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Search Terms: Carter, Fred; Lungs – Dust Diseases; United Mine Workers of America; United Auto Workers of America; Labor Unions and Communism; Environment

System of Arrangement: Arranged in Series. Series I- Environment; Series II- Race Relations; Series III- Case Briefs; Series IV- Auto Workers Movement; Series V- United Mine Workers of America; Series VI- Black Lung; Series VII- Fred Carter; Series VIII- Miscellaneous; Series IX- Various Artwork and Photographs.

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Mrs. Linda Anne Euwan, a former Marshall University faculty member and John Taylor's wife, donated this collection to the Special Collections Department of the Morrow Library in 2012.

Scope and Content

Mr. Taylor is an attorney from Charleston, WV that fought for the legal and labor rights of workers across the United States. The majority of the people that Taylor represented were members of unions, including both the United Auto Workers [UAW] and the United Mine Workers of America [UMWA]. Taylor's clients fought to secure access to health benefits and the improvement of working conditions. A large portion of the collection centers on Black Lung cases in West Virginia. In 1982, Taylor and his colleagues organized a group of clients to travel to Washington, D.C. in order to attend the Black Lung Lobby.

The most important case that Taylor was involved with focused on former UMWA presidential candidate Fred Carter. Carter, a sixty-one year old resident of Kimberly, WV, was charged with impersonating a federal officer and illegally accepting money from Black Lung claimants. The former Black Lung activist was indicted in August of 1982 and faced a maximum sentence of eleven years in prison and a fine of approximately \$11,000.

The materials contained in this collection are primarily personal notes and research pertaining to Taylor's cases, correspondence between his clients and office, newspaper articles, memorandums, meeting agendas, and travel receipts. Various documents, including flyers, placards, broadsides, and newsletters, relate to both labor and environmental organizations.

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