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**MS 1188  
International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers,  
Local Union #570  
Papers, 1917-1983**

**DESCRIPTION**

A collection of materials relating to IBEW Local Union #570, including ledgers of minutes from Union meetings, 1914-1917 and 1930-1935, a ledger of minutes from the Executive Board, 1931; a ledger of membership lists, 1917-1983; other membership records, 1921-1928; correspondence with the International Headquarters of the IBEW, 1924-1937, IBEW Locals and other Unions, 1920-1937; IBEW bulletins and documents, 1920-1937; a group photograph from 1929; and the personal correspondence of E. C. Russell, union financial secretary, 1918-1937.

2 Boxes, 1 linear ft.

**ACQUISITION**

Donated by Horace Bounds representing IBEW Local Union #570.

**ACCESS**

There are no restrictions on access to this collection.

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**PROCESSING**

The collection was processed by Mike Speelman, intern, in Jan. 2001.

**ARRANGEMENT**

Material arranged by type of material.

## **HISTORICAL NOTE**

IBEW Local Union #570 received its first charter on July 10, 1907. It subsequently shut down in 1909 and was not reconstituted until 1914. It has been in continuous existence since that time. Its jurisdiction covered most of southern Arizona.

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT**

The collection consists of documents and correspondence of IBEW Local Union #570 generally covering the years 1914 to 1937. There are membership records for the years 1921 to 1937 as well as a ledger listing members and their union numbers from 1917 to 1983. Two ledgers of minutes of meetings of union members are included, one covering the years 1914 to 1917, the other the years 1931 to 1935. There is one ledger of the minutes of the Executive Board of the local from 1931.

There is extensive correspondence with the International Headquarters of the IBEW, generally dealing with issues concerning the proper payment of dues and the correct assignment of membership numbers. Along with this correspondence are bulletins and other documents from the International Headquarters regarding union matters such as strikes, legislation, insurance, and national conventions. Also included is correspondence with other IBEW Locals from around the country regarding support during strikes and other activities, as well as correspondence from unions in other trades regarding support during strikes, identifying scab workers, and encouraging the use of union-made products. There is also handwritten personal correspondence from union members seeking work or help during times of personal difficulties. There are also included a few documents from the Federal Government regarding the National Recovery Act and Social Security. There is correspondence with the Arizona State Federation of Labor and local Tucson businesses as well as union documents regarding insurance, local and state legislation and regulations, and an examination given to achieve journeyman status. There is also some personal correspondence, years 1918 to 1937, for E. C. Russell, financial secretary for local #570. Lastly, there is a group photograph from 1929 of union members, all of whom are identified on the back.

## **BOX AND FOLDER LIST**

### **BOX 1**

#### **Series 1: Membership Records, 1917-1983**

f.1-2 Membership records, 1917-1983

#### **Series 2: Minutes, 1914-1935**

f.3-5 Minutes of local meetings, 1914-1917 and 1930-1935; and of the Executive Board, 1931

#### **Series 3: Correspondence, 1917-1937**

f.6-8 Correspondence with national headquarters, 1921-1937

### **Box 2**

f.9-13 Correspondence with IBEW locals, 1920-1937, miscellaneous documents and other correspondence, 1917-1937

#### **Series 4 : Photograph, 1929**

f.14 Group photograph, 1929