



## ABSTRACT

Four local unions located in New Bedford, Massachusetts, that joined in 1939 and became the first affiliates of the New Bedford Joint Board of the Textile Workers Union of America. Includes by-laws, minutes of board of directors and local meetings, correspondence, subject files, photographs, and scrapbooks relating to the administration of the New Bedford Joint Board, documenting its role in addressing grievances filed against individual companies, in facilitating arbitration, and hearing wage stabilization Board cases.

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## TEXTILE WORKERS OF AMERICA NEW BEDFORD JOINT BOARD RECORDS, 1942-1981

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### BACKGROUND ON TEXTILE WORKERS OF AMERICA NEW BEDFORD JOINT BOARD

The Textile Workers Union of America (TWUA) was created in 1939, formed from a combination of the Textile Workers Organizing Committee (TWOC-CIO) and the United Textile Workers of America (UTWA). At the time, there were four local unions in the town of New Bedford, Massachusetts (Locals 19, 30, 46, and 136), all under the jurisdiction of TWOC-CIO. With the creation of TWUA in 1939, these locals affiliated themselves with the New Bedford Joint Board. At its peak, the New Bedford Joint Board, TWUA represented approximately 14,000 workers. For more information about the Textile Workers Union of America and the New Bedford, see the pamphlets and booklets in box 19.

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