

# Guide to the Intl Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 953 Records, 1935-1943

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## Summary Information

**Title:** International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. Local 953: Records

**Inclusive Dates:** 1935-1943

**Creator:** International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. Local 953 (Eau Claire, Wis.)

**Call Number:** Eau Claire Mss AC

**Quantity:** 4.8 c.f. (12 archives boxes)

**Repository:** Housed at the Area Research Center, William D. McIntyre Library, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire; owned by the Wisconsin Historical Society, Library-Archives Division

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**Abstract:** Correspondence, bills, receipts, and employment agreements of Local 953. Included is information on negotiations with the Northern States Power Company, relationships with the parent union and other locals, efforts to organize non-union workers, and other topics. The files are those of the Business Manager, Sherman (Shorty) Preston.

**Language:** English

## Scope and Content Note

These records throw light on the everyday activities of Local 953. The scope ranges from the disciplining of members delinquent in their dues payments, to the seeking of advice from the national organization on what steps to take against recalcitrant employers. Information is present on the relationships the local and individual members, other IBEW locals, regional labor organizations, and the Wisconsin State Federation of Labor. The struggle with rival unions for dominance in particular spheres is evident as is the continual struggle to organize workers in non-union establishments such as the Rural Electrification Associations. The prominent figure is the business manager, Sherman (Shorty) H. Preston.

The bulk of the material is from the years 1939-1941. Most of the collection is correspondence but also present are bills, receipts, agreements, minutes of meetings, memoranda, and printed matter. The collection's alphabetical organization corresponds to the filing system used by Local 953.

## Administrative/Restriction Information

## Acquisition Information

Presented by Local 953, Eau Claire, Wis., May 1951.

## Search Terms/Subject Terms

- Northern States Power Company (Wisconsin)
- Electricians—Labor unions—Wisconsin—Eau Claire
- Preston, Sherman H.

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