



**Alabama Labor Archives and History**  
**D. S. Burkhalter Collection**  
**Finding Aid**

**Biographical/Historical Note**

Stewart Burkhalter's involvement in the advancement of the labor movement began as he was just a young boy in Childersburg, Alabama. At the age of sixteen he walked the picket line outside his father's barbershop at what was the first union barber shop in Talladega County.

Mr. Burkhalter went to work at Kimberly-Clark Corporation in 1954 and immediately joined the Paperworkers Union. In 1970, he was elected president of Local 1 595 and served as president until 1985 when he was appointed secretary-treasurer of the Alabama AFL-CIO. In 1995, he was elected president of the Alabama AFL-CIO.

Mr. Burkhalter has worked in many political campaigns from local city council to president of the United States. He has served on the Talladega County Democratic Executive Committee and has attended the many National Democratic Conventions. He was also very instrumental in bringing together the coalition of Labor, Trial Lawyers, A.E.A., A.D.C., State Employees, and New South Coalition.

**Scope and Content**

The D. S. Burkhalter Collection primarily contains material relating to Mr. Burkhalter's involvement in the Alabama AFL-CIO and the presidential campaigns of 1992 and 1996. A large portion of the collection consists of newspaper clippings documenting union and political issues. Some correspondence is also included as well as photographs and artifacts.

**Permission to Publish**

Permission to publish material from the D. S. Burkhalter Collection must be obtained from the Alabama Labor Archives and History. Use of the following credit line for publication or exhibit is required:

D. S. Burkhalter Collection  
 Alabama Labor Archives and History  
 Montgomery, Alabama

**Size:** 2 linear ft.

**Inclusive Dates:** 1950s-2000s

**Bulk Dates:** 1990s

**Access:** No Restrictions

**Provenance:** Donated by D. S. Burkhalter

**Location:** M-5

## Box and Folder List

### Box 1

#### Series 1: Correspondence

Folder 1: Correspondence – 1955

Folder 2: Correspondence – 1980-2003

#### Series 2: Newspapers

Folder 1: General Union

Folder 2: General Politics

Folder 3: Special Issues

Folder 4: Chicago Sun-Times – 1996

#### Series 3: Miscellaneous

Folder 1: Calendars

- 2001 New York State AFL-CIO Labor History Calendar
- 2002 New York State AFL-CIO Labor History Calendar

Folder 2: Miscellaneous Publications

Folder 3: Miscellaneous

Folder 4: CDs/DVDs

- Seizing the Wisconsin Movement: Resources for March and April Meetings
- The Travels of Willie “Doc” Kirk and Irene the Democratic Donkey

#### Series 4: Photographs

- Some photographs digitally stored on computer hard discs – with no hard copy
- General Politics
- General Union

#### Series 5: Artifacts

- Buttons and pins
- Award plaques
- Award medallions

Series 6: Publications

- Bollen, Peter. *Great Labor Quotations Sourcebook and Reader*. Red Eye Press, 2000.
- Brown, Edwin and Colin Davis, eds. *It Is Union and Liberty: Alabama Coal Miners and the UMW*. The University of Alabama Press, 1999.
- Cahn, William. *Lawrence 1912: The Bread and Roses Strike*. The Pilgrim Press, 1982.
- Hertsgaard, Mark. *Earth Odyssey: Around the World in Search of Our Environmental Future*. Broadway Books, 1998.
- Kelber, Harry. *My 60 Years as a Labor Activist*. A. G. Publishing, 1996.
- Stein, Leon, ed. *Out of the Sweatshop: The Struggle for Industrial Democracy*. Quadrangle/The New York Times Book Co, 1977.
- *Union Security: The Case Against the "Right-to-Work" Laws*. AFL-CIO, 1958.
- *Southern Exposure*. Vol. IV no. 1-2.
- *The Laborer*. Vol. 51 no. 4, Fall 1997.
- *Labor's Heritage*
  - Vol. 1 no. 4
  - Vol. 2 no. 2
  - Vol. 2 no. 4
  - Vol. 3 no. 1
  - Vol. 3 no. 2
  - Vol. 3 no. 3
  - Vol. 3 no. 4
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  - Vol. 7 no. 1
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  - Vol. 8 no. 1
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