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Bricklayers, Masons, and Plasterers  
International Union of America.  
Local 17 Records, 1900-1954

Collection 401

## Champaign County Historical Archives

**Compiled by:** Cassandra Parsons, June 2025

**Creator/Corporate Name:** Bricklayers, Masons, and Plasterers International Union of America. Local 17

**Inclusive Dates:** 1900-1954

**Physical Description:** 1 box, (1.0 linear ft.)

**Language:** English

### Provenance:

The Bricklayers, Masons, and Plasterers International Union of America. Local 17 records were donated to the Champaign County Historical Archives by Frank Veach on August 25, 2020.

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### Historical Note:

The Bricklayers, Masons, and Plasterers International Union of America was founded in 1865 and is the oldest continuous union in the United States. This union has had multiple name changes in its history to better reflect its members. Its current name, International Union of Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers, was adopted in 1995. Today (2025), Illinois has two Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers local groups. The contemporary Champaign chapter for this union is Local 8 and includes the counties of Champaign, Coles, Douglas, Edgar, Ford, and Vermilion. The union works to protect workers' rights and wages and provides apprenticeship training for craftworkers in trades.

### Scope and Content Note:

The records contain meeting notes from the historical Champaign County Local 17 chapter from 1900 to 1954. The union ledgers contain short, business-focused notes from regular and special union meetings. Special meetings were occasionally held to discuss more pressing matters, such as the death of a union member or voting for new union officers for the following year. These ledgers also include member lists and roll calls for meetings, budgeting notes, and typed letters sharing general news about the union. Some members of interest include John B. Mattingly, who held all office positions while a union member, and Herbert L. Booe, who was elected union president in 1947 and was a union member for 50 years.



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**Arrangement:**

This collection is arranged chronologically by year.

**Subject Terms:**

Bricklayers—Champaign  
Labor Unions  
Minutes (records)

**Name Terms:**

Mattingly, John B.  
Booe, Herbert L.

**Container List**

**Box 1**

Folder 1: Union No. 17 Record Ledger, 1900-1905  
Folder 2: Union Daybook Ledger, 1900-1915  
Folder 3: Ledger, 1901  
Folder 4: S.E. Ledger, 1902-1903  
Folder 5: Ledger, 1904-1906  
Folder 6: Ledger, 1912-1919  
Folder 7: Ledger, 1920-1929  
Folder 8: Double Entry Ledger, 1944-1954