing a state-wide Pension Plan, effective May 1, 1964.

Several other of the U. A. Locals located in the state have agreed to participate in the Plan as soon as final arrangements are completed with the Employers.

Shown in the picture standing left to right: Orville Oakley, U. A. Local 330; Andrew Wolfe, Kokomo Contractor; Wilmer Groves, U.A. Local 330; Beryl Fleming, Kokomo Contractor; Fred G. Christman, Terre Haute Contractor; Jay Pfleging, Terre Haute Contractor; Joseph Gillespie, U.A. Local 157; Robert Harrah, Terre Haute Contractor.

Seated left to right: Roger V. Mansard, U. A. Local 157; Robert R. Walker, U. A. Local 157; William Fries, Russell W. Tolley & Associates; Grover C. Osborn, U.A. Local 157; and James L. Taylor, U.A. Local 157.

Memo from . . . Date May 5, 1964
Grover C. Osborn

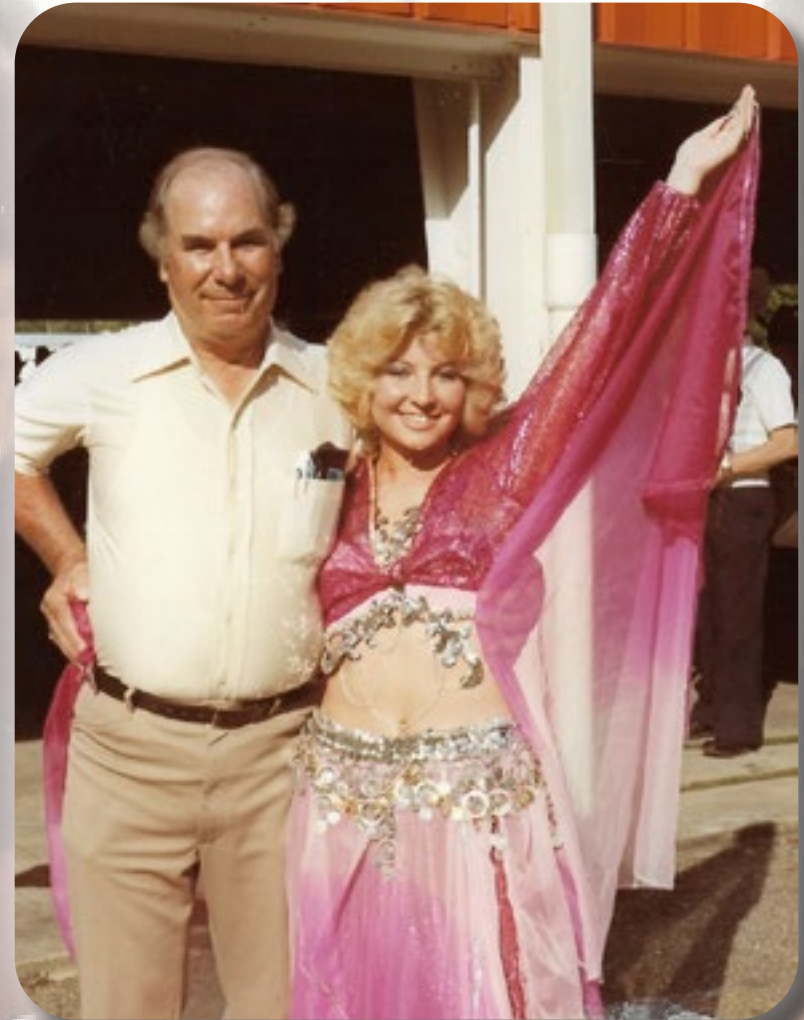
To: HARRY WARD:

Harry Dieckman, Business Agent of Local Union 502 of Michigan City, looks on as two of his senior members are presented their first pension checks by Grover C. Osborn, Secretary-Treasurer of the (Indiana) Pipe Trades Industry Pension Fund. Receiving checks are, from left to right: Frank Lange, Card No. 78732 and Phillip Dians, Card No. 290400. Brother John Lutz, Card No. 271362, also received his check but was not present. In the center of the picture is Robert R. Walker, former Business Agent of Local Union 157, now employed by the Pipe Trades Industry Health and Welfare and Pension Plans as the Trustees' Representative.

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Grover and Flossy dancing the night away.



Grover posing with a Belly Dancer after her program at one of the Annual Picnics



Grover C. Osborn

BRAZIL – Grover C. Osborn, 84, of Brazil died at 8:35 a.m. Monday, March 31, 2003 in Union Hospital in Terre Haute. He was born in Crawford County, Ill., June 11, 1918 to Grover C. Osborn and Iva Kelley Osborn. Survivors include his wife, Flossie Eveland Osborn, whom he married in September 1942; two sons and daughters-in-law, Joseph F. and Teresa Osborn and Michael and Jan Osborn, all of Brazil; and one daughter and son-in-law, Karen and Tom Rusin also of Brazil; five grandchildren,



OSBORN

Troy Michael Osborn, Joseph Franklin Osborn Jr. and his wife Kary, Sarah Elizabeth Jane Osborn, Tiffany Rose Rusin and Thomas Ray Rusin Jr.; two stepgrandchildren, Brock LeLoup and Brandi LeLoup; three great-grandchildren, Isach Michael Osborn, Adrianna Pearl Osborn and Cierra Nicole Osborn; three stepgreat-grandchildren, Shawnie Brewer, Corey Burris and Kirsten Burris; and several nieces, nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by seven brothers, Herley Everette Osborn, John D. Osborn, Clyde Osborn, Ralph Eugene Osborn, Floyd R. Osborn, Edgar J. Osborn and Estele D. Osborn; four sisters, Bessie Eveland, Mildred Ramsey, Opal Carter and Faye Osborn; and one daughter, Debra Lynn Osborn. He was elected Officer of Plumbers and Steamfitters Local 157 for more than 30 years serving as business agent and financial secretary from 1951-52 and as business manager from 1952 until his retirement in 1983. During World War II, he served in the Europe Theater of Operations as a corporal in the Ninth Air Force, returning home to resume his work as a pipefitter with Local 157. He was a former president of the Indiana State Pipe Trades Association, secretary-treas-

Grover Osborn passed away on March 31, 2003. His accomplishments while holding the office of Business Manager for Local 157 are still seen and enjoyed by it's members to this day. May he always be remembered with respect and gratitude.

In Memorium





William L. (Bill) Fenton
Born 09/10/1940

Local Union 157 Field Representative	1979-1980
Local Union 157 Business Agent	1980-1983
Local Union 157 Business Manager	1983-1998
Indiana State Pipe Trades Secretary/ Treasurer	1983-1998
Pipe Trades Health and Welfare Plan Trustee	1983-1998
Indiana State Building & Construction Trades President	1994-1998
Indiana State AFL/CIO Vice President	1996 - ₁ ?

¹ "A TIME TO ENJOY THE REWARDS OF A JOB WELL DONE" William L. Fenton Retirement Dinner, pg.1



On September 10th, 1940 Sylvester William Fenton and his wife Mary gave birth to a son; William Lee. The couple would later have two daughters, Mary Ann (Wiland) and Kathy (Shafter).

Shortly after returning from serving in the Navy during World War II, Sylvester Fenton became a member of Plumbers and Steam Fitters Local 157 in Terre Haute. He became a dedicated Union Member, and the talk around the Fenton family dinner table revolved around the Union and the opportunities it provided. Through these early experiences, Bill Fenton learned at a young age that being Union is not simply a way to make a living; it was a way of life.

At age 11, while attending Ft. Harrison Elementary School, Bill began delivering newspapers for the Terre Haute Tribune. His love for golf developed shortly thereafter when, while a student at Rankin Junior High School he got a job as a caddy at the Elks Fort Harrison Country Club.

While in High School Bill was a member of the drama club where the training he received in speaking in front of audiences, remembering lines, and communicating his thoughts and ideas to other people, became tools he would be able to put to good use later in life.



Pictured above - Sylvester (Sid) Fenton kneeling, second from right.



Above, Bill with daughter Dawn and family



Above, Bill with wife Sheila





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*William "Bill" Fenton passed away on June 15, 1999. He served Local 157 as a leader for more than 35 years. He is remembered respectfully by the members of the Local Union as a good friend and strong Union Man. "Bill Fenton's legacy of involvement, hard work, participation, and dedication, will leave its mark on his Union for many generations to come"*¹

¹ "A TIME TO ENJOY THE REWARDS OF A JOB WELL DONE" Retirement Dinner Booklet, October 30, 1998, pg#7





Joe Melin

Office	Years
Local 240	
Field Representative Local 157	1985-1989
Business Agent Local 157	1989-1998
Business Manager Local 157	Jan/1999-Dec 2001

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For many years Local 157 was a sponsor of the Miss Indiana Pageant. The pictures above show Joe with the winners of two of those pageants.





Joseph Earl “Joe” Melin passed away on October 4th, 2019. He is remembered by his fellow members of Local 157 as a good friend and devoted Union Leader. Everyone who dealt with Joe during his years in Local 240 and in Local 157 came away with feelings of fairness, satisfaction and camaraderie. He is sadly missed by all those who knew him.





**Joseph F.
Osborn**

Office	Years
Field Representative Local 157	
Business Agent Local 157	
Business Manager Local 157	Jan/2002-Dec 2004

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Joe Osborn Is Labor's Outstanding Young Man

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Trades conventions in both Indiana and Illinois. He was the youngest delegate to be seated at the last national convention of the United Association of Plumbers and Pipefitters in Las Vegas.

Joe is deeply involved in community activities and was recently elected to the Board of Directors of the United Way of the Wabash Valley.

The award for outstanding achievement in Labor was one of nine presented by the Terre Haute Jaycees at their first Annual Outstanding Young Men Awards Banquet on February 17, 1983.

According to Don Ireland, President of the Terre Haute Jaycees, over 150 deserving young men were nominated to receive the awards.

Other areas of performance which were recognized at the banquet included: Agriculture, Education, Religion, Public Service, Law Enforcement, Fire Protection, Community Service, and Business.



Local 157 Field Rep Is Outstanding Young Man

Joseph F. Osborn, Field Representative for Local Union 157 of the Plumbers and Steam Fitters, has been named as Terre Haute's Outstanding Young Man in Labor for 1983.

As a paid Officer of his Union, Joe's duties include Labor-Management Relations at the various job-sites, assignment of workers to the jobs, and overseeing the operation of the Local Union's regional office near Robinson, Illinois.

In addition, Joe serves as Secretary for the Construction Trades Craft Committee. He is also an advisor to the Terre Haute Area C.E.T.A. Program. He has been a delegate to Building Trades and Pipe

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This group of Local 157 Members and their guests were on hand at the Terre Haute Hulman Center to see Field Representative Joe Osborn receive the award as Labor's "Outstanding Young Man". For details see page 1.



**Michael A.
Pleasant**

Office	Years
Executive Board Local 157	1995-2000
Business Agent Local 157	2001-2004
Business Manager Local 157	2004-2009
UA Special Representative	2009-2011
UA International Representative (Director of Jurisdiction and Administrative Assistant to the General President	2011-2014
UA Assistant General President	2014- Present

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Donnie Ritter

Office	Years
Business Agent	2006
Business Manager	-2013
Business Manager Local 157	July/2009- Dec/2013



Local 157 Business Agent **Donnie Ritter** (left) and Democrat Presidential Candidate **Barack Obama** (right) are shown discussing worker issues during an earlier campaign stop for the U.S. Senate in Danville.





Greg A. Thoennes

Office	Years
Field Representative	10/2005-12/2013
Business Manager	01/2014-12/2016

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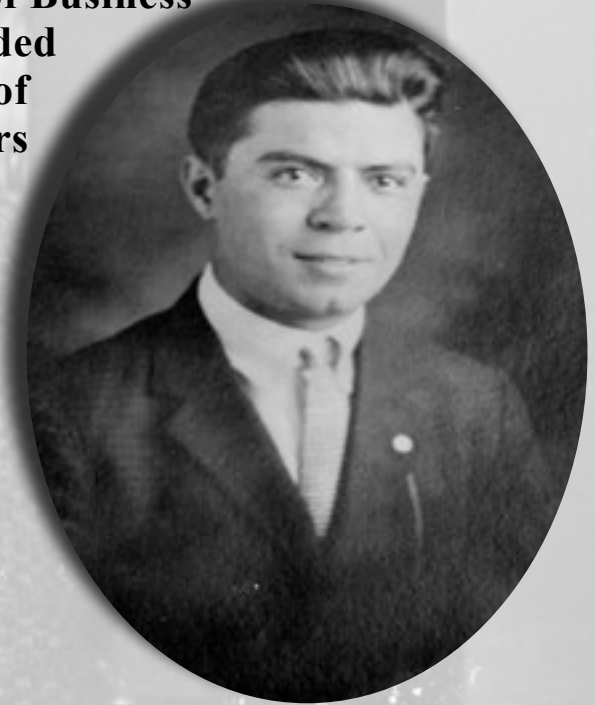


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As explained in the previous pages, Local 157 elected its first Business Agent, Brother Frank Himmichhoeffer in 1939 followed by Brother Leslie Dilg in 1941, and then Brother William Bartenbach in 1944. The position required double duty as Secretary-Treasurer of the Local Union. After Grover Osborn was elected in 1950 a new position of Business Manager was created due to the added workload as a result of the merger of Local 156 Plumbers and Steamfitters located in Crawfordsville, Indiana. To fill the office of Business Agent, Brother Osborn appointed Brother Roger Mansard, "...who served as a field man and began assisting me in 1952".¹



Roger Victor Mansard
May 28, 1902-October 31, 1976

¹ Exerts taken from 157 Written History



Brother Mansard served Local 157 in several capacities during his long career as a member.

Business Agent	16 years
Member Executive Board	4 years
Fin. Secretary-Treasurer Joint Apprenticeship Comm.	15 years
Secretary-Treasurer Indiana Pipe Trades Committee for Indiana State Apprenticeship Contest	6 years
Trustee - H&W Plan, Pension Plan, Vacation Plan, Industry Promotion Fund	
Vice President West Central Indiana Building Trades	

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Top Left (L to R)- Local 157 Officers
Leslie Dilg, James (Tiny) Taylor, Grover
Osborn, and Roger Mansard
Top Right - Brother Mansard with
Apprentice Contest Winners
Bottom Left - Posing with Local 157
Officer's Car. (Notice the printing on door)
Bottom Center - Brother Mansard
congratulating a graduating Apprentice



Left - Brother Mansard and his wife Florence enjoying some treats at one of the Annual Union Picnics.
Below - Posing sitting on his front porch.
(Late 50s - Early 60s)





Roger Mansard passed away on October 31, 1976 after serving the members of Local 157 and the UA for more than 30 years. In one of his many written reports, Grover listed him as, "...a real friend and brother, a man who believed in the membership, and worked tirelessly to serve them. I considered him a true friend and brother" (sic).





Marshal Sydnor

Office	Years
Field Representative	
Business Agent	1982-1988

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Marshal Sydnor passed away on July 22, 2003. While serving the Members of Local 157 through some difficult years, he made many friends and earned a reputation as being fair and devoted to his Union Brothers and Sisters.





**James (Tiny)
Taylor**

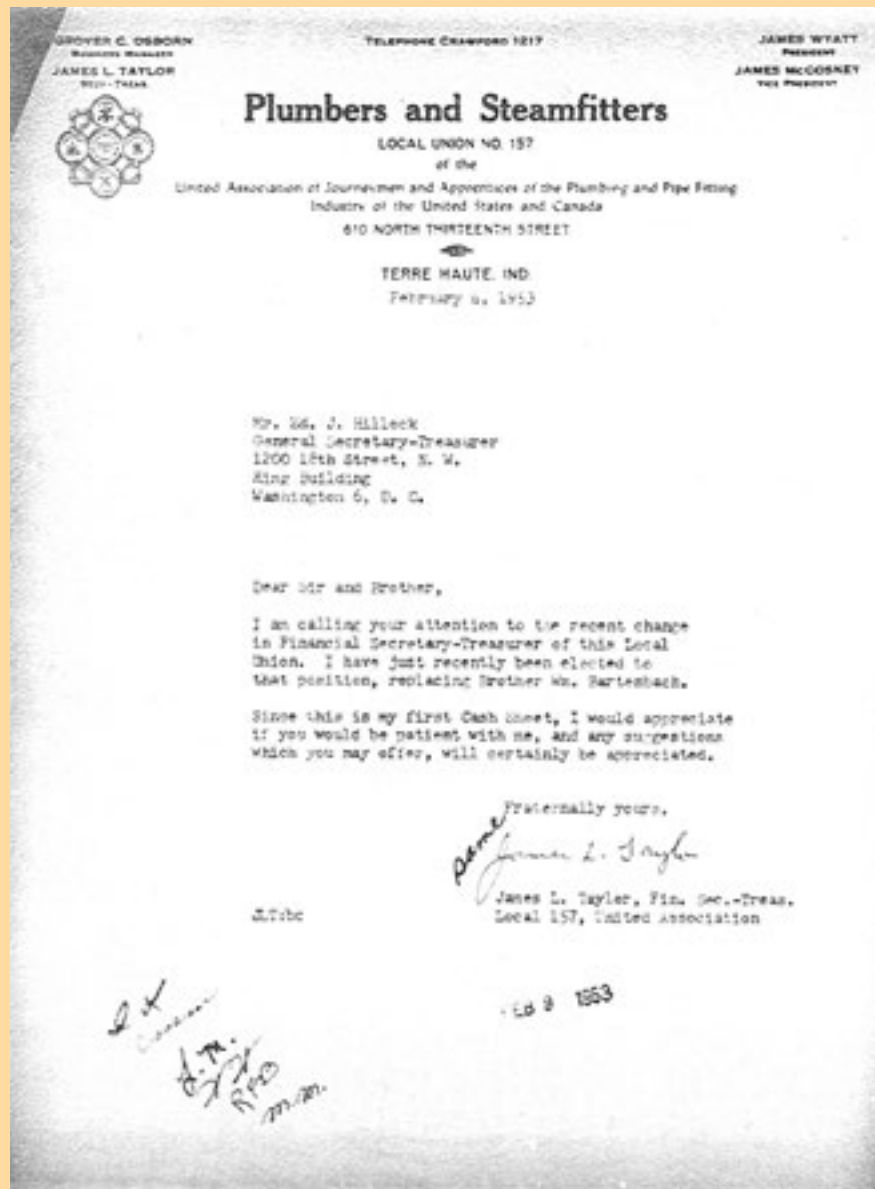
Office	Dates
Financial Secretary/ Treasurer	1953-1976

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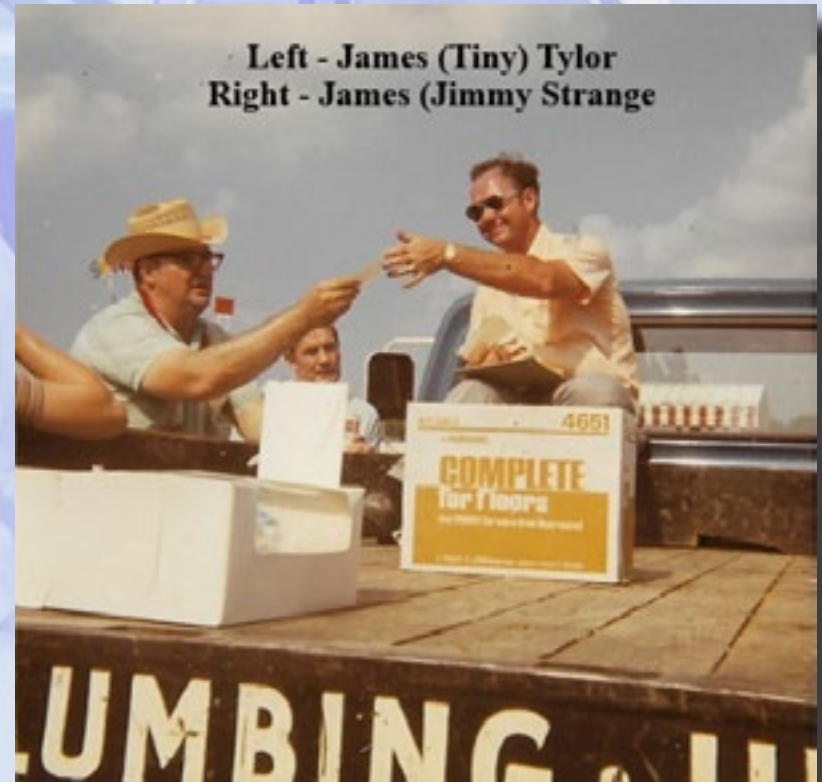


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Letter dated February 1953 from James (Tiny) Taylor to UA giving notice of his recently elected position of Financial Secretary/Treasurer of Local 157.





(Left) Brother “Tiny” Taylor proudly displays a plaque presented to him by the Membership after serving 24 years as Financial Secretary-Treasurer of Local 157. The Oldsmobile Station Wagon shown in the picture was also a gift from the Local Union.

(Right) Brother Taylor and Brother Strange drawing tickets for door prizes at the first Annual Picnic held at the new Recreation Area just south of Seelyville.



James “Tiny” Taylor passed away on December 13th, 1999. He served the members of Local 157 as a leader for 23 years. His towering presence was obvious to all who met him. As a friend and fellow member, among the Brothers and Sisters of his Local Union, his personality and warmth was anything but “Tiny”.





Jimmie Strange

Office	Years
Welding Examiner	1957
Field Representative	1975-1976
Executive Board	?
Financial Secretary Treasurer	1976-1991



Jimmie Lee Strange was born September 17, 1936 to Byrl and Viola Strange in Robinson, Illinois. When he was 4 years old his father became a member of Plumbers and Steam Fitters Local Union 157; an affiliation he proudly maintained until his death nearly 40 years later.

Growing up as the only child of a Gas Line Journeyman was a moving experience. Jim's dad followed the gas lines, and Jim and his mom went right along. At one point work was so sporadic that Jimmie attended nine different schools in the state of Ohio in 20 day period.

For the most part however, Jimmie spent most of his school age years growing up in Robinson. It was here, in 1953 that he got his first opportunity to work in the pipe fitting industry. While still in high school Jimmie got a job cleaning, re-beveling, and racking gas line pipe for the Sheehan Pipeline Construction Company which was redoing a natural gas pipeline in the area. His first foreman was an unforgeable character named "Rough House" Brown. Although he was a demanding taskmaster, he helped Jimmie learn some of the "tricks of the trade", and to develop the high standards of quality and hard work that Jim still carried with him to the end of his life.

Shortly after going to work for Sheehan, Jimmie was taken in as a member of Plumbers and Steamfitter Local 157. So during his senior year, he attended regular high school classes during the day in Robinson, and apprenticeship classes in Terre Haute at night.

He completed his apprenticeship in 1957 and was elected as the Union's

Welding Examiner that same year.





In 1968 he was appointed as Field Representative for gas distribution pipelines, and was also elected as a member of the Local Union Executive Board. When James “Tiny” Taylor retired in December of 1976, Jimmie was appointed to take his place as Financial Secretary and Treasurer, a position to which he held until 1991.

In addition to his commitment and dedication to the growth and the development of his Local Union, Jim was deeply involved in a variety of Labor oriented groups and organizations. He served as the Secretary for the Wabash Valley Central Labor Council, Secretary for the Wabash Valley Building and Construction Trades Council, Labors representative to set prevailing wages in western Indiana, and the Secretary/Treasurer of the Annual Terre Haute Labor Day Parade. ¹

After retiring Jim remained active. He served as President of the Terre Haute Labor Temple Association, and as Vice President of the Wabash Valley Central Labor Council.

¹ Jimmie L. Strange testimonial. Printed Booklet





Jimmie was a member of the Moose Lodge in Robinson, the Masonic Blue Lodge in Robinson, the Scottish Rite in Terre Haute, and the Terre Haute Zorah Shrine.

Above - Jimmie and wife Barbara

Jimmie was recognized as “Union Member of the Year” by the Wabash Valley Central Labor Council; he was honored as the recipient of the Margaret Banker Community Service Award; and received the Terre Haute Chamber of Commerce “Terre Award” for service to, and in behalf of , the citizens of the greater Terre Haute area.

In addition he served as a Director of the Vigo County Fair, a Trustee for IVY Tech, and as Chairman of the United Way Allocations Committee.







Jimmie Lee Strange passed away on January 14th 2013. His devotion to Local 157 as a leader spanned a period of over 34 years. After taking over the office of Financial Secretary/Treasurer, Jimmie carried on the trust and professionalism his two predecessors had instilled in the membership of the Local Union. He is remembered as a good Union Man whose friendship was treasured by all who knew him.





Paul Atterson
Secretary Treasurer

Office	Years
Executive Board	2005
Field Representative	2006-2008
Financial Secretary/ Treasurer	2017-2022



Wilbur E Crouch III

Office	Years
Executive Board	01/2002-12/2004
Business Agent	06/20-12/2022



Office	Date
Executive Board	1971-1983
Field Representative	1983-1992
Financial Secretary/Treasurer Local 157	1992-2000

William R. Hightshoe

Bill was born November 17, 1943 in Robinson, Illinois. He was one of eight children. Clifford Hightshoe, Bill's father was a member of Local 157 before Bill was born. His skill and dedication served as a positive role model for Bill; demonstrating on a daily basis, the value and rewards of an honest day's work. Bill attended Lincoln Elementary School in Robinson, Illinois and Robinson Junior and Senior High School. In 1962, when Bill turned 19, he entered the Apprenticeship Program for Plumbers and Steam Fitters Local 157. He completed the 5-year schedule of classroom assignments and on the job training in 1967. Bill became involved in Union activities and programs; and in 1971 was elected by the Membership to a position on the Local 157 Executive Board.



In December of 1983, after serving 12 years on the Executive Board, Bill Hightshoe was appointed as a Local Union Field Representative. He replaced Marshall Sydnor, who earlier that month had been elected as the Local Union's Business Agent. Bill held the Field Representative position until January of 1992 when he was appointed as Local 157's Financial Secretary/Treasurer to finish out the incomplete term of Jimmie Strange, who had announced his retirement after holding that office for 16 years.

In addition to his duties as Secretary/Treasurer, Bill was named by both Indiana Governors Bayh and O'Bannon to be the Labor Representative on the wage-setting committee for all government construction projects in an 11-county area in west central Indiana. He also served as Vice President of the Industry news, Co-Chairman of the Union's Annual Membership picnic, and Co-Chairman of the Annual Terre Haute Labor Day Parade

Bill's honesty, dedication, and commitment to working people earned him the respect and friendship of leaders in Organized Labor, Business, Industry, and Political offices at the local, state, and national levels. ¹

When Bill became Secretary/Treasurer of Local 157 in 1992, he was only the third person in the entire history of the Union to hold that office. The first was "Tiny" Taylor (Seated 1953-1976), and the second was Jimmie Strange (Standing Right 1976-1992). Prior to 1953 the Union had only one paid officer, the Business Agent.



¹ A Tribute To Bill, A Retirement Testimonial Dinner Honoring William R. Hightshoe, 2000

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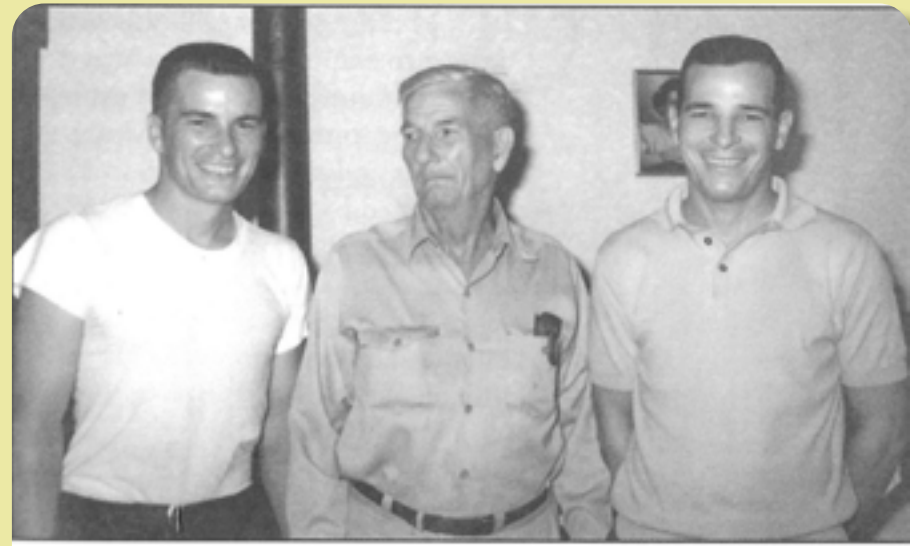


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Top Left - With family late 1990s
Top Right - With Giffel
Bottom Left - With Wife Anita

Bottom Center - L to R “Brother”
Jack, “Dad” Clifford, and Bill in
Early 70s



(Left to Right) Brother Jack, Dad Clifford, and Bill in the Early 1970s.



William R. Hightshoe passed away on December 5, 2020. His service to Local 157 spanned a period of 30 years. He is remembered by all who knew him as fair minded and a caring friend to all who knew him. His Union Brothers and Sisters owe a great debt to Brother Hightshoe.





James O. 'Jim' Giffel

Office	Years
Apprentice Coordinator	8
Apprentice Instructor	
Financial Secretary/ Treasurer	2000-2003

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James O. "Jim" Giffel passed away on December 13th, 2007. He gained the trust of all who knew and worked with him. He left a legacy and reputation of a man with high morals and deep concern for his family and his fellow Union Brothers and Sisters.





**John "J. B."
Strange**

Office	Years
Recording Secretary	1987-1989
Vice President	1999-2004
Financial Secretary Treasurer	2005-2016



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William F. Fenton (left) Business Agent for Local 157, presents a certificate of graduation to former apprentice J.B. Strange (right). Strange was one of 52 who completed the requirements.







Local 157's Financial Secretary/Treasurer J. B. Strange received "Union Member of the Year" from the AFL - CIO, Wabash Valley Central Labor Council at the 2012 Labor Day Banquet



Robert Walker

Office	Years
Business Agent	1956-1965
H&W and Pension Plan	1966-1970

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**Brother Walker is seated
in the front row, first on
the left.**



In this 1967 photograph, Bob Goodrich (center) receives an award from Grover C. Osborn (standing left) representing the Local Union and from Pete Farmer (standing right) representing the Contractors. Also pictured are Louis Grandidier (seated left) and Bob Walker (seated right).





Robert R. "Bob" Walker passed away January 4th, 1977.

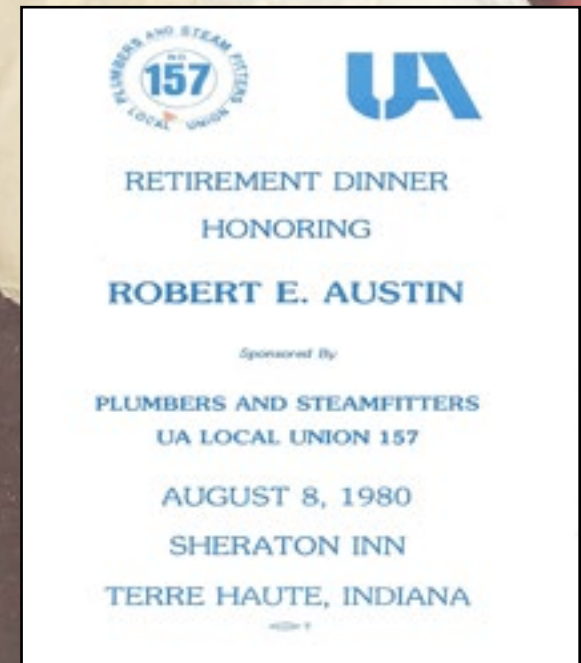




Robert Austin

Office	Years
Field Rep	1967-1968
Business Agent	1964-1980







Robert Eugene Austin passed away at the young age of 60 on October 12, 1983. He served his Local Union with pride and sincere devotion. His legacy lives on through his sons who are also members of Local 157.





Albert L.
“Buddy” Royce

Office	Dates
Business Manager	



Left - Bob Moore
Center - Bud Royce

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After retirement **Bud** stayed active; serving as Treasurer for the Area Retirees Club until he became too ill to attend the Meetings. He is shown here with Club President **Charlie Garner** in 2006.





**Jan
Deichmiller**

Office	Years
President Local 157	1983-1992
Field Representative	1992-

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Matt Crouch

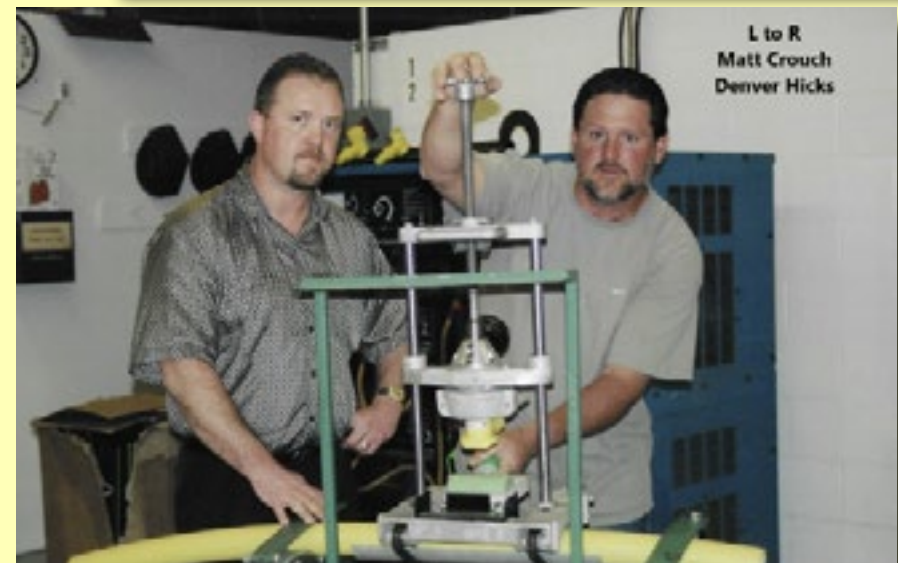
Gas Distribution Field Representative	2003



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**Charles Arthur
Runyon**

Charles (Charlie) Runyon became a member of Local 157 after the merger of Lafayette Local 240 in 1975. He was the last member to hold the office of Local 240 Business Manager. After the merger he was appointed Field Representative by Grover Osborn to cover the Northern part of the jurisdiction of Local 157.

Office	Years
President Local 240	1950-1962
Local 240 Business Manage	1974-1975
Field Representative Local 157	1975-1978
Business Agent Local 157	1979

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To the left is page #3 from an issue of the Lafayette Journal & Courier dated Friday, December 27, 1985. Brother Runyon is the topic of the story at the bottom of the page titled, *Lifelong plumber now serves state licensing agency*.



Charlie performing some magic tricks for kids at a Local 157 Picnic





*Charles Arthur Runyon passed away on January 28th, 2005.
His service to Locals 240 (Lafayette) and 157 (Terre Haute)
spanned 5 decades. He was known by all members as jovial and
highly qualified as a Union Leader.*





**Robert R. "Jack"
Kelley**

Office/Position	Years
Field Representative	1992-
President Building Trades	2001

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**John Edward
Dilg**

Office	Years
Field Representative Marble Hill & Gas Distribution	1977-1978



Left to Right - John E., Leslie, and Peter Dilg



John Edward Dilg passed away on June 7th, 2007. He is 3rd in a line of 4 generations of Local 157 members whose devotion and service to the Union is highly respected by all.





**David
Hoopingarner**

**Date of Service
Field Rep - 2016**



Darrek Davis

Office/Position	Years
Field Representative	2010-



**Michael W
Thomas**

Office	Years
President Local 157	
Field Representative	1977
Business Agent	? ₁

¹ See letter by Taylor dated July 19, 1974



Secretaries 1896-1903

From Date	To Date	Name
08/96	01/01	Thompson, J. C.
02/01	04/01	Arleth F.
05/01	05/01	Jentz L. C.
06/01	08/01	Arleth F.
09/01	09/01	Coppage H.
10/01	03/02	Cavanaugh, J.
04/02	01/03	Raeber, H.
02/03	06/03	Coppage, Harry
07/03	07/03	Dilg, J.
08/03	12/03	Jaenisch, Aug.¹

¹ "Secretaries" is the term used for the position from 1896 to 1919 as reported in the U.A. Journals. The dates listed indicate the appearance of the officer's name in the UA Journal and do not directly coincide with his date of office. Refer to Regular Meeting Minutes for more accurate dating.



Secretaries 1908-1913

08/08	07/09	Jentz, L. C.
08/09	02/11	Born, A.
03/11	10/11	Jentz, Lous C.
111/11	02/12	Heckelsburg, H.
08/12	10/12	Selbermorgan, Wm.
11/16	01/17	Pfleging, Dan
08/18	07/19	Pfleging, Dan
01/04	05/06	Dilg, John
06/06	12/07	Christman, Fred
01/08	02/12	Born, Albert
03/12	07/12	Jentz, L.
11/12	02/13	Selbermorgan, Wm.
03/13	01/14	Von Eute, H.



Past Recording Secretaries
1914-1922

02/14	12/14	Lohre, W. C.
01/15	08/15	Pfleging, Dan
09/15	10/15	Smith, W. H.
11/15	01/16	Dilg, J.
02/16	10/16	Pfleging, Dan
02/17	07/17	O'Loughlin, Herbert
08/17	07/18	Pfleging, Dan
08/18	06/20	Van Eute, H. D.



Past Recording Secretaries 1925-1945

02/25	10/23	Jentz, Louis C.
11/33	04/40	Dilg, L. E.
05/40	01/41	Jacques, Thomas W.
02/41	03/42	Jentz, Louis C.
04/42	04/42	McCaskey, James
05/42	07/43	Wood, Edward
02/44	08/44	Jacques, Thomas W.



Past Recording Secretaries 1947-2021

Donald Kwoczalla	1946-1958
Robert L. King	1958-1960
Joseph Gillespie	1961-1967
Albert Fisher	1967-1982
Michael Siddens	1983-
Bob Swearingen	2007
Mark Lindley	2008-2011
Jeff Lindley	2011-2017
Tim Wright	2017-2022
Matt Melin	2023-Present



Past Financial Secretaries 1904-1918

01/04	10/05	Coppage, Harry
11/05	05/06	Von Eute, Fred
06/06	12/07	Volmouth, Geo.
01/08	02/12	Von Eute, Fred
03/12	07/12	Heckelsburg, H.
11/12	01/14	Jentz, L.
02/14	01/16	Von Eute, Fred
02/16	10/16	Dixon, Wesley
02/17	07/18	Born, Albert



Past Financial Secretaries 1926-1943

01/26	08/31	Heckelsberg, H. P.
09/31	05/41	Bartenbach, Wm.
06/41	09/41	Wood, Edward
10/41	01/43	Grandidler, Louis C.
02/43	07/43	Dilg, L. E.
02/44	***₁	Bartenbach, William

¹ *** Still in office in January 1946



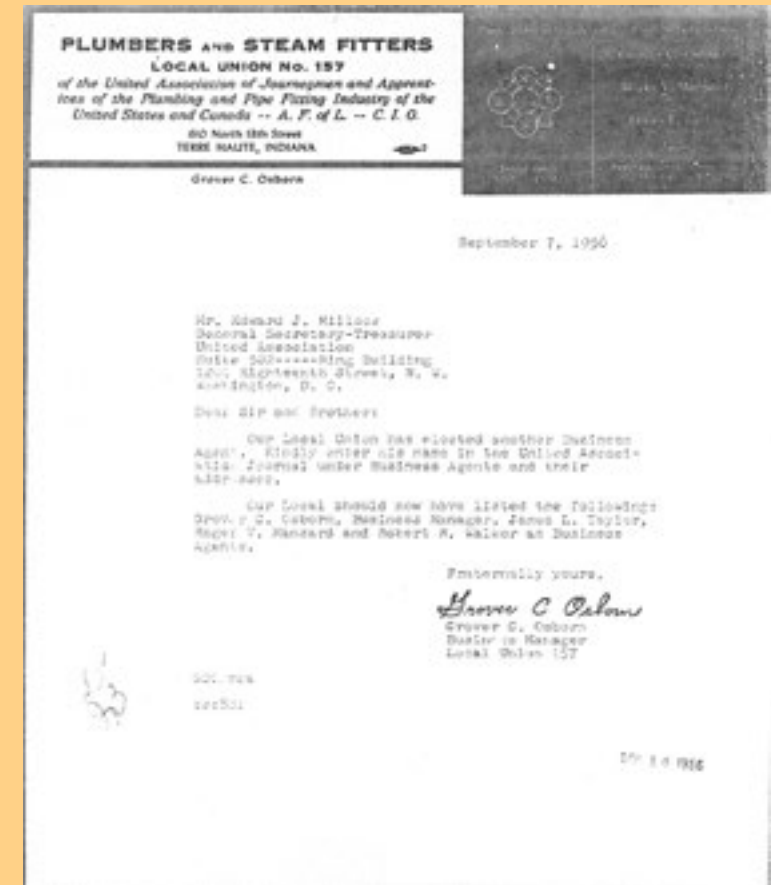
Past Financial Secretaries
1943-2021

William Bartenbach	1946-1952
James L. Taylor	1953-1976
Jimmie Strange	1977-1991
William (Bill) Hightshoe	1992-2000
James O. 'Jim' Giffel	2000-2003
JB Strange	2005-2016
Paul Atterson	2016-2022
Troy Bennett	2023-Present

Local 157 Terre Haute Indiana 125 Years of Solidarity



Quasquicentennial
September 1, 1896 - September 1, 2021



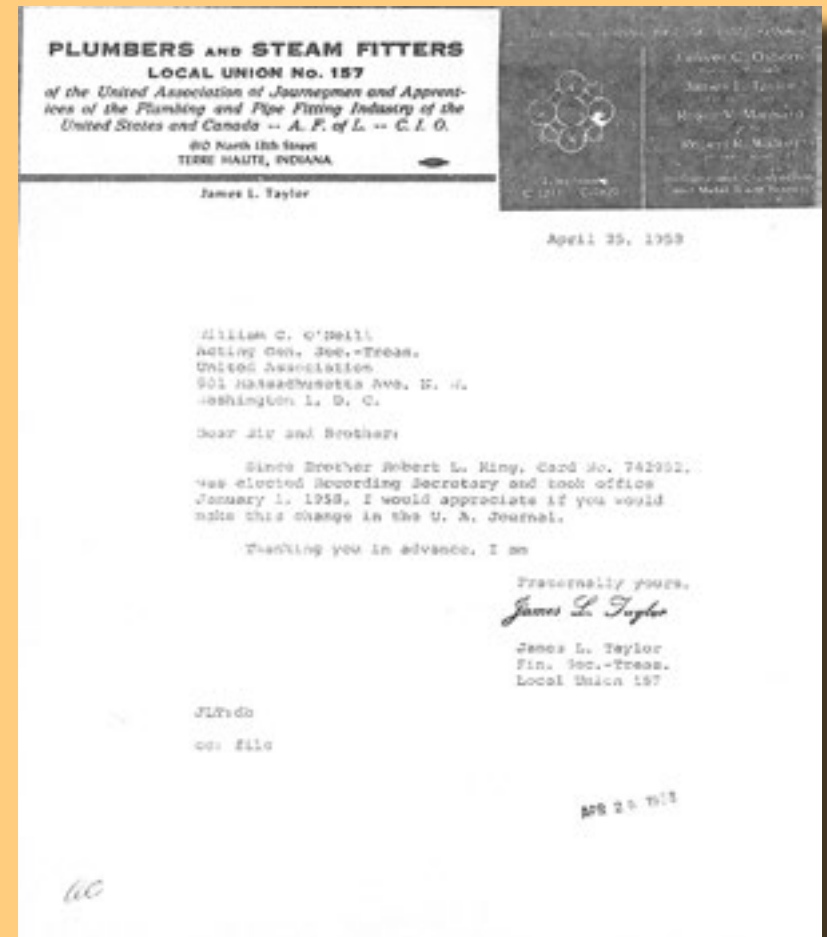
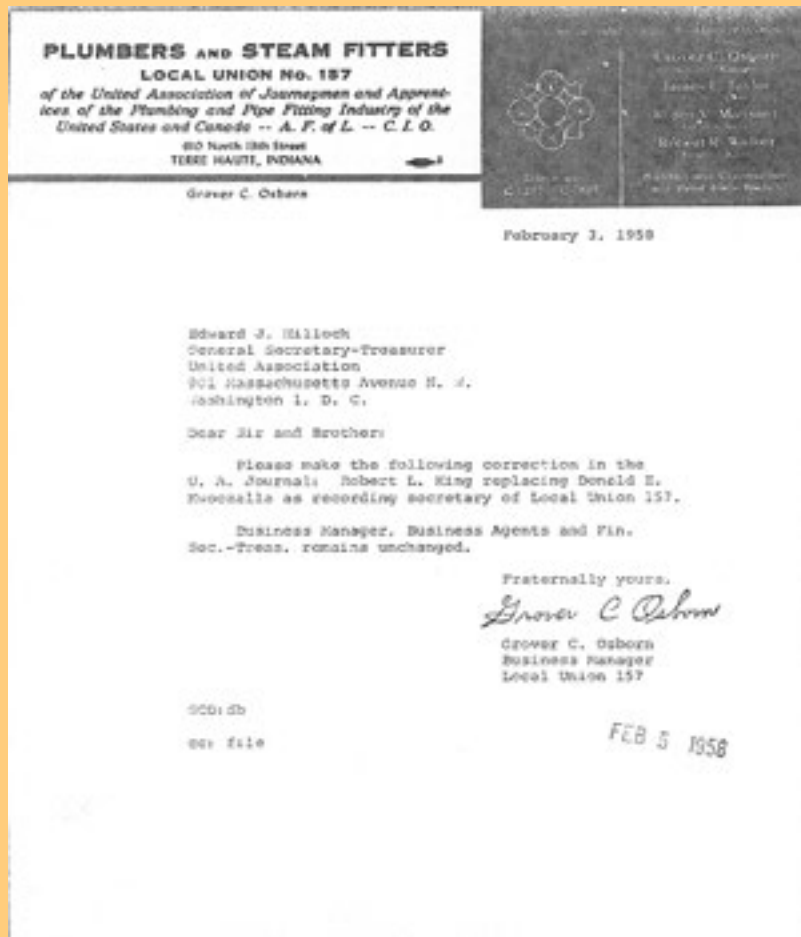
Above left - Letter to UA from Grover to UA dated March 2, 1954
listing newly elected officers.

Above right - Letter from Grover to UA dated September 7, 1956
listing the three current Business Agents. James Taylor, Roger V.
Mansard, and Robert R. Walker.

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Quasquicentennial
September 1, 1896 - September 1, 2021



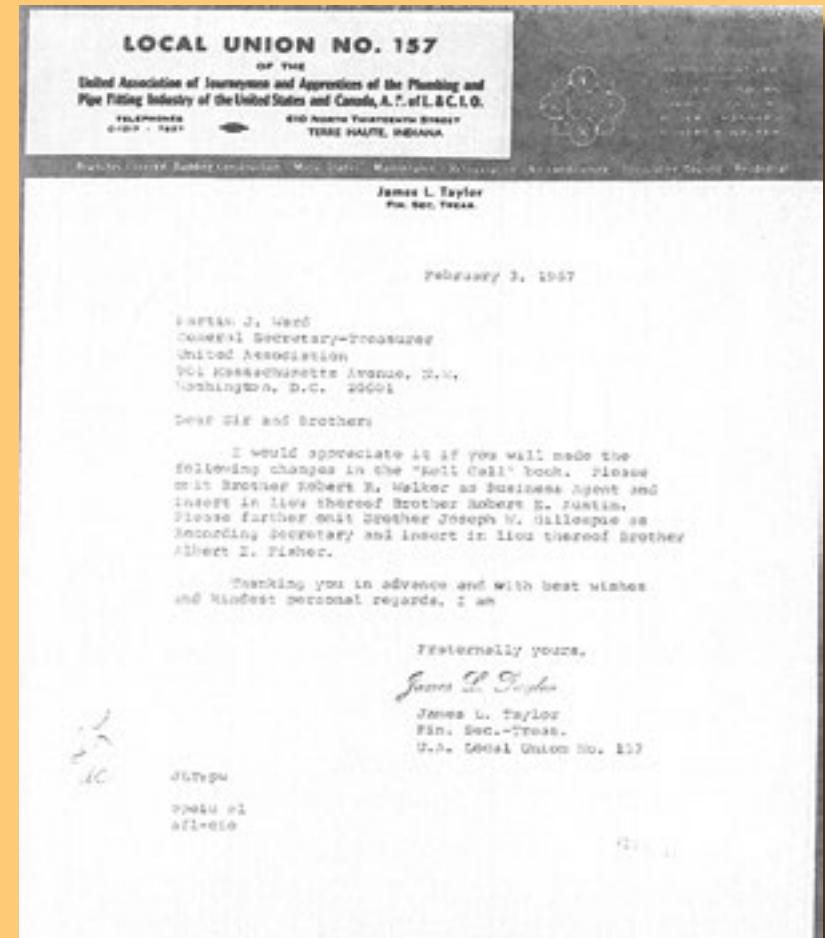
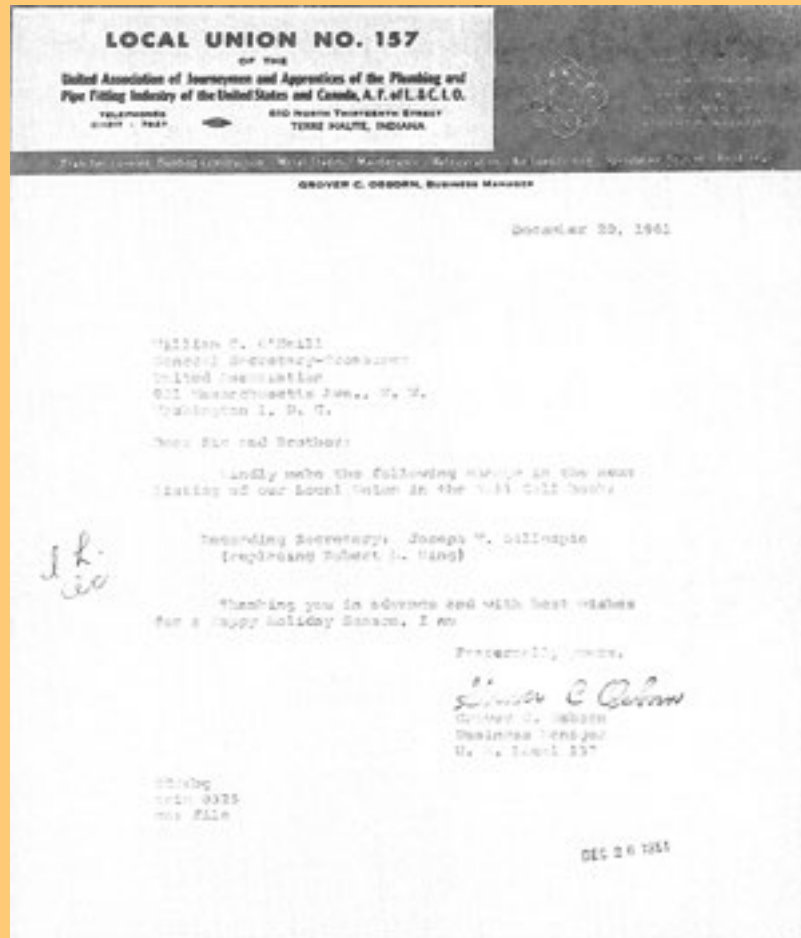
Above left - Letter to UA from Grover dated February 5, 1958 informing Edward Hillock of a change in the office of Recording Secretary from Kwoczalla with Robert L. King.

Above right - Letter from Grover stating that "King" had been elected to the office of *Recording Secretary*.

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September 1, 1896 - September 1, 2021



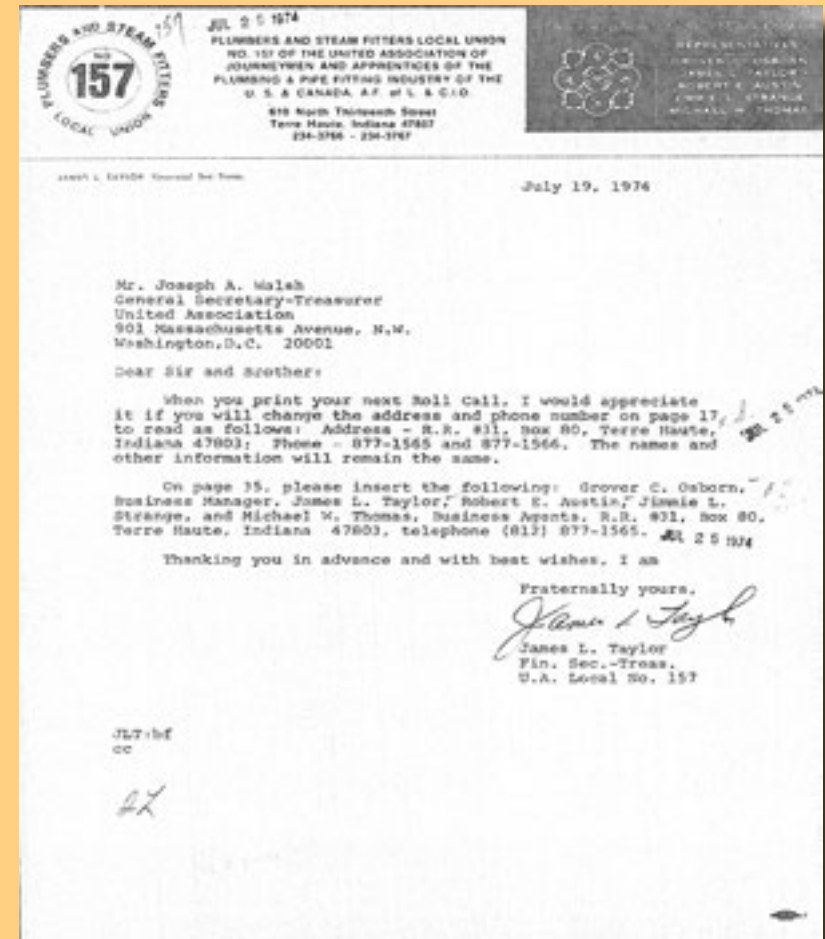
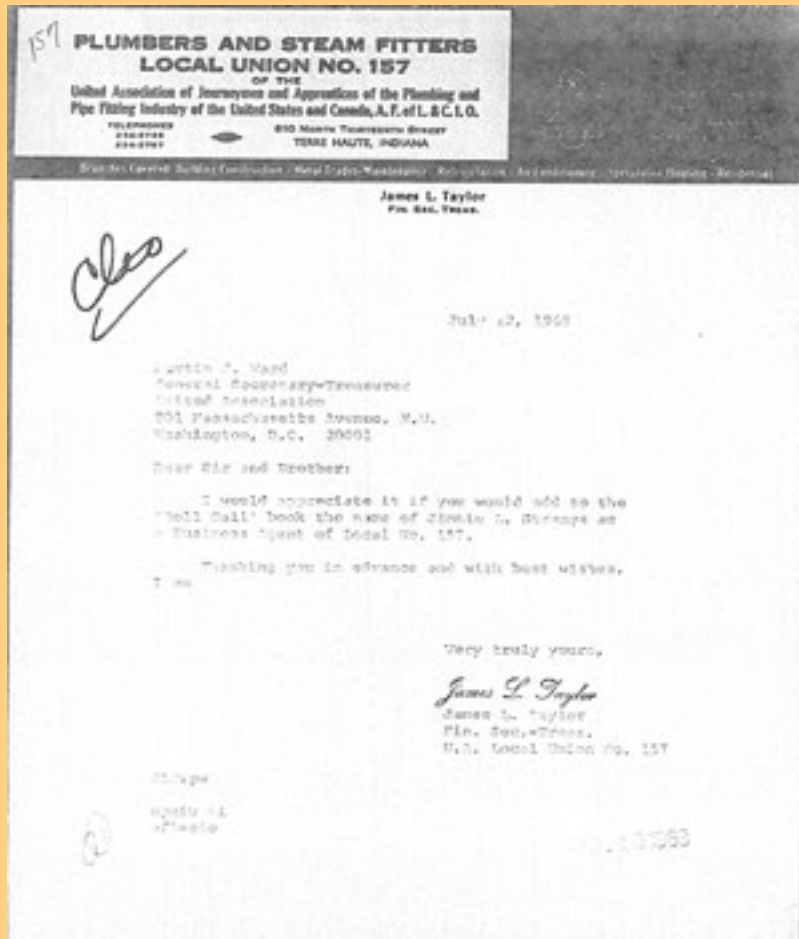
Above left - Letter from Grover to UA dated December 20, 1961 stating that Joseph Gillespie had replaced Robert King as Recording Secretary.

Above right - Letter from "Tiny" Taylor to President Ward dated February 3, 1967 stating that Robert Austin had replaced Robert Walker as BA and that Albert Fisher had replaced Joseph Gillespie as Recording Secretary.

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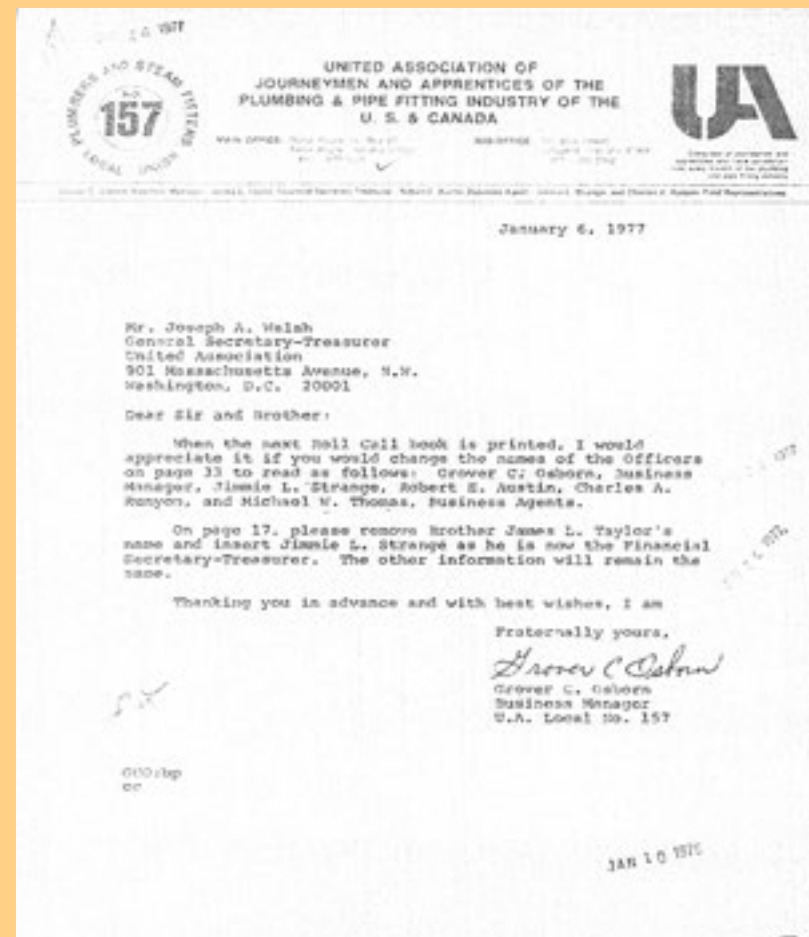
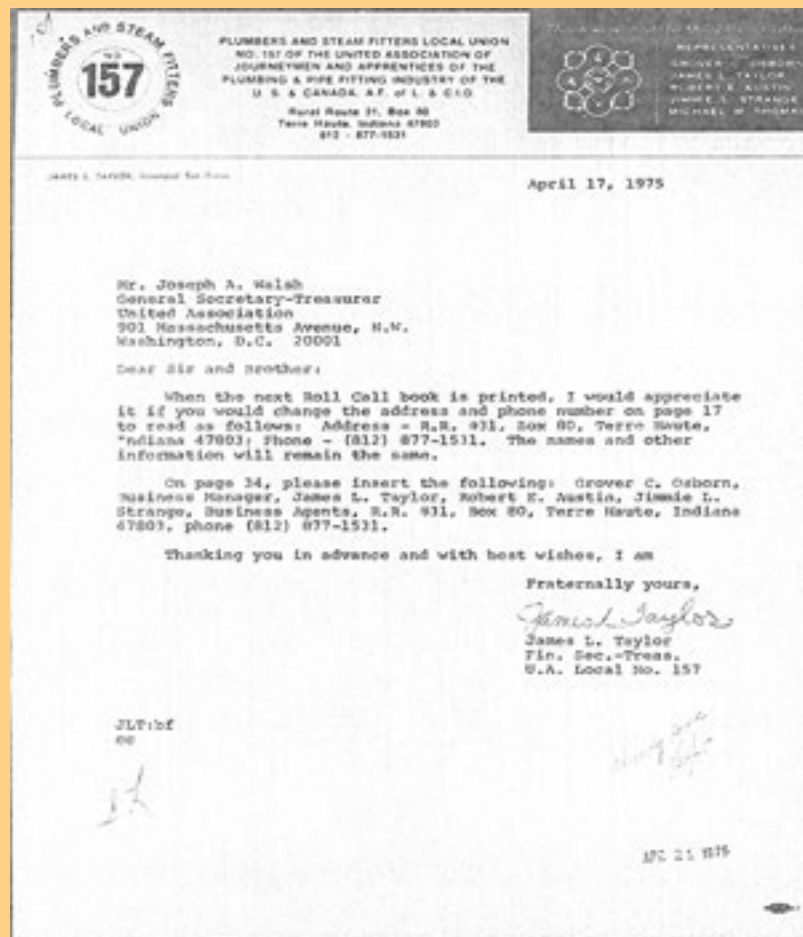
Above left - Letter from "Tiny" Taylor to President Ward dated July 12, 1968 asking for the name of Jimmie L. Strange to be added to Roll Call as a Business Agent of Local 157.

Above right - Letter from "Tiny" to UA dated July 19, 1974 reporting names of current Business Agents for Local 157 as James L. Taylor, Robert E. Austin, Jimmie L. Strange, and Michael W. Thomas.

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Above left - Letter from James Taylor to UA dated April 17, 1975 listing names of current Business Agents of Local 157. James L. Taylor, Robert E. Austin, Jimmie L. Strange.

Above right - Letter from Grover to UA dated January 6, 1977 informing Joseph Walsh of the current Financial Secretary/Treasurer having been replaced by Jimmie L. Strange.

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PLUMBERS AND STEAM FITTERS
LOCAL UNION
157

UNITED ASSOCIATION OF JOURNEMEN AND APPRENTICES OF THE PLUMBING & PIPE FITTING INDUSTRY OF THE U. S. & CANADA

HEAD OFFICE
Rural Route 21, Box 40
Terre Haute, IN 47601
912-277-4241

SUB OFFICE
207 Elm Street
Lafayette, IN 47904
317-447-0982

SUB OFFICE
State House 12, Room 100
Indianapolis, IN 46204-1100
317-223-7000

JOSEPH E. COHEN, Business Manager - JIMMIE L. STRANGE, Financial Secretary-Treasurer - ROBERT E. AUSTIN, Business Agent
CHARLES A. RUNYON, MARSHALL SYDNOR, Business Representatives

November 26, 1979

Mr. Joseph A. Walsh
General Secretary-Treasurer
United Association
901 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001

Dear Sir and Brother:

When the next Roll Call book is printed, I would appreciate it if you would change the names of the Officers of Local Union 157 on page 33 to read as follows: Grover C. Osborn, Business Manager, Jimmie L. Strange, Robert E. Austin, Charles A. Runyon, Marshall Sydnor, Joseph F. Osborn, William L. Fenton, Business Representatives.

The address and phone number will remain the same.

Thanking you in advance and with best wishes, I am

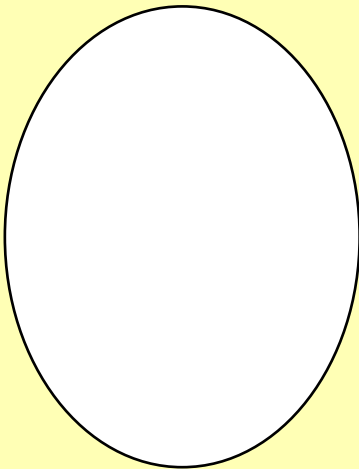
Fraternally yours,
Jimmie L. Strange
Jimmie L. Strange
Fin. Sec.-Treas.
U.A. Local No. 157

✓
JLS:bp
44#157
cc

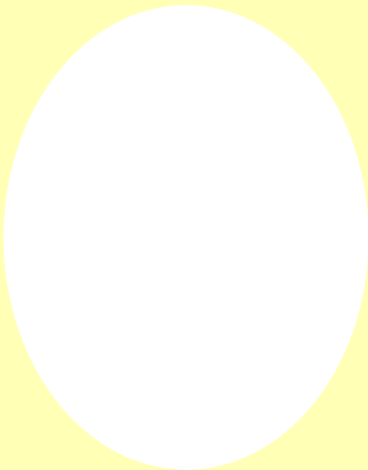
Letter above from Grover dated November 26, 1979 listing current Business Representatives. Jimmie L. Strange, Robert E. Austin, Charles A. Runyon, Marshall Sydnor, Joseph F. Osborn, William L. Fenton.



**Please help me with
missing Officers and
Appointees**



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I have tried to include each family with 3 or more generations in this next section. I'm sure there are families and members who have been left out. In the past 3 years I have asked for names and pictures from members several times but have received very few. Searching through all of the past editions of the Piping Industry News articles and anything else I could and continue to find up to the early 2000's, some pictures were located and have been added to the appropriate family's page. Obviously after scanning, some are of very low quality.

If your family has been left out or if you would like to have a better picture of your loved ones please send that information to mitchp53@gmail.com. I will be updating this ebook every three or four months and will replace the old info with the new.

*Thanks Again
Mitch Poynter*



**Families with
3 or more
Generations as
UA Members**



The Adams Family



Ken



Kenny Jr.



Matt



The Ashby Family



JIM



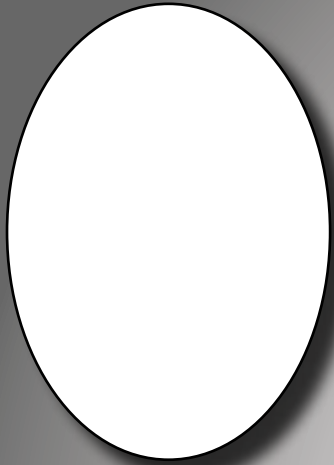
RICK



NICK



The Atkinson Family



Robert (Bob)



Timothy R.



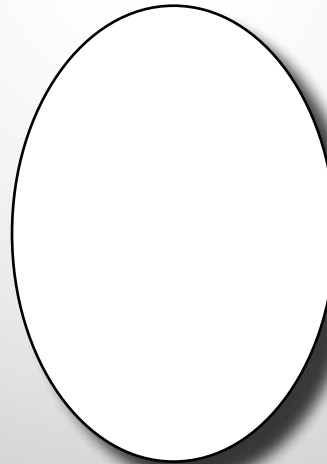
Jeffrey L.



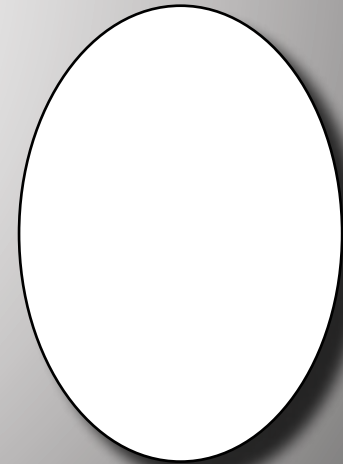
Stacy



Robbie



Michael



Cody



The Austin Family



Dick



Robert (Bob)



Bud



Edward



Ron Greenlee



Raymond (Bud)



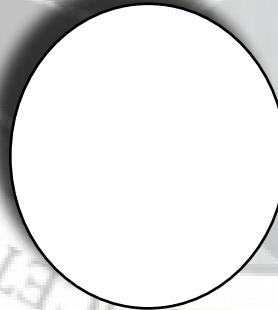
Randy



Joe



David Greenlee



**Ray
Moody**



Robert W.



**The Bennett
Family**



**Devon
"John"**



John



**Ashley
Thompson**



**Cody Thompson
(John's Son-in-Law)**



The Bouers Family



**Bobby Bouers
Jr.**



Kenneth Bouers



**L to R
Robert Jr., Robert Sr.
Kenny Bouers**



**Robert
Bouers Sr.**



The Buckallew Family



Paul



Jim



Tom



Brian



David



The Burch Family



**Left to Right - Hurschell (Daroll), Scott Michael, Michael Alan,
Greg Hutchison (Son-In-Law), little one is Trevor, Michael's
Grandson**



Michael



**Greg Hutchison
(Son-In-Law)**



The Clarks



Eston David



Clyne



Paul



Dwain



Eston/Keith



Billie



Jimmie



**Shane and
Clint**



The Cox Family



Ken Sr.



Ken Jr.



Ken III



The Crouch Family



**Wilbur E
Crouch Sr.**



**Carter Crouch
III**



**Wilbur E. (Red)
Crouch Jr.**



**Wilbur E (Web)
Crouch III**



Paul Crouch



**Carter Crouch
IV**



Loren Crouch



Matt Crouch



Andrew Crouch

PLUMBERS & STEAM FITTERS
LOCAL No. 157, U.A.

1952

PRES.

W.J. CRAWFORD

V. PRES.

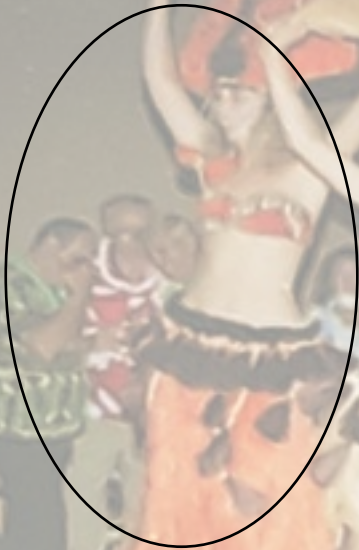
A. McCOSKEY

SEC. & TREAS.

BART L. CROUCH



The Cyr Family



Richard



Mike



David



Dick



Harley





The Decker Family



Joe



Bill



Steve



Shawn





The Dilg Family



John



Leslie



John



Pete





The Elliott Family



Ross



Bill



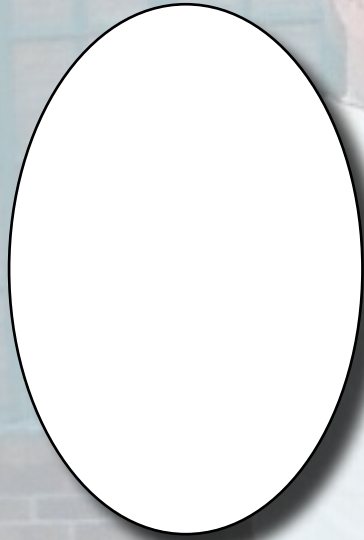
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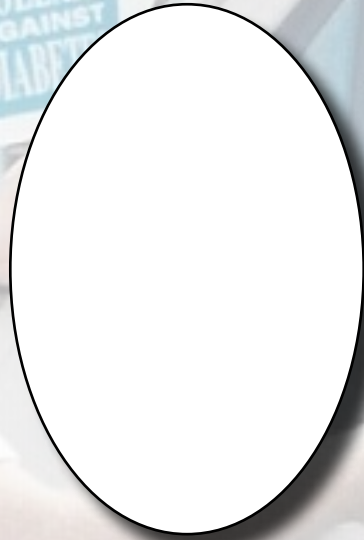
Austin



The Fitzpatrick Family



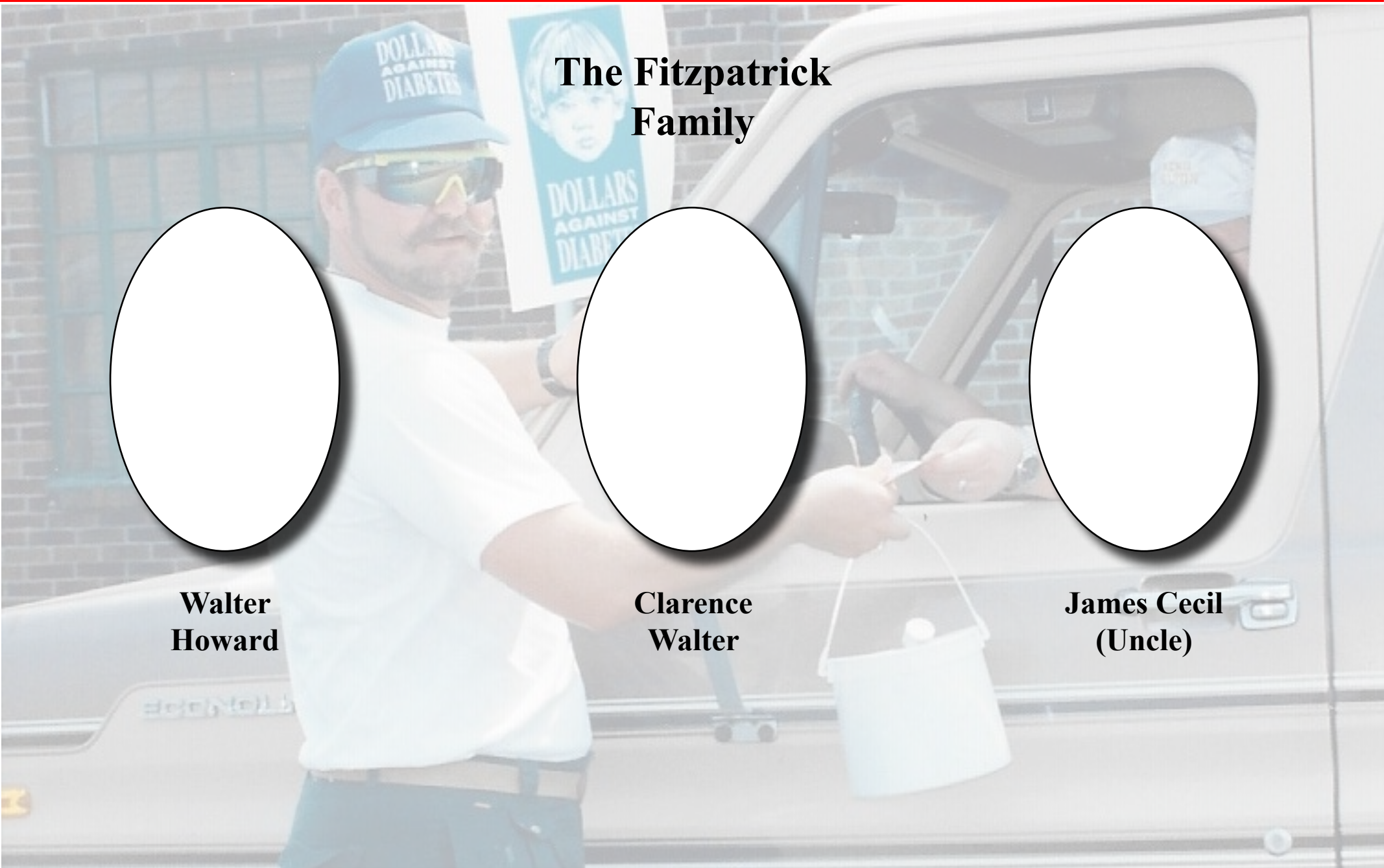
**Walter
Howard**



**Clarence
Walter**



**James Cecil
(Uncle)**





The Glover Family



Melvin



Roger



Brandon





The Giffel Family



Louis



Jim



James



The Hicks Family



C. Leroy



Paul Sr.



Dave



Paul Jr.



The Hightshoe Family



Clifford



Jack



Leslie "Les"



Jeff



Bill



James



(Left to Right) Brother Jack, Dad Clifford, and Bill in the Early 1970s.



**(Sitting) Charlie,
(Standing L to R) Don, Jay (age 10)**

The Jacobs



Larry Jacobs



Jay and Don Jacobs

HALL & KESSLER CO.

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The Kiser Family



**“Cadillac”
Jack Kiser**



**Jack (Rick)
Kiser Jr.**



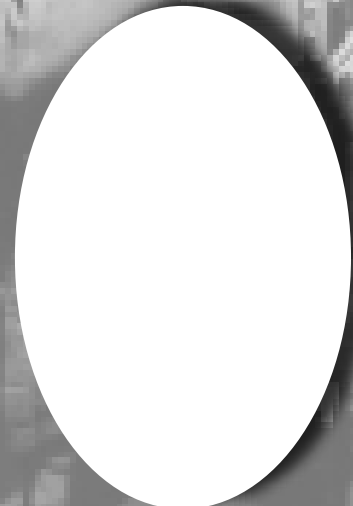
Keith Kiser



Rick Kiser



**Shaun Coomey
(Son-in-Law)**



**Troy Wheeldon
(Shaun’s Son)**



The Lawrance Family



**Gerald
(Jerry)**



**Harold
(Jimmy)**

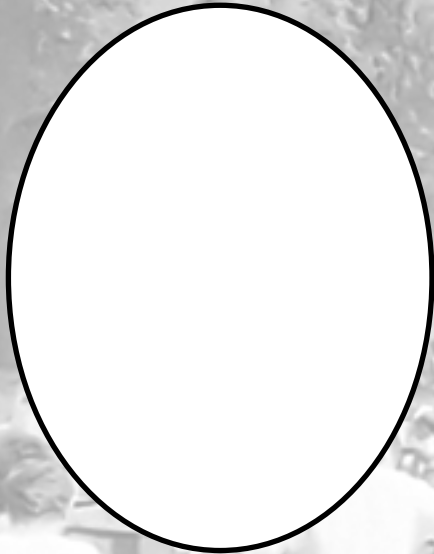


Skyler





The Lindley Family



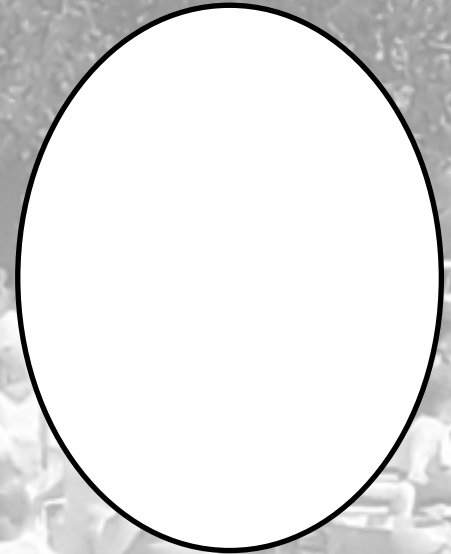
**Jerald
"Jerry"**



**Mark
"Friendly"**



Jeff



Jay



The Mahan Family



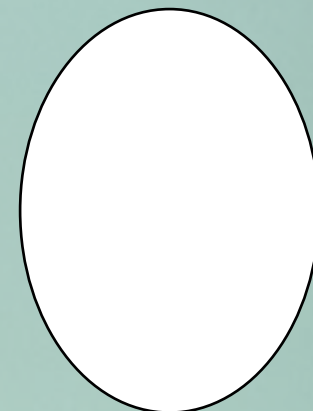
Jerry Mahan



Mark Morgan



**Stephanie Bowman
Morgan**



Seth Whitaker



**Jerry and son
Jerry Scott**



Steve Morgan



Zane Morgan



**Seth Whitaker with Mom
Stephanie Bowman Morgan and
Dad at his first Picnic
with
Bill Fenton**



The Mansard Family



Roger



Rocky



Ashley



Steve Kuhn

Jason Howard

Chase Howard



The Martin Family



Cicero



Paul



Tim



Pat



The Mattox Family

HONOR TWO IN UNION EVENT

High honors were won during the weekend by two apprentices of Local 157, Plumbers and Steamfitters Union, at the 13th annual Indiana State Apprentice Contest held in Fort Wayne. Several Terre Haute men also served on the committee in charge.

Both local apprentices took second place awards in the contest, sponsored by the Indiana Pipe Trades Contest Committee. Roy E. Mattox, Terre Haute, placed second in the plumber classification behind Samuel Astley, Local 73, Indianapolis. In the pipefitter category, William R. Hightshoe was runnerup to Merrill L. Swaidner, Local 166, Fort Wayne.

Mattox is employed by Freitag-Weinhardt and Hightshoe is with James Allen, Tuscola, Ill., contractor, at the Central Nitrogen plant, north of Terre Haute. Both are fifth-year apprentices.

Fifteen contestants participated in the event. Terre Haute men who served on the committee included James Pfleging, D. J. Pfleging & Son, Inc., and Louis Grandidier, City Plumbing and Heating.



Left to Right
Roy Mattox, Mike Mattox,
Tom Mattox and Roy Mattox Jr.





The Mattsey Family



Carl Blanton



Ken Mattsey



**Michael
Mattsey**





The McCandless Family



Cline Clark



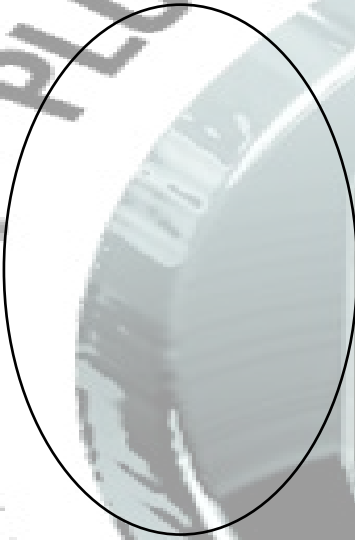
**Ron
McCandless**



**Kevin
McCandless**



**The McDaniel
Family**



Harold



Jerry



Cory



The McFadden Family



Left to Right - Patrick, Charles (Charlie), Zach





**The
McKnight
Family**



Chuck



John



Mark



Doug



Nick





The Meeks Family



Louis



Michael



**Albert Crowley
(Stepson)**



Melin Family



Joseph (Joe)



Jeremiah Melin



Andrew III



Matt



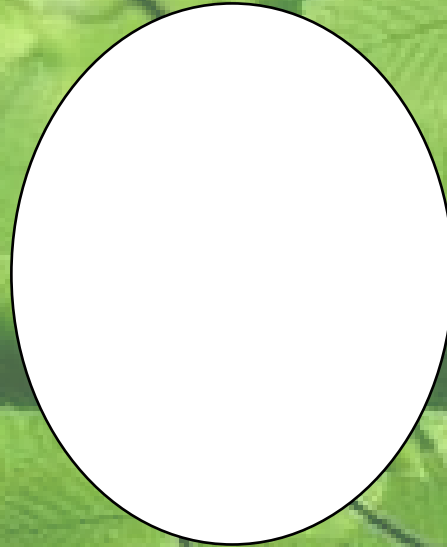
Andrew IV



Mitchell Family



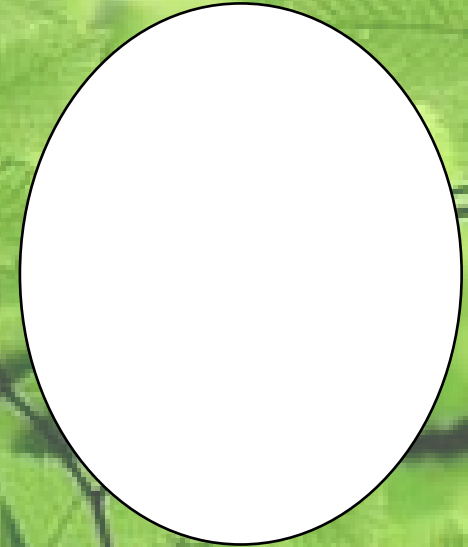
Dick



Ron



Lindell



Tyler



The Moore Family



Howard



Robert A



Andrew



**Anthony
(Tony)
(Dago)**



Terry



The Osborn Family



Floyd Sr.



Richard



Joshua



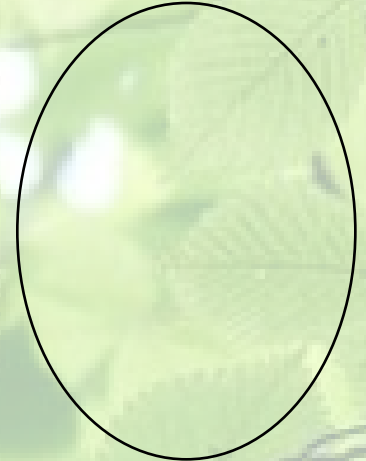
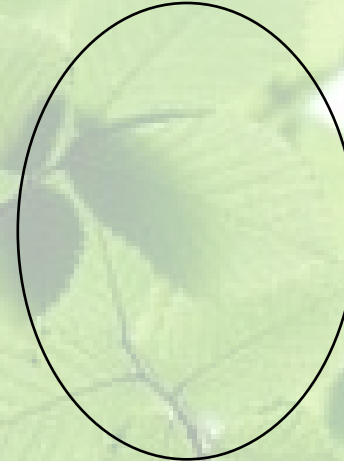
The Osborn Family



Grover



Estel Osborn



Joe



Mike



Joe Jr.



**Robert
(Buck)**



Steven



The Pearson Family



Steve



Left to Right - Steve Sr., Steve Jr., Skyler



Steve Jr.



The Ritchie Family



Norman



Brian





The Salem Family



L to R - Carl, Nick and Scott



The Schalburg Family



Adelbert



Joseph



Christian



**The Selvia
Family**

Arlie L. Sr.

Arlie Jr.

Benny

George

**Bob Dyer
Son-in-Law**

Gary



The Shaffer Family



Charles Sr.



David R. Sr.



**Harry B.
Uncle**



Charles Jr.



Steve



Strange



Byrl



Jimmie



J. B.



Jay



Jeff



The Sutfin Family



Harold (Juice), and
Francis Sutfin



Dick



Toni



The Swaner Family



Moris



Moris



David Swaner



Mike Swaner



Mark Swaner



**Mitchell
Swaner**



**The Thompson
Family**



Oscar Sr.



Oscar Jr.



Michael



The Underhill Family



Kevin



Doc



Center - Harold (Doc), Left - Kevin, Right - Dylan



The Vaughn Family



**Gene and
Virginia**



Bill



Curtis



Jason



The Wagner Family



Ed



Eddie



Luke



The Buchanan and
Wooten Families



**Aubrey
Buchanan**



Donnie Wooten

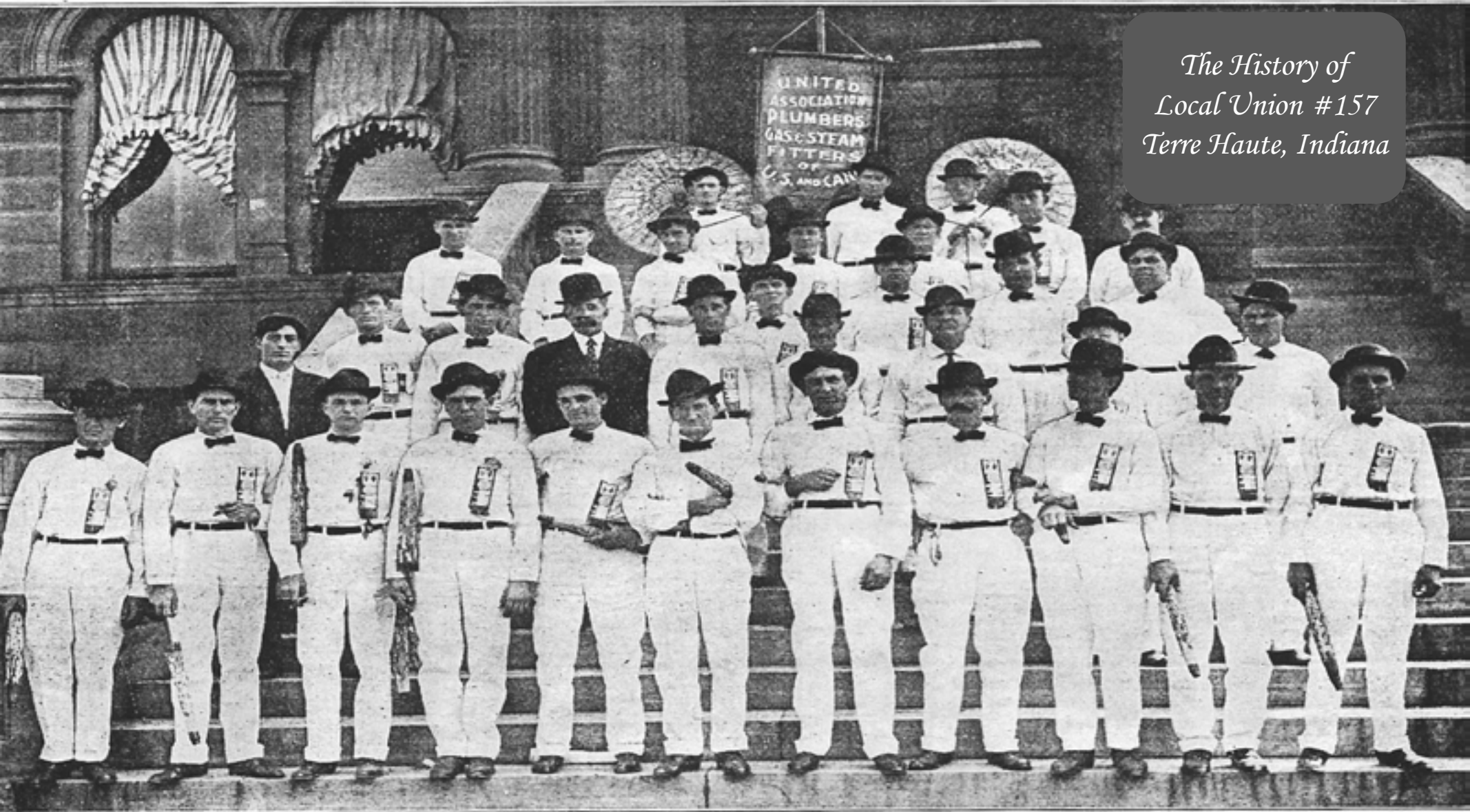


Jon Wooten



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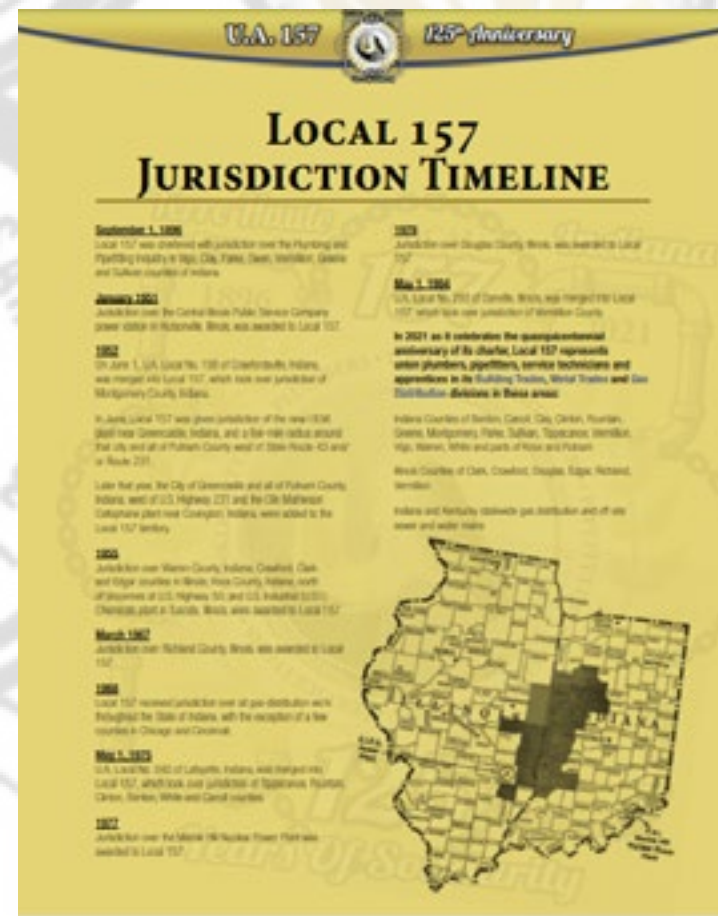
Local 157, Terre Haute, Ind. Labor Day Parade, 1908.



The United Association of Journeyman Plumbers, Gas Fitters, Steam Fitters and Steam Fitters' Helpers of the United States and Canada (U.A) chartered Local No. 157 in Terre Haute, Indiana, in 1894 and then again on September 1, 1896 to represent and serve the pipefitting industry and it's tradesmen in the city and seven surrounding counties in Indiana. One-Hundred and twenty-seven years later (2023) Local 157 has grown to a membership of more than 1,700 craftspeople in its building trades, metal trades, and gas distribution divisions, and its jurisdiction has grown to cover the building trades in all or portions of 16 counties in Indiana and six counties in Illinois and gas distribution over most of the State of Indiana and all of the State of Kentucky.

Throughout its history, the local's progress and development have been direct results of the commitment of and sacrifices made by officers and members. That enduring dynamic is highlighted in a booklet that Local 157 and the Plumbing, Heating and Cooling Contractors Association jointly produced in 1980 to "enlighten all affiliates and friends as to how management and labor can work together," entitled Working Together... Union & Management in The Piping Industry in The Indiana-Illinois Wabash Valley Area, which proclaims: ¹

"New programs covering many benefits of various kinds have been proposed by the officers and adopted by the (Local 157) membership. The unity and the willingness of the mebers to unite behind and support elected and paid officers made these oustanding accomplishments possible."



1 125th Anniversary Commemorative History - Union Histories: Head Historian: Calvin Jefferson,
Research Assistant & Proofreader: Ann Wilkins Jefferson, Art Direction: Andy Taucher, Layout & Design: Steven Demanett (2021) pg. 7

Local 157 Terre Haute Indiana 125 Years of Solidarity



Quasquicentennial
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After a two year suspension due to its inability to sustain a total membership of 7, a group of the city's plumbers, steamfitters and gas-fitters met on July 22, 1896, and organized again with the intention of obtaining another charter from the U.A.- And even elected officers that evening for their potential local, including **President Benjamin F. Herr**. Eight days later during another meeting on July 30, the group voted to have its secretary, **Brother James C. Thompson**, write a letter to each plumber and steamfitter in the City of Terre Haute "inviting them to our next meeting". The plumbers and fitters further elected to have their charter "left open" for 30 days for new members to join at a \$1 initiation fee.



After 10 members of the group signed and submitted a charter application to the U.A., The international union issued a charter on September 1, 1896, designating the plumbers and steamfitters of Terre Haute as Local No. 1578. The group was officially installed as a local union during a meeting on September 30 when U.A. Special organizer **Brother James L. Kenney** of Local No. 73 of Indianapolis formally inducted the local and its members into the union.

Meanwhile, Local 157 Officers and members had been gathering regularly to conduct business and build their organization. For instance, during a meeting on September 6, the local "made arrangements to turn out as a body" for Labor

U.A. Organized Over 130 Years Ago

With a general Lack of stable, national organizations to represent steamfitters and plumbers at the time, Patrick J. Quinlan (left), a plumber from Boston, sent a letter to R. A. O'Brien, a plumber in Washington, D.C. on April 25, 1899, proposing the formation of a new, national pip-trades union. Subsequently, on October 7, 1889, 40 delegates from 23 piping-trades locals in 10 states and the District of Columbia assembled in Washington for a convention. Four days later, on October 11, 1889, the united association of Journeyman Plumbers, Gas Fitters, Steam Fitters and Steam Fitters' Helpers of the United States and Canada (U.A.) was born. The U.A. Selected Brother Quinlan as its president, Brother Henry Collins of New Yourk City as its vice president and Brother O'Brien (lower left) as its secretary-treasurer.



Meanwhile, most steamfitters were attempting to sustain their own national union, the National Association of Steam, Hot Water and Power Piping Fitters and Helpers, that they had formed in 1888, soon after which it would become the International Association (I.A.). For two decades, however, the two piping unions clashed regularly over jurisdiction - before the Amrican Fedewration of Labor (A.F.L.) Ordered the IA to amalgamate into the U.A. in 1912.

Day festivities in the city the following day, according to meeting minutes - although members working for D. W. Watson and Company were excused because "the firm had so much work that they would not WWallow their employees to lay off that day".



Local 157 Charter Members

These 10 men signed the United Association application for Local for Local 157's initial charter, which the union granted to them on September 1, 1896.

Fred A. "Fritz" Arieth

Marley Boyer

Harry Coppage

Phillip Dinges

Louis Jentz

John Lusner

Johnathan O'Donnell

Frank Rinnington

George Schaeffer

James C. Thompson



Having been inaugurated into the U.A., the local's members voted 10 days later during a meeting on October 10, 1896, that its monthly membership dues would be 50

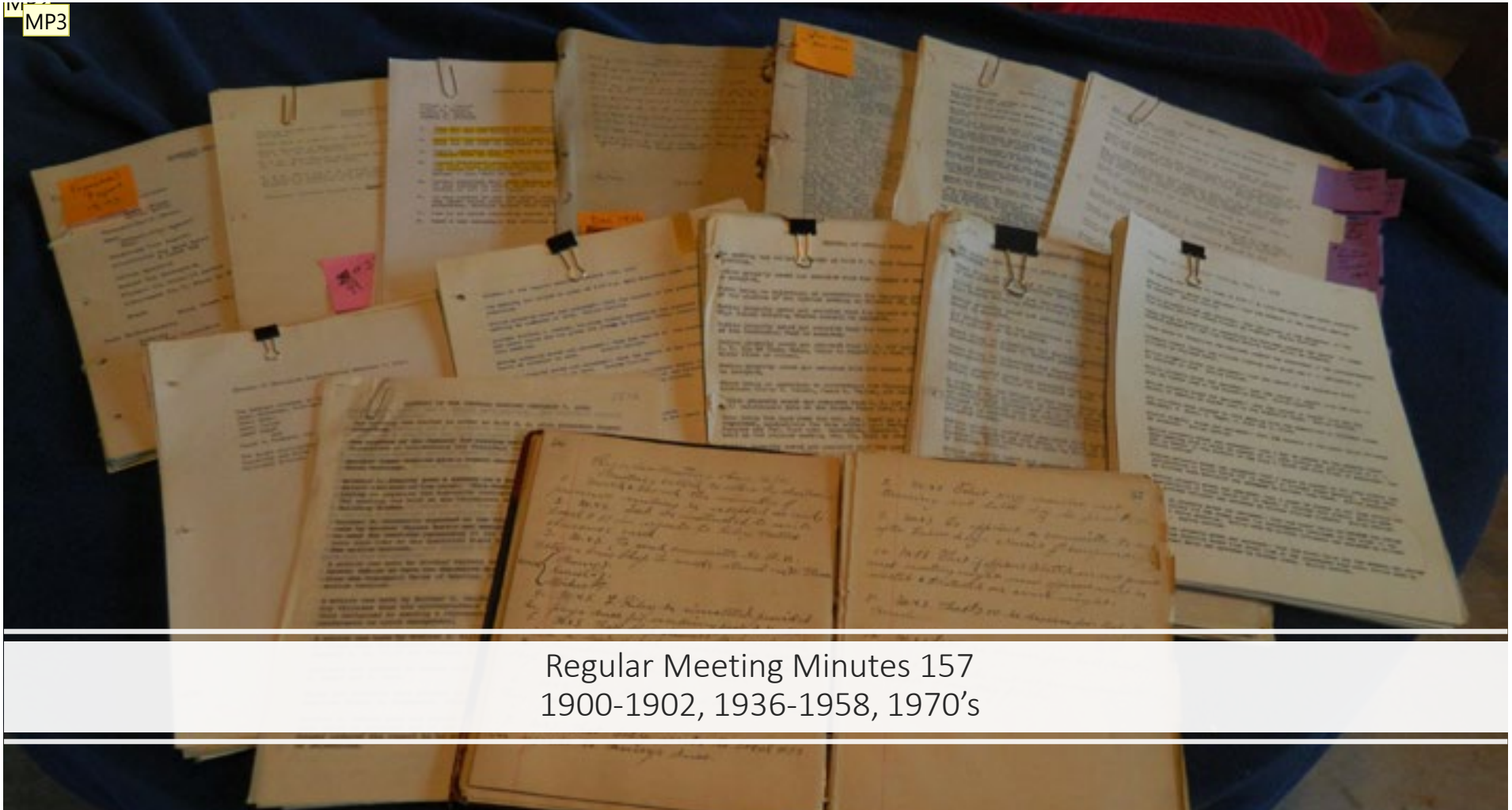
cents per month or \$1.50 per quarter to be paid in advance. Members also elected to have the local's charter members pay a reduced \$1.05 in dues for the first three upcoming months.

However, the final few years of the 1890s and the 19th Century were a very unstable period financially for the building and construction industry in the Greater Terre Haute region and across the nation. As a result, very little work was available for Local 157 members, many

of whom could not afford to pay dues, and for some time between 1896 and 1898 the local was inactive. As the local worked to get back on its feet, sometime in 1898 it consisted of seven plumbers, six steamfitters and a single gasfitter and the wage scale for its journeyman members was 22 1/2 cents per hour for 10-hour workdays, six days per week. The local's "helpers" (apprentices) were paid \$2.50 for 60 hours, with no premium pay for working additional hours.

*Richard A. Whisen Don Sir and
Brother I take the liberty of
addressing a few lines to you at the
suggestion of Mr. Grace to obtain
your views as regards the formation
of the United Brotherhood I fully
understand the position you are
placed in and for that reason
anything that passes between us
will be strictly confidential here*

*both organizations as a basis to work
on with such improvements as will
build up a stronger union
that relying upon your experience
and good judgment I should like
to have your opinion upon what
should be the best methods of uniting
the whole craft.
Yours Fraternally
R. Whisen*



Regular Meeting Minutes 157
1900-1902, 1936-1958, 1970's

Above is the collection of Meeting Minute Books for Local 157. At the time of this writing, 1908-1935 Minute Meeting Books have as yet to be located.



Listed below are the number of locals that were considered active at the end of each year from 1890-1896.

12/1889 - 2

12/1890 - 46 LUS

12/1891 – 78 LUS

12/1892 – 98 LUS

12/1893 – 118 LUS

12/1894 – 130 LUS

12/1895 – 139 LUS

12/1896 – 137 LUS

There were approximately 162 LUS chartered from 1889-1896 & 45 of those locals are still active.

At this time (2019) there are a total of 280 Locals in the U. A.

Local 157 is one out of 45 Locals in the United States and Canada which has reached the milestone of 125 years of activity.

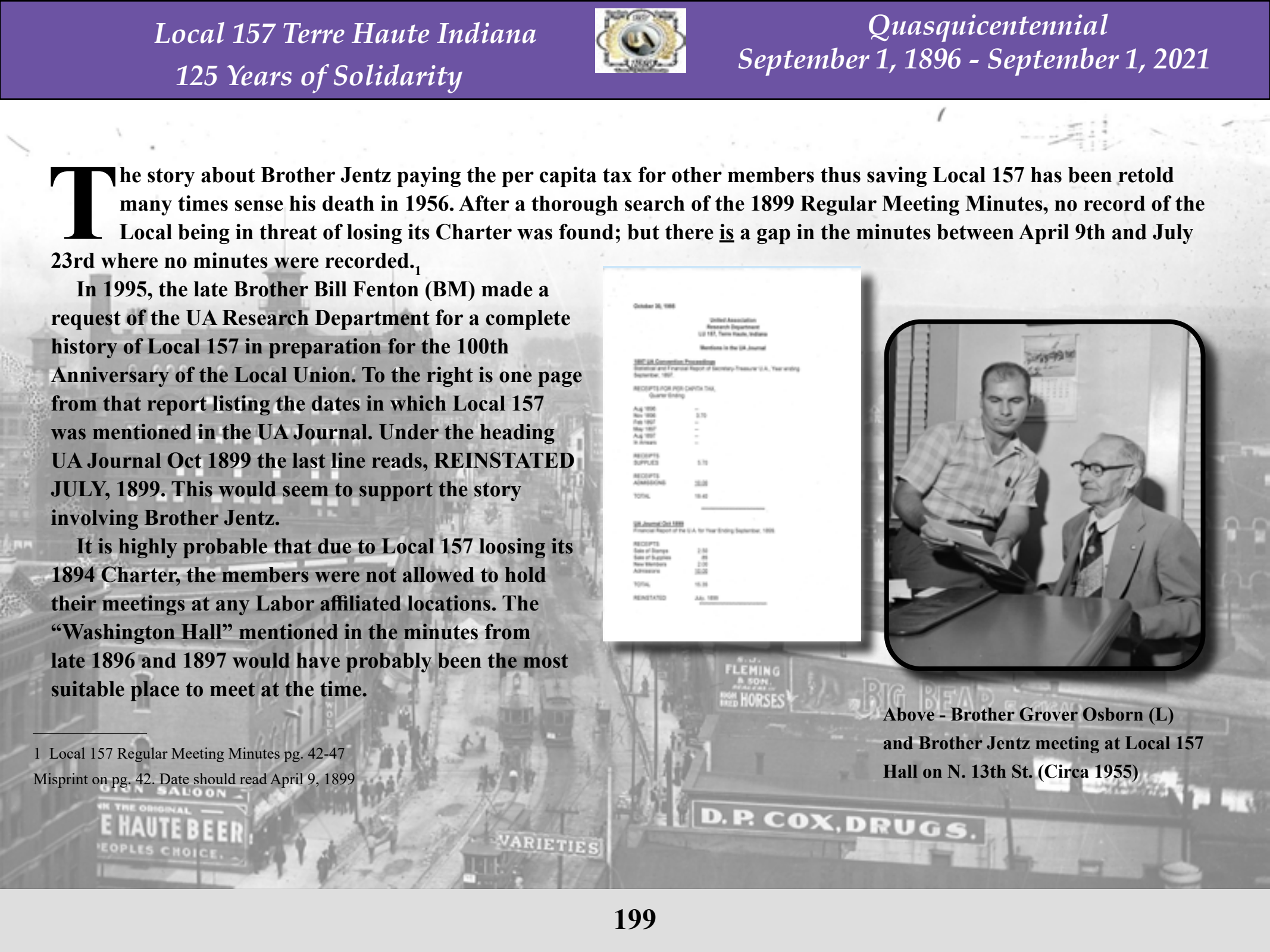
**The data above was collected in 2019.
Statistics have not been updated to 2022.**



The story about Brother Jentz paying the per capita tax for other members thus saving Local 157 has been retold many times since his death in 1956. After a thorough search of the 1899 Regular Meeting Minutes, no record of the Local being in threat of losing its Charter was found; but there is a gap in the minutes between April 9th and July 23rd where no minutes were recorded.¹

In 1995, the late Brother Bill Fenton (BM) made a request of the UA Research Department for a complete history of Local 157 in preparation for the 100th Anniversary of the Local Union. To the right is one page from that report listing the dates in which Local 157 was mentioned in the UA Journal. Under the heading UA Journal Oct 1899 the last line reads, REINSTATED JULY, 1899. This would seem to support the story involving Brother Jentz.

It is highly probable that due to Local 157 losing its 1894 Charter, the members were not allowed to hold their meetings at any Labor affiliated locations. The “Washington Hall” mentioned in the minutes from late 1896 and 1897 would have probably been the most suitable place to meet at the time.



October 30, 1899

United Association
Research Department
110 1st, Terre Haute, Indiana

Minutes in the UA Journal

1899 UA Convention Proceedings
Summary and Financial Report of Secretary-Treasurer (L.A., Year ending September, 1897)

RECEIPTS FOR PER-CAPITA TAX,
Quarter Ending

Aug 1896	—
Nov 1896	5.75
Feb 1897	—
May 1897	—
Aug 1897	—
In Arrears	—

RECEIPTS SUPPLIES 5.75

RECEIPTS ADVERTISEMENTS 25.00

TOTAL 30.75

UA Journal Oct 1899
Financial Report of the U.A. for Year Ending September, 1899

RECEIPTS	2.50
Sale of Ranges	.25
Sale of Supplies	2.25
New Members	25.00
Admissions	25.00
TOTAL	35.00
REINSTATED	JULY 1899



Above - Brother Grover Osborn (L)
and Brother Jentz meeting at Local 157
Hall on N. 13th St. (Circa 1955)

¹ Local 157 Regular Meeting Minutes pg. 42-47
Misprint on pg. 42. Date should read April 9, 1899



Local Union #157 Chartered in 1894 Rechartered in 1896

On January 20, 1957 Dorothy J. Clark, a reporter for the Terre Haute Tribune wrote an article titled *Early Plumbers of Terre Haute*. The article included a lengthy interview with John Dilg who was an early member of Local 157. Brother Dilg was the first of what would ultimately include three more generations of 157 members.

To learn more about the early plumbing trade, I talked to Terre Haute's oldest plumber, John Dilg, 1614 Garfield avenue, who is 81 years old. He was born in Terre Haute in 1876, the son of Peter Dilg, a carpenter for the Pennsylvania Railroad. They lived at 1442 Eagle and Mr. Dilg attended the Fifth Ward School at Twelfth and Chestnut streets.

Ten Cents An Hour.

He began his plumber's apprenticeship with D. W. Watson & Sons at the now almost unbelievable sum of 10 cents an hour. This was a three-year apprenticeship, graduating to a journeyman's wages of

Clark started her interview with brother Dilg by stating, *"To learn more about the early plumbing trade, I talked to Terre Haute's oldest plumber, John Dilg, 1614 Garfield avenue, who is 81 years old"* (sic).

In the article to the left, brother Dilg begins his recollections by stating that he started out as an apprentice¹ at the "unbelievable sum of 10 cents an hour". At that time the 157 apprenticeship was a 3 year program.² Soon he was making \$2.50 for a 10 hour day. By 1899 he told the reporter that he was earning \$7.50 a week.

Brother Dilg stated that, *"The big difference in the work of present times and those early times was that in those days we used lead pipe, and now iron pipe is used. You had to be a real mechanic to work with lead, joining the end sections of pipe with solder was ticklish, painstaking work"*.³

1 Most likely brother Dilg's apprenticeship was as a member of Local 157

2 See "Apprentice" pg. 264

3 Interview



...of the ground floor and the residence on the second floor, the... arrangement in those days.

Business prospered and in 1900 the... of 104 Main (Wabash) street... office was leased. This was a brick structure with a stone front and was the most profitable business building at that time. It was the first view from business house here.

Tried for Business.

In 1900 Mr. Watson also engaged in the ice business as a salaried, but unfortunately contracted pneumonia and had to quit that venture. He continued the painting and gas fitting business until his death in 1910. His son, John C. Watson, carried on the business and in 1910 the City of D. W. Watson's Sons Co. was formed. In 1908 the company secured a large electric contract on South Fourth street.

Frank Press, who came to Terre Haute in 1910, was another pioneer in the plumbing trade. In 1915 he secured a partnership with D. W. Watson to do gas fitting, appraising and plumbing, known as Watson & Press. Two years later, however, in 1917, he engaged in business for himself at 377 Wabash, after moving to 17-19 North Main street. Depending on the father, Frank Press learned a lesson from W. E. Watson and John F. Williams and the new company purchased the Phoenix Foundry and Machine Co. in 1918 and erected additional large buildings which occupied a whole block on North Main.

Increase of Home Rule.

In 1910 Mr. Press became the sole owner of the business. He was an inventor of many new and among other things, invented steam and hot water appliances of great value. His son, John Press, had learned the plumbing trade in his father's shop that learned in the second block on North Main street and after several years in the trade, he became associated with his father in the plumbing and supply business on Wabash—later moving to North Eighth street. When the older Press retired, he disposed of his interests in the business to Mr. Burns, who was formerly associated with John Press in business. The Press & Burns Company was the largest of its kind in Terre Haute and did business throughout Indiana. John Press died in 1922.

To learn more about the early plumbing trade, I talked to Charles Dilg's oldest son, John Dilg, 104 Garfield avenue, who is 81 years old. He was born in Terre Haute in 1923. The son of John Dilg, a carpenter for the French family followed. They lived at 104 Eagle and Mr. Dilg attended the First Ward School at Tenth and Chestnut streets.

Too Close to Home.

He began his plumber's apprenticeship with D. W. Watson & Sons at the new street waterworks in 1910 as an hour. This was a three-year apprenticeship paid salary in a journeyman's wages at

...to a most successful work with local, being the last section of pipe with water was left, pending work."

The plumber's union, suffered with growing pains and stood many strikes lasting from three to as long as eight months. During the three of strikes many of the union plumbers would leave Terre Haute temporarily to find work in other cities. Mr. Dilg remembers working in Indianapolis on the job when the Chicago Heat was being built. He has worked in Chicago, French Lick and during World War I was working in Lumberton, Ky. Here in Terre Haute he has worked on the Steel Country and Terre Haute Street Plumbing establishments. Before his retirement two years ago because of ill health, he was the city's plumbing inspector.

Life Membership.

On Sept. 1, 1920, Local Union 212 gave life membership cards to D.A. Indiana union to Louis C. Dilg, initiated in 1906 and a charter member of the local, who had recently passed away. Mr. Dilg, who was initiated in 1906, and Robert Press, who was initiated in 1910, who has also passed away, leaving Mr. Dilg as the oldest plumber in the local union. Mr. Press is another veteran plumber who remembers one of his first jobs was the installation of the plumbing at the Union Depot.

Mr. Dilg remembered that when he was a young boy a favorite winter sport was ice skating on the old canal, starting at Ninth and Orchard and Wabash, on down to Proctor street. Another thrill was skateboarding on Strawberry Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Dilg have three children, a son Herman, living in Silver Springs, Md.; a son Louis, who is a national organizer for the plumber's union in Washington, D. C., and a daughter Helen, now Mrs. Robert Decker of Detroit, Mich.

Local Union 217 was organized first in 1894 but lost its charter as the membership dropped below seven members. Again in 1906 a little group of seven or eight men obtained a charter, and the membership has grown to 1,161 at the present time. This local covers a large territory comprised of 10 counties in Indiana and three counties in Illinois.

COSTLY CONFUSION

CHARLOTTE, N. C.—A man came before Superior Court Judge J. C. Ziehl on charges that he had taken a second wife, who bore him two children, while he remained married to his first wife, mother of four.

"How old are your last two children?" Ziehl asked him.

"My, the oldest is a year and six months and the youngest is 14 months," said the defendant, apparently a bit flustered.

"That can't be right," the judge pointed. "What was the date of your last birth?"

"June 28th," said the defendant. He got 12 months, suspended, and asked to support all six children.

Local Union 157 was organized first in 1894 but lost its charter as the membership dropped below seven members. Again in 1896 a little group of seven or eight men obtained a charter, and the membership has grown to 1,161 at the present time. This local covers a large territory comprised of 10 counties in Indiana and three counties in Illinois.

COSTLY CONFUSION

To the left is the article from the Tribune giving Brother Dilg's report of when and how Local 157 lost it's first charter and when it received its charter the second time from the UA.

Above is a blow-up of the section describing the events. As a result of losing its first charter, the Local's original identification number would have been given to another Local by the U.A.. The UA research department has been unable to identify the original number previously assigned to Local #157.



Charter Reissued

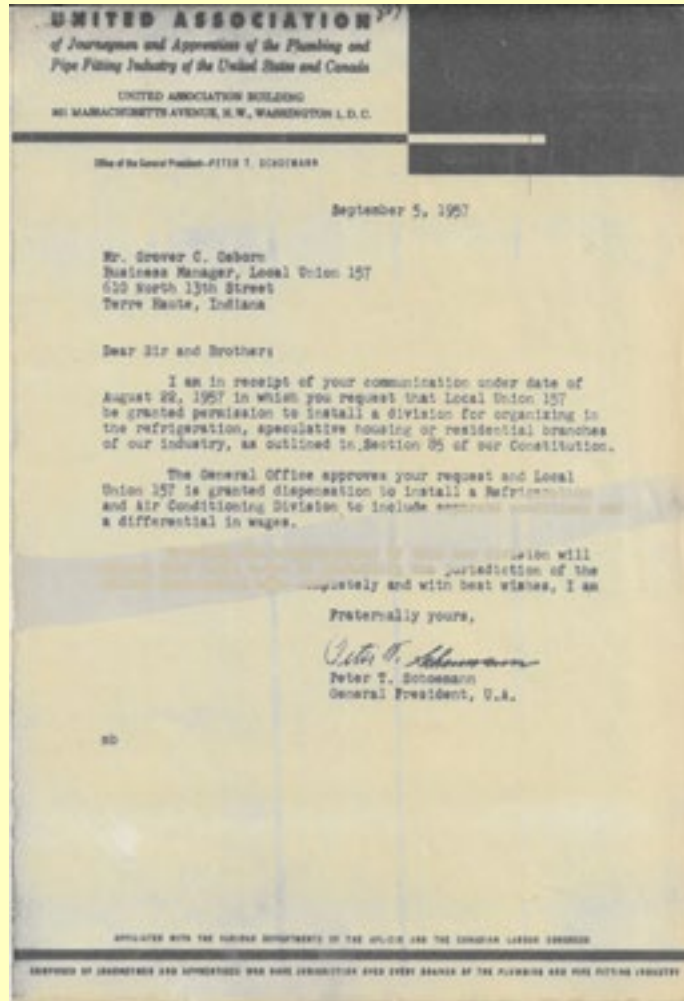
The Charter on the left was assigned to Local 157 Terre Haute, Indiana on September 1, 1896 and signed by UA General President, M. J. Moran. It lists "Building Trades". The Charter on the right was reissued in 1942 by the UA and signed by Martin Durkin (President UA) The reissued charters indicate the trade divisions, instead of the individual crafts, which was directed by the UA Convention held in 1946."



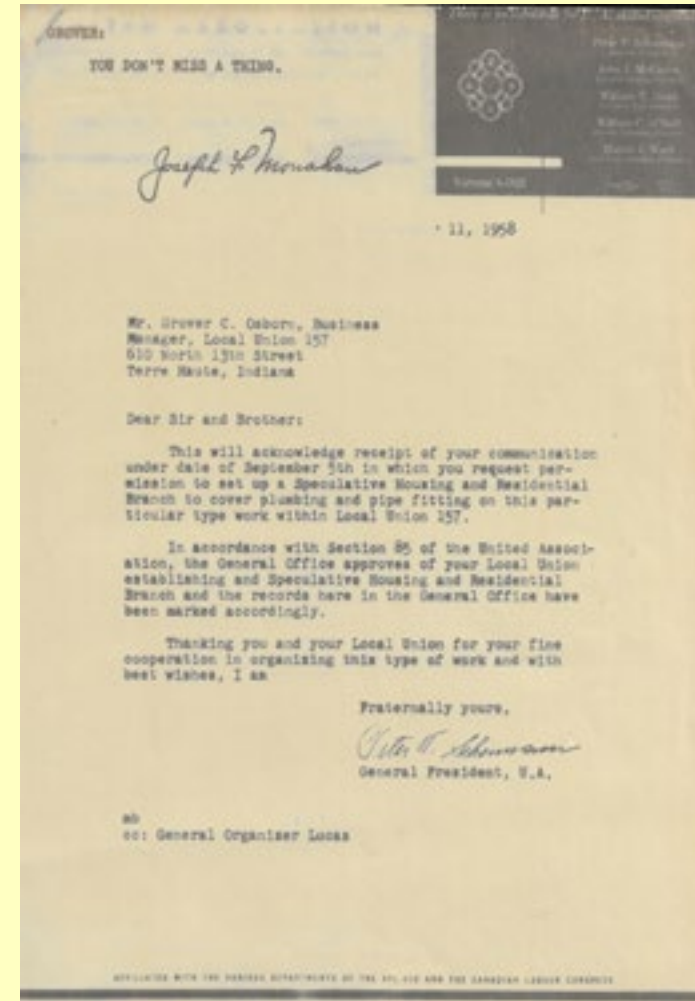
Local 157 Terre Haute Indiana 125 Years of Solidarity



Quasiquicentennial
September 1, 1896 - September 1, 2021



Above - Letter to Grover from General President Schoemann dated September 5, 1957 giving permission to Local 157 to establish a Speculative Housing and Residential Branch to "Cover plumbing and pipe fitting on this particular type work within Local Union 157"



Above - Letter to Grover from General President Schoemann dated September 5, 1957 giving permission to Local 157 to, "Install a division for organizing in the refrigeration, speculative housing or residential branches of our industry, as outlined in Section 85 of our Constitution"



Local 157 Headquarters

There are at least two different lists naming the Local's past locations. To the left is the list provided by the UA in 1995. The origin for the list on the following page is unknown.

October 27, 1995

United Association
Research Department

LU 157, Terre Haute, Indiana

MEETING HALLS, 1904 - 1946

Date	Location
1896-?	Washington Hall
01/1904- 02/1911	Regular meeting every Monday evening at 8 PM at Central Labor Union Hall.
03/1911- 04/1914	Regular meeting every Monday evening at 8 PM at S.T.C. Hall.
05/1914- 12/1915	Regular meeting every Wednesday night at Bartender's Hall, 503½ Wabash Av.
01/1916- 01/1916	Regular meeting every Wednesday night at German Hall, 20 S. 9th St.
02/1916- 01/1917	Regular meeting every Monday night at German Hall, 20 S. 9th St.
02/1917- 07/1922	Regular meeting every Tuesday night at 642½ Main St., Central Labor Union Hall.
08/1922- 11/1922	Regular 2-4th Tuesday at 642½ Wabash Av., Central Labor Union Hall.
12/1922- 07/1943##	Meet 1-3 Tuesday Labor Temple, 5th and Walnut St.
02/1944- ---	Meet 1-3 Tuesday Labor Temple, South 5th St.
7 - 1971	Local 157 Union Hall, N. 13th St.
1971 - Present	Local 157 Union Hall and Recreat 8801 E. Milner Ave. Seelyville



Meeting Hall Locations 1904-1952

- **(Old Central Labor Hall 1896)₁**
- **1916-1917 Germania Hall at 18-20 N. Ninth St. (Current site of Thompson Thrift Development offices)**
- **1917-1922 - 642 ½ Main Street, Terre Haute – Central Labor Union Hall, also known as the Building Trades Hall**
- **08/22-11/22 – 642 ½ Wabash Av. Terre Haute**
- **1922-1943 - 5th and Walnut Streets Terre Haute (moved here at “conclusion of WWI) Also known as the “Phoenix Club Building.”**
- **1952 Letter addressed to this address by Durkin concerning 156 Merger 157 Office was moved to Old Terminal Arcade Building 822 Wabash Ave Terre Haute, IN (116 S. 6th Street) Terre Haute after 1940. “Closed, largely the result of automobiles making interurban superfluous.”**
- **Grover moved the headquarters in a store building on the corner of N. 13th and Spruce Streets where there were facilities for offices and a meeting room for the Membership Testimonial Honoring Grover C. Osborn, By Ned A. Bush, Sr. Executive Vice President Eugene V. Debs Foundation**
- **1952 Moved to new office building at 610 N. 13th Street**
- **There is some mention in News Paper clippings of meetings being held at the Labor Temple, 201 S Fifth St. in the 50s**

₁ This information is incorrect. Regular Meeting Minutes list the Washington Hall as the Headquarters for Local 157 in June 1896.

A search of the City Directories at the Vigo County Library found the Central Labor Union Hall listed in the 1920 publication at 624 1/2 Wabash, which would have been to the left of where The City Center Apartments are located today. In the 1915 Publication it also lists the Building Trade Hall at the same address. The 1915 edition also lists the Phoenix Club House at 203 S. 5th & Walnut. ₁

₁ At this time, no pictures or other information has been found for the Headquarters locations from 1904-1915.



The following list was compiled from City Directories at the Vigo County Library

1896-Washington Hall 802 1/2 Wabash Avenue, Terre Haute
1901-Union Hall 626 1/2 Wabash Avenue
1906-Union Hall 806 1/2 Wabash Avenue
1907-Union Hall 624 1/2 Wabash Avenue
1908-Union Hall 5th and Wabash Avenue
1912-Union Hall 624 1/2 Wabash Avenue
1915-Union Hall 20 South 9th Street
1918-Union Hall 1358 Chestnut Street
1922-Central Labor Union Hall 2614 South 6th Street
1925-Labor Temple South 5th and Walnut
1944-Union Hall 121 South 8th Street, 201 South 5th Street
1947-116 South 6th Street
1952-Arcade Building
1954-Union Hall 610 North 13th Street

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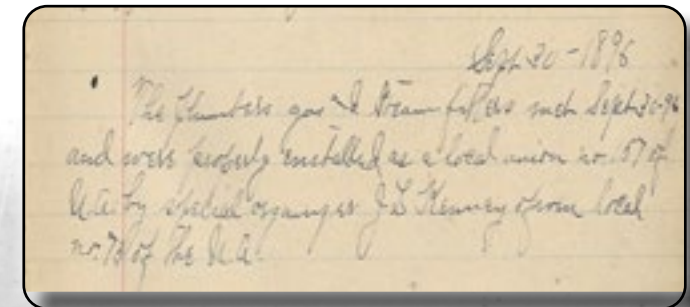


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To the right is a section found on page #21 of the 1896 Regular Meeting Minutes Book. It reads as follows.

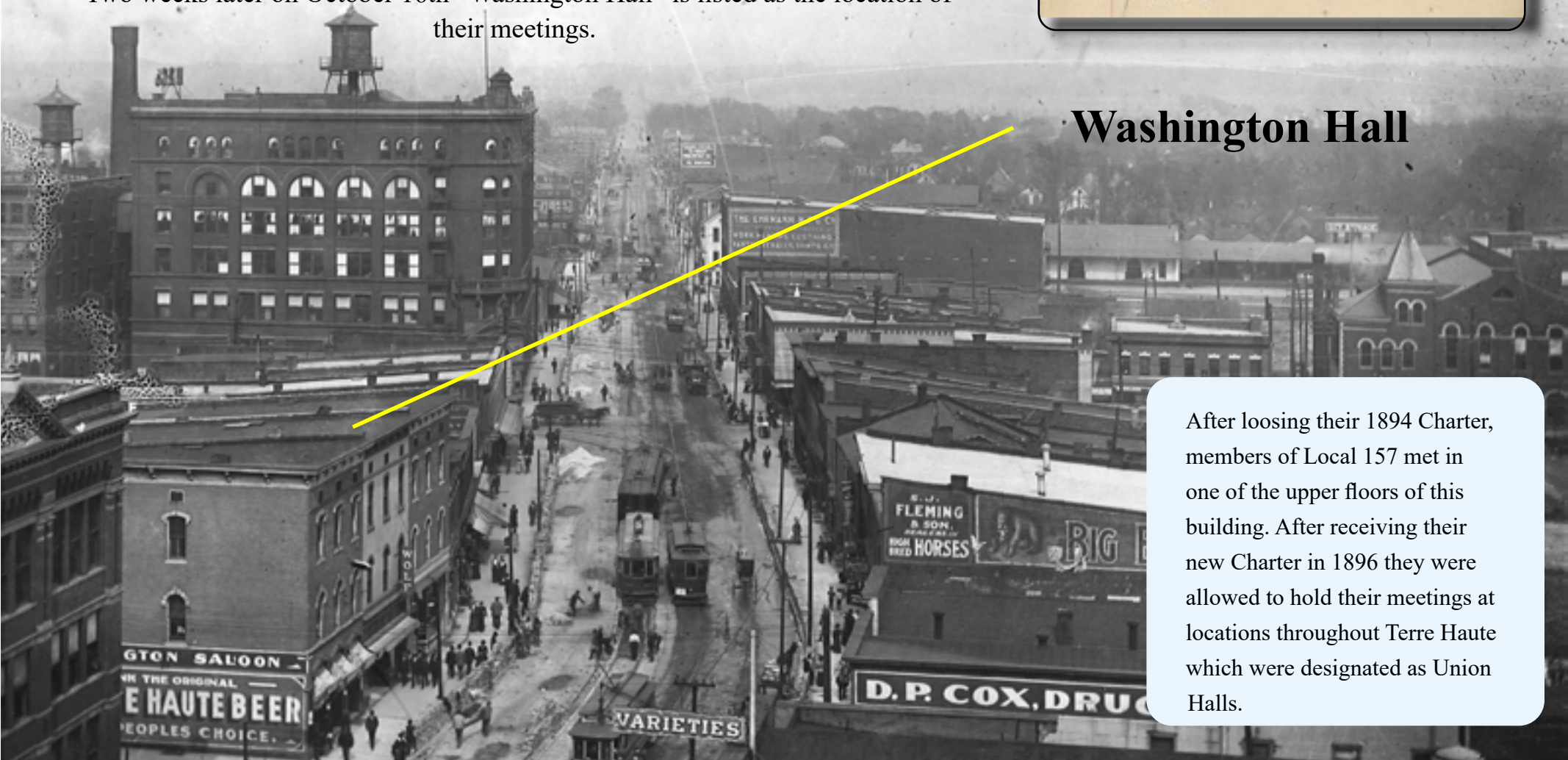
The Plumbers Gas and Steamfitters met Sept 30-96 and were properly installed as a local Union no. 157 of the U.A. by special organizer J. L. Kenney from Local no. 73 of the U.A. (sic)

Two weeks later on October 16th "Washington Hall" is listed as the location of their meetings.



Washington Hall

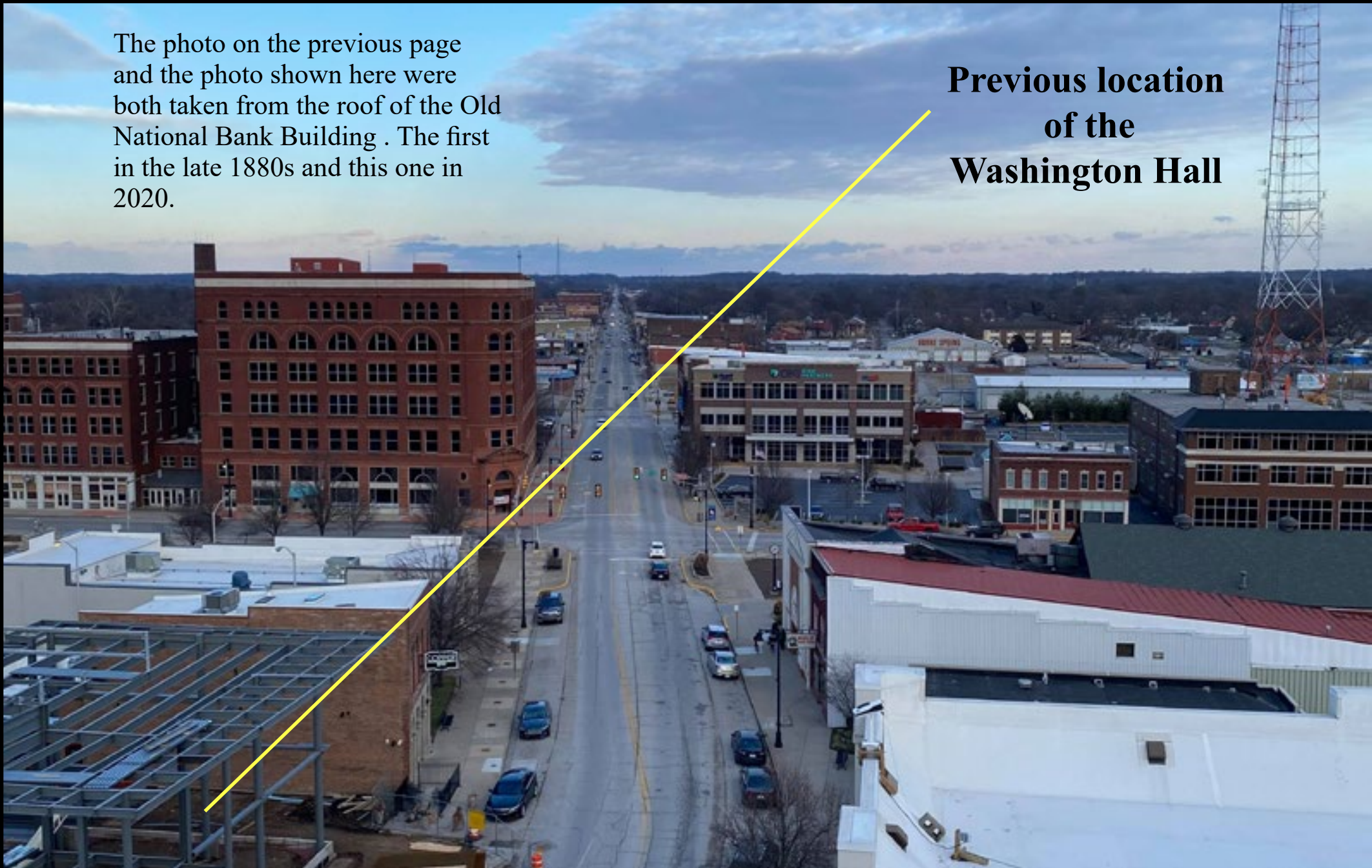
After losing their 1894 Charter, members of Local 157 met in one of the upper floors of this building. After receiving their new Charter in 1896 they were allowed to hold their meetings at locations throughout Terre Haute which were designated as Union Halls.





The photo on the previous page and the photo shown here were both taken from the roof of the Old National Bank Building. The first in the late 1880s and this one in 2020.

**Previous location
of the
Washington Hall**





**The former
Washington
Hall
Ca. 1960's**





**Demolition of the Washington Hall
Circa 1990**



15

M. & S. The Committee that went to Maxville bedischarge
M. & S. That a Committee be appointed to see the Trustees of
the C. L. U. and try to get the hall rent for the
special meetings reduced, the Committee is
F. Von Ende, Harry Coppage, Jim Thompson
M. & S. That the secretary write to the secy of the
master Plumbers, telling him to name the
time & place when & where to meet our Committee
which is composed of Fritz Von Ende Chairman
Joe Cavanaugh Jim Thompson Ad. Tappenberg
M. & S. To adjourn untill Nov. 4th 10 A.M.

The Special meeting of November the 4th
was called to Order by President J. Thompson
M. & S. The minutes of the previous meeting be
accepted as read
M. & S. That the Report of the committee to see the
C. L. U. about reducing the hall rent for
special meetings be accepted as read and
the Committee continued, the C. L. U.
reduced the Rent from \$1.00 to 50¢ per meeting
M. & S. \$6.50 be appropriated for Hall rent
Receipts \$6.50
Disbursements \$6.50
M. & S. To adjourn untill November 5th 10 A.M.

The Meeting Minutes dated, November 3, 1903 records the discussions held during a Special Meeting by the officers and members of Local 157.

At one point a motion was Moved and Seconded (M&S) concerning the rent being paid to use the Union Hall for “Special Meeting”.

“... the report of the committee to see the C. L. U. (Central Labor Union) about reducing the Hall rent for Special Meetings be accepted ...” The rent was eventually reduced from \$1.00 to \$.50 per meeting.

Apparently Local 157 was holding its “Special Meetings” at the Central Labor Union Hall in Terre Haute, possibly up to the time they moved to the Germania Hall on South 9th Street in 1916.¹

¹ Up to the date of this writing, no Local 157 Meeting Minutes have been located for the years 1907-1938.

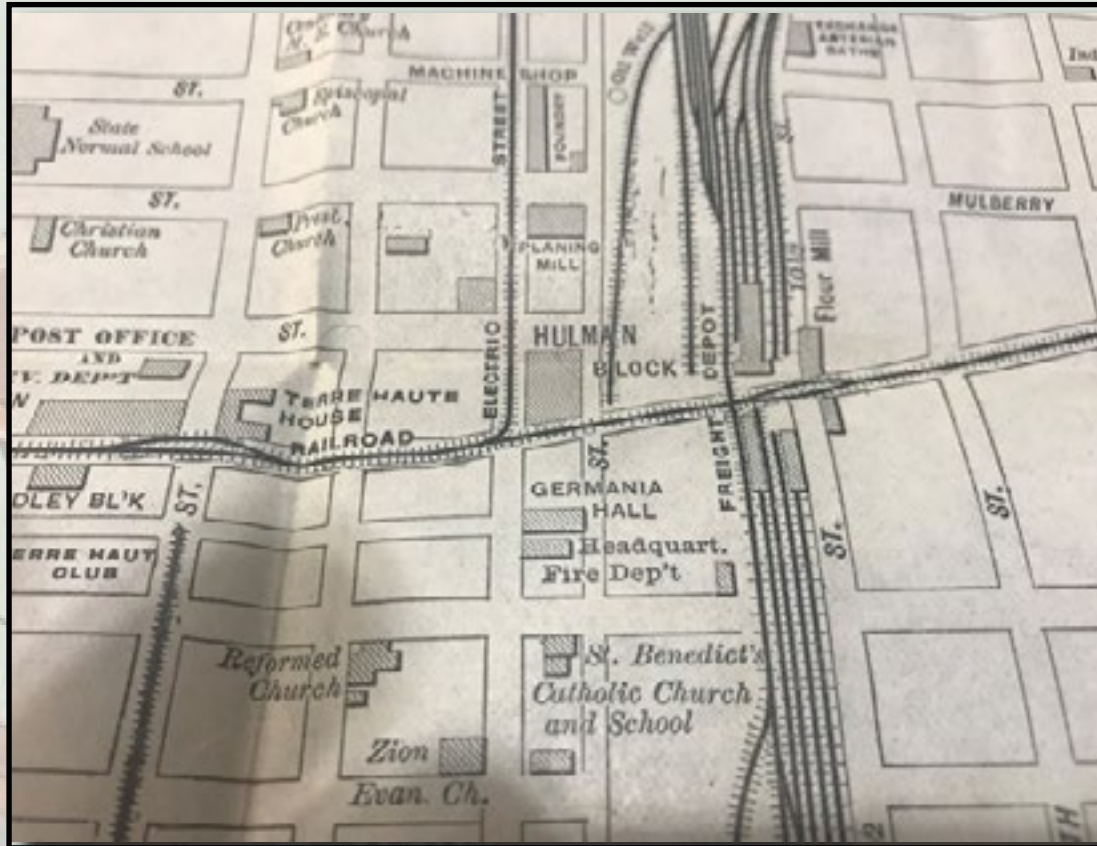


South Ninth Street, (at Fire Headquarters,)
Terre Haute, Indiana.

Germanin Hall

Germania Hall
18-20 S. 9th Street
Local 157 Headquarters
1916-1917





City Street Map location of Germania Hall

Terre Haute City Directory listing
Germania Hall as “Saloon” and
“Bowling Alley”.





**624 1/2 Wabash Avenue
Upstairs Location of Local 157 Headquarters 1917-1922**



Labor Temple
5th and Walnut
157 Headquaters 1925-1944





The History of the Labor Temple Association

Terre Haute's original Labor Temple was in use from 1923-1991. Previously, labor unions had convened regular meetings at locations around Terre Haute. The local "father" of the idea for a "Labor Temple", a building where the unions of Terre Haute could each establish a central office and assemble for meetings, was Frank Parker, a member of the Glass Bottle Blowers Union. At the time there were similarly named establishments for labor union central offices throughout the United States. According to a special section on Terre Haute labor published in the Terre Haute Star in October 1923, Parker's dream of a Terre Haute Labor Temple was described as an *"...exception to his well-established reputation for dreams that never became reality"*. Parker persisted in his advocacy of a Labor Temple and was joined in his campaign by John Chamberlain, a fellow member of the Glass Bottle Glass Blowers Union.

On December 31, 1911, Chamberlain and members of several other labor unions convened for the purpose of obtaining a central location for labor to set up offices and hold union meetings. Chamberlain was appointed temporary chairman of the meeting and a member of the painters union was selected as temporary secretary. The assembled group appointed a committee to form a permanent organization for the purpose of building a labor temple.

At their next meeting on January 14, 1912, the group decided to name their organization the Terre Haute Labor Temple Association. The association would be comprised of 3 delegates from each trade or labor union in Terre Haute and the surrounding area. One year later, in April 1913, a committee appointed by the Labor Temple approved of the purchase of property at Fifth and Walnut Streets occupied by the Phoenix Club. Subject to approval by the Board, the membership voted to have the LTA purchase the property. In June, with the Board's approval on record, the LTA purchased the property for \$35,000.



The building at Fifth and Walnut did not become the Labor Temple until 1923 because it was still in use by the Phoenix Club which was waiting for the construction of their new facilities. According to a schedule of meetings printed in the Terre Haute Star on October 31, 1923, there were 38 different union locals with regularly scheduled meetings.

The Labor Temple was in continual use from 1923 until 1991 by which time it had fallen into disrepair. Due to the prohibitive cost of repairs, the Labor Temple Association purchased the Veterans of Foreign Wars headquarters at 31 1/2 S. 13th Street and sold the Labor Temple to the AP&S Clinic. The building was vacated and razed to make way for an AP&S Clinic parking lot. ¹

In 1951, Local 157 purchased the building located at North Thirteenth Street in Terre Haute, Indiana. The members celebrated it's Grand Opening the following year. U.A. President Martin Durkin and other dignitaries attended the event. The following pages are dedicated to that celebration. This would be the first headquarters owned and operated by and for Local 157.

¹ Archival collections: Miscellaneous labor union papers, Accession #840620D *General Persistent link to this finding aid:* <https://vcplarchives.lyrasistechology.org/repositories/2/resources/435> One Library Square Terre Haute IN 47807 United States 812-232-1119
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Local 157 Terre Haute Indiana 125 Years of Solidarity



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UNITED ASSOCIATION OF JOURNEYMEN AND APPRENTICES
OF THE PLUMBING AND PIPE FITTING INDUSTRY
OF THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA

THE RING BUILDING
WASHINGTON D. C.
NATIONAL 8487

MARTIN P. BURKIN, Grand President
EDWARD A. HULLOCK, Sec. Int'l. Union
WILLIAM C. O'NEILL, Asst. Sec. Int'l. Union

LOCAL UNION 100 TY Dallas STATE Texas DATE Mar. 10, 1951

Mr. Grover Osborn
Business Agent, L. U. 157
116 South 6th Street
Terre Haute, Ind.

Dear Sir & Brother:

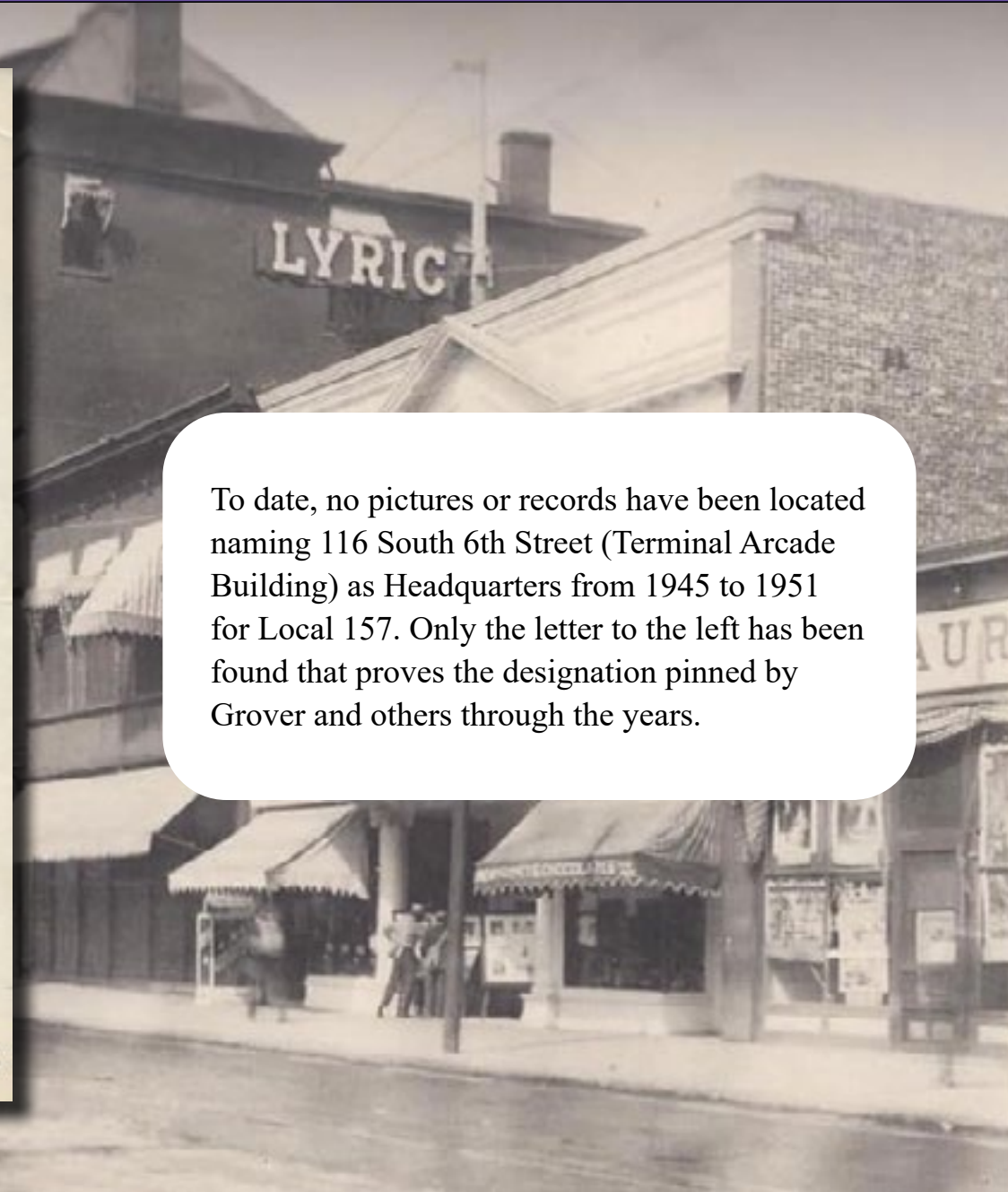
Since Brother E. C. Brown, Appren-
tice is in your Jurisdiction and due to the fact that we
have his card; it is possible for your Local to have him
take his Fitters Examination by your Examining Board and
if he passes same and we are so notified and upon the pay-
ment of his Card change Fee of \$20.00 to Local Union No.
100; we will change his Due Book and forward his clearan ce
providing however that his Dues are paid thru the month
of Clearance. All this is agreeable to our Local.

With Best Wishes,

Fraternally yours,

[Signature]
Secretary, L. U. 100

Affiliated with American Federation of Labor, Building and Construction Trades Department, UMW Trades Department, United Labor Trades Department, Railway Department, Maritime Trades and Labor Congress of Canada.
COMPOSED OF JOURNEYMEN AND APPRENTICES, WHO HAVE JURISDICTION OVER EVERY BRANCH OF THE PLUMBING AND PIPE FITTING INDUSTRY
PAPER 10



To date, no pictures or records have been located naming 116 South 6th Street (Terminal Arcade Building) as Headquarters from 1945 to 1951 for Local 157. Only the letter to the left has been found that proves the designation pinned by Grover and others through the years.