

**Midwest Migrant Farm Worker Collection**  
IU Kokomo Campus Archives

**Title**

Midwest Migrant Farm Worker Collection.

**Dates**

1963-1996. (Bulk: 1963-1977).

**Creator(s)**

Dave Cormier, assistant coordinator of Labor Studies at Indiana University Kokomo.

**Summary/Abstract**

This collection is comprised of paper records, objects, photographs, and research files donated by Dave Cormier, assistant coordinator of Labor Studies, and other people active in organizing for farm workers. As described by Cormier, "the primary focus is on materials from the first grape and lettuce boycotts, the volunteer boycott support committees which were set up in northern and central Indiana, the activity with migrant workers during that period here in the Midwest, and related information from the UFW from that period."

**Quantity/Physical Description**

6 linear feet. 7.3 GB digital images.

**Language(s)**

English and Spanish.

**Repository**

Indiana University Kokomo Campus Archives  
2300 S. Washington Street, Kokomo, Indiana 46902

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**Preferred citation**

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**Acquisition**

Donated to the IU Kokomo Campus Archives in 1993 in honor of Cesar Chavez.

**Processing information**

This collection was processed upon acquisition to a minimum standard. Further processing was completed in the spring of 2018.

**Processed by**

Emily Hoover and Meg Galasso.

### Arrangement by Series

- Audiovisual
- Boycott Coordination
- Boycotts
- Collection
- Correspondence
- Midwest Committees
- Monographs
- Objects
- Photographs
- Press and Publications
- Research
- Teamsters
- United Farm Workers

### Scope and Content

The Midwest Migrant Farm Worker collection largely consists of paper records, objects, monographs, and photographs collected by Dave Cormier, both a faculty member at Indiana University Kokomo and an active organizer in the farm labor movement. He helped to organize and worked with the Great Boycott Committee, later known as the Farm Labor Aid Committee, from 1968 to 1974. Other organizers, including Ricardo Parra and Jose Juarez from St. Joseph County, contributed personal papers.

The collection is organized into thirteen series, listed above and detailed further in the following container list. Audiovisual materials and monographs are discoverable in IUCAT, Indiana University Library's catalog, and are stored in the Special Collections Room. Photographs are available in print and have also been digitized to be made available online.

As described by Cormier, many of the materials in the collection "depict the confrontative propaganda and protest methods" used in farm worker organizing. The correspondence, research files, and news clippings are complemented by the objects in the collection, notably including buttons, jewelry, and hand-painted signs.

### Container List

AUDIOVISUAL		
Location	Folder	Date
SC Room	VHS - United Farm Workers of America "Fighting for our lives" (1:00:00)	1974
	VHS - "Uvas No"	1992
	VHS - "Uvas No"	1992
	VHS - "No Grapes"	1992
	Audio cassette - "Canciones para Cesar Chavez"	1980
BOYCOTT COORDINATION		
Location	Folder	Date
MMFW Box 1	Legal Info on Picketing	1971 - 1972

	Local Grape Boycott Kit	1993
	Miscellaneous	
	Miscellaneous 2	1970 - 1977
	New Jersey	1971 - 1975
	New Jersey Materials	1973
	Pennsylvania Counties	1974
	Pittsburgh	1973 - 1977
	Store Information	1972 - 1974
	Volunteer Contacts	1973 - 1974
	Westmoreland	1972 - 1974
<b>BOYCOTTS</b>		
<b>Location</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Date</b>
MMFW Box 1	A&P Boycott	1972 - 1973
	Boycott Community	1969 - 1972
	Boycott Promotional Materials	1968 - 1977
	Gallo Wine Boycott	1972 - 1975
	Grape Boycott	1968 - 1973
	Indiana Grape Boycotts	1966 - 1971
MMFW Box 2	Lettuce Boycott	1970 - 1980
	Lettuce Boycott 2	1971 - 1973
	Midwest Boycott Activities	1968 - 1976
	New Jersey Boycott	1972 - 1973
	New Jersey Handouts	1970 - 1975
	New York Boycott Study	
	Opposition to Boycotts	1968 - 1974
	Pittsburgh Boycott Publicity	1970 - 1977
	Print Media for Grape Boycott	1967 - 1983
	Promotional Items for Boycotts	
	Support for Lettuce Boycott	
<b>COLLECTION</b>		
<b>Location</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Date</b>
MMFW Box 2	Collection - Dedication	1993 - 1996
	Collection - Fundraising	1995
	Collection - Previous Box Lists	
<b>CORRESPONDENCE</b>		
<b>Location</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Date</b>
MMFW Box 2	Correspondence	1971 - 1977
	Correspondence Signed by Cesar Chavez	1971
<b>MIDWEST COMMITTEES</b>		
<b>Location</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Date</b>

MMFW Box 2	Farm Labor Aid Committee	1969 - 1972
	Farm Labor Aid Committee 2	1971
	Farm Labor Assistance Committee	1970 - 1973
	Farm Workers Legal Rights Project	1971 - 1972
<b>MONOGRAPHS</b>		
<b>Location</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Date</b>
SC Room	Book - A gringo manual on how to handle Mexicans / by Jose Angel Gutierrez	
	Book - A documentary history of the Mexican Americans.	1971
	Book - La raza : the Mexican Americans / Stan Steiner.	1970
	Book - La raza : forgotten Americans / Julian Samora.	1970
	Book - MexAmerica : two countries, one future / Lester D. Langley.	1988
	Book - Confronting environmental racism : voices from the grassroots	1993
	Book - Basta! La historia de nuestra lucha. Enough! The tale of our struggle. Photos: George Ballis. Text from the Plan of Delano.	1966
	Book - Huelga: the first hundred days of the great Delano grape strike.	1966
	Book - Cesar Chavez : autobiography of La Causa / Jacques E. Levy.	1975
	Book - César Chávez : a triumph of spirit / by Richard Griswold del Castillo and Richard A. Garcia.	1995
	Book - Chicanas en la literatura y el arte	1973
	Bound volume - Migrant and seasonal farmworker powerlessness. Hearings before the Subcommittee on Migratory Labor. Part 6-A	1969
	Bound volume - Migrant and seasonal farmworker powerlessness. Hearings before the Subcommittee on Migratory Labor. Part 6-B	1969
	Bound volume - Migrant and seasonal farmworker powerlessness. Hearings before the Subcommittee on Migratory Labor. Part 6-C	1969
<b>OBJECTS</b>		
<b>Location</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Date</b>
MMFW Box 5	Belt Buckle	
	Farm Worker Support Buttons	1975 - 1976
	Grape Boycott Buttons	
	Lettuce Boycott Buttons	
	UFW Jewelry	
	UFW Memorabilia	1973 - 1975
	UFW Support Buttons	1975
MMFW Box 6	UFW Flat Posters	
	UFW Rolled Poster	
	UFW Rolled Poster	
	UFW Rolled Poster	
	UFW Rolled Poster	1976
	UFW Rolled Poster	1971

	UFW Rolled Poster	
	UFW Rolled Poster	1970
	UFW Rolled Poster	1970
	UFW Rolled Poster	
<b>PHOTOGRAPHS</b>		
<b>Location</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Date</b>
MMFW Box 5	Photographs	1972 - 1975
	Photographs 2	1972 - 1975
	Photographs 3	1792 - 1975
<b>PRESS AND PUBLICATIONS</b>		
<b>Location</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Date</b>
MMFW Box 2	Assorted Newspaper Clippings	1966 - 1983
MMFW Box 3	Book - Migrant Legal Action Book / by Thomas R. Ewald	
	Cesar Chavez - Press and statements	1969 - 1993
	El Malcriado Publications	1969 - 1974
	Hispanic movement	1970 - 1973
	Leaflets	1973 - 1974
	Leaflet Originals	1972 - 1973
	Newsletters	1969 - 1977
	Paper Items	1971 - 1993
	Radical Press	1973 - 1974
<b>RESEARCH</b>		
<b>Location</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Date</b>
MMFW Box 3	Agribusiness	1971 - 1974
	Early unionization efforts	1969 - 1975
	Farm Bureau	1971- 1973
	Farm Labor Reports	1966 - 1983
	Farm Labor Study	1970 - 1973
	Farm Workers Legal Rights Notes 1	1972
	Farmworker Reform	1970 - 1973
	Florida Farm Workers	1973
	Giant Eagle Grocery	1973 - 1974
	Indiana Legislature	1971 - 1974
MMFW Box 4	Indianapolis	1968 - 1969
	Migrant Farm Workers and Poverty	1963 - 1993
	Misc. Social Justice Issues	1969 - 1982
	Morgan Lawsuit	1971 - 1972
	National Labor Relations Board	1972
	New Jersey Farm Workers	1972 - 1973
	Organized Labor	1973 - 1974

	Pesticides	1965 - 1974
	Pesticides 2	
	Picketing Violence	1970
	Political Issues	1967 - 1974
	Puerto Rican Farm Workers	1973
	Safeway	1973
<b>TEAMSTERS</b>		
<b>Location</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Date</b>
MMFW Box 4	Teamsters	1972 - 1974
	Teamsters - Agreements and miscellaneous	1970 - 1971
	Teamsters - Correspondence	1968 - 1973
	Teamsters - News clippings	1970 - 1973
	Teamsters - News releases and press	1971 - 1974
<b>UNITED FARM WORKERS</b>		
<b>Location</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Date</b>
MMFW Box 4	Constitutional Convention	1969 - 1973
	Delano Grape Strike 1	1967 - 1973
	Delano Grape Strike 2	
	Opposition to UFW	1968 - 1974
	Proposition 22	1971 - 1972
MMFW Box 5	Support from Religious Organizations	1968 - 1977
	Support for UFW	1968 - 1974
	UFW First Constitutional Convention	1973
	UFW First Constitutional Convention 2	1973
	UFW General History	1967 - 1975
	UFW Materials	1969 - 1996
	UFWOC	1969 - 1972