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Collection Summary
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Creator: Sifton, Claire, 1897-1980
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Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.
Summary: Paul Field Sifton, playwright, government official, and Claire Sifton, editor and author. Correspondence, diaries, writings, subject files, family papers, printed matter, and miscellany relating to the Siftons' literary, labor, and governmental careers.

Selected Search Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

People
Adams, Esther Root, 1872 or 1873-1960--Correspondence.
Atkinson, Brooks, 1894-1984--Correspondence.
Douglas, Helen Gahagan, 1900-1980--Correspondence.
Douglas, Paul H. (Paul Howard), 1892-1976--Correspondence.
Frank, Walter, 1905-1945--Correspondence.
Howe, Ruth Esther--Correspondence.
Kennedy, John F. (John Fitzgerald), 1917-1963--Correspondence.
Kranz, Heinrich (German translator)--Correspondence.
Loeb, James I. (James Isaac), 1908- --Correspondence.
Loth, David, 1899-1988--Correspondence.
Millay, Norma--Correspondence.
Morrison, Adrienne, 1883-1940--Correspondence.
Niebuhr, Reinhold, 1892-1971--Correspondence.
Patton, James G. (James George), 1902- --Correspondence.
Portes, Hélène, comtesse de, 1902-1940.
Reuther, Roy, 1909-1968--Correspondence.
Reuther, Victor G. (Victor George), 1912- --Correspondence.
Reuther, Walter, 1907-1970--Correspondence.
Rose, Carl, 1902?-1971--Correspondence.
Salisbury, Leah Javne, 1893-1975--Correspondence.
Shumlin, Herman, 1898-1979--Correspondence.
Sifton, Paul Field, 1897-1972.
Swope, Herbert Bayard, 1882-1958--Correspondence.

Organizations
International Union, United Automobile Workers of America (CIO)
National Council for a Permanent Fair Employment Practice Committee.
National Farmers' Union (U.S.)
Union for Democratic Action.
United States. Department of the Interior.
United States. War Manpower Commission.
Subjects
Agriculture and state--United States.
American drama--20th century.
Assembly-line methods.
Capital punishment.
Civil rights--United States.
Depressions--1929--United States.
Energy policy.
Full employment policies--United States.
Labor laws and legislation--United States.
Labor movement--Political aspects--United States.
Labor movement--United States.
Labor unions--Political activity--United States.
Labor unions--United States.
Literature.
Lobbying--United States.
Medical ethics.
Nazis--Germany.
New Deal, 1933-1939.
Nutrition policy.
Political participation--United States.
Pollution.
Power resources.
Proteins in human nutrition.
Reformers--United States.
Renewable energy sources.
Sensationalism in journalism.
Social movements--Political aspects--United States.
Social problems--Drama.
Theater and society.
Theater--United States.
Unemployment--United States.
Women college students--United States.
Women employees--New York (State)--New York.
World War, 1939-1945--France.

Places
Manhattan (New York, N.Y.)--Social life and customs.
United States--Politics and government--20th century.
United States--Social conditions--20th century.
United States--Social policy--20th century.
Washington (D.C.)--Social life and customs.

Occupations
Authors.
Dramatists.
Editors.
Public officials.
Administrative Information

Provenance
The papers of Paul Field Sifton, playwright, government official, and lobbyist, and Claire Sifton, editor and author, were given to the Library of Congress in 1941, 1966-1967, and 1972, by Claire Sifton. Additions were given by their son, Paul Ginsburg Sifton, 1982-1987.

Processing History
The Sifton Papers were processed in 1984 and additions were made in 1985 and 1987. The finding aid was revised in 2012.

Transfers
Sound recordings have been transferred to the Library's Motion Picture, Broadcasting, and Recorded Sound Division where they are identified as part of these papers.

Other Repositories
Additional office files and documentation on Paul Sifton’s UAW service are located in the UAW-CIO Papers, Labor History Collection, Wayne State University, Detroit, Mich. Paul Sifton is also represented in the Helen Gahagan Douglas and Melvyn Douglas Papers in the University of Oklahoma Library, Norman, Okla., and in the Paul H. Douglas Papers in the Chicago Historical Society, Chicago, Ill.

Related Material
Other collections in the Manuscript Division containing correspondence or material of Paul Sifton include the National Urban League Records, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People Records, the Robert Houghwout Jackson Papers, the Harold L. Ickes Papers, the Irving Brant papers, and the Work Projects Administration/Federal Writers' Project file on New York City (Panorama file on industry and commerce), wherein Paul Sifton reviewed a section on unemployment insurance. A file of the professional correspondence of Claire Sifton is located in the records of the National Consumers' League and the records of the Women's Joint Congressional Committee.

Copyright Status
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The papers of Paul Field Sifton and Claire Sifton are open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

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Biographical Note

Paul Field Sifton

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1917-1919 Private, first class, Headquarters Company, 6th Field Artillery, 1st Division, American Expeditionary Forces, invalided out with diagnosis of pulmonary tuberculosis

1919-1920 Attended University of Missouri, Columbia, Mo., on federal program for disabled veterans

1921 Attended London School of Economics, London, England

1922 Married Claire E. Ginsburg

1922-1923 Reporter, *Des Moines Register, Staten Island Advance*, United Press syndicate, *Chicago Journal*, and the *New Leader*

1923-1931 Assistant Sunday editor, feature writer, and reporter, *New York World*


1929 Veterans Administration ruled tuberculosis that his was arrested; awarded reduced disability pension

1930 Play written with Claire Sifton, *Midnight*, produced by the Theatre Guild; Universal motion picture (1934); and West German television play (1957)

1931 Play written with Claire Sifton, *1931---*, produced by the Group Theatre and the Theatre Guild; published by Farrar & Rinehart, New York; and produced in London as *The Age of Plenty* (1933)

1933 Play written with Claire Sifton, *Blood on the Moon*, produced at the Mayan Theatre, Los Angeles, Calif; the London, England, production was halted by the Lord Chamberlain as an unfriendly act to a foreign country, Germany

1933-1934 On editorial staff, *New Yorker*

1934-1938 Labor publications editor, assistant industrial commissioner, deputy industrial commissioner and administrator, and executive director, Division of Placement and Unemployment Insurance, New York State Department of Labor

1938 One-act play written with Claire Sifton, *Give All Thy Terrors to the Wind*, published in the *New Theatre an Film Magazine* (January 1938), and in the anthology, *Best Short Plays of the Social Theatre*, edited by William Kozlenko (New York, Random House, 1938)

One-act play written with Claire Sifton, *Kate Larsen*, published in the *One Act Play Magazine* (June-July 1938 issue)

1938-1939 Deputy administrator, Wages and Hours Division, U.S. Department of Labor

1939 One-act play written with Claire Ginsburg Sifton, *The Doctors*, produced in Boston, Mass., and Baltimore, Md.

1939-1941 Consumers' counsel, Bituminous Coal Administration, U.S. Department of the Interior

1942-1945 Labor and public relations director, National Farmers’ Union, Washington, D.C., office
1944-1945  Director, Washington D. C., office, Union for Democratic Action [later Americans for Democratic Action], and editor with Claire Sifton of the U.D.A. Congressional Newsletter

1945-1947  Worked on legislative and public relations for various causes, including Full Employment Bill (1945), protection of the Children's Bureau under Reorganization Bill No. 2 (1946), Labor Extension Service bill, National Council for a permanent Fair Employment Practices bill), National Consumers' League, and others

1948-1962  National legislative representative, United Automobile Workers [later part of the Congress of Industrial Organizations]

1963  Diagnosed as having chronic bronchitis; Veterans Administration awarded higher disability pension; emphysema and bronchiectasis claims disallowed as not service-connected

1972, Apr. 4  Died, Oaxaca, Mexico

Claire Sifton

Date  Event
1897, Dec. 23  Born, Campos, Rio de Janiero State, Brazil
1911-1914  Attended Greenville, S.C., Female Seminary, and Hyde Park School, Kansas City, Mo.
1915-1918  Attended Stephens College, Columbia, Mo.
1920  B.A. in journalism, University of Missouri, Columbia, Mo.
1920-1922  Worked in Chicago, Ill., as feature writer for Montgomery Ward and Co., and the Saturday Blade
1922  Married Paul Field Sifton
1923-31  Worked as feature writer and freelance journalist for the Public Ledger, the Fifth Avenue Coach Co., and the New York Evening World syndicate, and others
1929  Published under the name of Claire Morton The Perfect Baby. New York: Vanguard Press
1930  Play written with Paul Field Sifton, Midnight, produced by the Theatre Guild; Universal motion picture (1934); and West German television play (1957)
1931  Play written with Paul Field Sifton, 1931---, produced by the Group Theatre and the Theatre Guild; published by Farrar & Rinehart, New York; and produced in London as The Age of Plenty (1933)
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One-act play written with Paul Field Sifton, Kate Larsen, published in the One Act Play Magazine (June-July 1938)
1939 One-act play written with Paul Field Sifton, *The Doctors*, produced in Boston, Mass., and Baltimore, Md. theaters

1939-1942 Freelance writer, Washington, D.C.


1943-1945 Coeditor with Paul Field Sifton of the *U.D.A. Congressional Newsletter*, for the Union for Democratic Action

1946-1948 Editorial consultant for the National Education Association and for the U.S. Children's Bureau

1949-1962 Freelance writer, Washington, D.C.

1980, Feb. 9 Died, Oaxaca, Mexico

**Scope and Content Note**

The papers of Paul Field Sifton (1897-1972) and Claire Ginsburg Sifton (1897-1980) span the years 1912-1980, but cover primarily the period 1925-1971. They consist of correspondence, diaries, subject files, writings, personal files, printed matter, and miscellany. The collection is of interest to students of twentieth-century American social theater, of the emergence of various labor organizations as a growing political force, and of the methodology of legislative lobbying on Capitol Hill in behalf of farmers, labor, civil rights, full employment, and other social causes. The papers are organized into nine series: Correspondence, Diaries of Claire Sifton, Subject File of Paul Field Sifton, Writings File, Personal Files, Printed Matter, Miscellany, Addition, and Oversize. Files or folders pertaining to Paul Field Sifton are connoted in the container list with the acronym PFS; those of Claire Ginsburg Sifton with the acronym CGS.

The student of the social theater will find a large number of plays in many stages of composition and production for the 1922-1950 period. The Writings File includes material on the press reaction and controversy which surrounded many of the Siftons' plays: *The Belt* (1927), an indictment of Henry Ford's "speedup" system, was attacked as anti-capitalist. *Midnight* (1930), which was against capital punishment and press sensationalism, was criticized on both counts. *1931* (1931), a naturalistic vision of unemployment and the Great Depression, was both praised and attacked from several points of view. *Blood on the Moon* (1933), a strong, early condemnation of Nazi Germany, was both eulogized and vilified; its London production was halted by the Lord Chamberlain as insulting to a foreign power. The one-act play, *The Doctors* (1938), was roundly condemned by the American Medical Association as "sanctioning" unethical medical conduct. And *The Girdle of Venus* (1948-1950), depicting the role of Paul Reynaud and his mistress, Hélène comtesse de Portes, in the fall of France, was dropped by the Theatre Guild when the countess's living children threatened libel action. Additionally, the Writings File includes poetry of Paul Sifton as well as short stories, book reviews, and newspapers and magazine articles of Paul and Claire Sifton. Several disparate book projects, 1922-1962, of Paul Sifton complete the Writings File.

Of importance to the students of the politics of labor organization and of the methodology of Washington lobbying are the Subject File of Paul Sifton. His involvement in the nation's first full-fledged unemployment compensation system (New York State, 1934-1938) led to his post in the newly created Wages and Hours Division in the Department of Labor. This was followed by his position as consumers' counsel, Bituminous Coal Administration, Department of the Interior. After leaving government service in 1941, he became national legislative representative for a number of organizations including the National Farmers' Union, the Union for Democratic Action, and the National Council for a Permanent Fair Employment Practice Committee, among others. Additionally, during World War II, he served as a labor representative on the War Manpower Commission. From 1948 until his retirement in 1962, Paul Sifton devoted his time and attention to the position of national legislative representative of the International Union, United Automobile Workers of America (CIO). The subject files have some chronological overlapping, particularly in the 1941-1947 period when he engaged in successive lobbying efforts in behalf of several complementary causes.
The Correspondence series, Diaries of Claire Sifton, material on a 1963 testimonial dinner to Paul Sifton, and the Miscellany reflect the couple’s involvement in writing and the theater as well as their interest in farmers, labor, women, civil rights, full employment, and other contemporary issues.

The largest amount of personal correspondence occurred in the summers when Claire Sifton went to Maine with her two sons, and Paul remained in New York City and (later) Washington, D.C. Theatrical and literary correspondence is concentrated in the 1929-1940 period. After 1941, the non-family correspondence touches on many of the topics covered in the Subject File of Paul Sifton. The Diaries of Claire Sifton include detailed comment on college life in the 1915-1916 period; the thoughts of a young working woman in Manhattan in 1922; the private comments of a government official’s wife in late New Deal Washington; and some increasingly philosophical and introspective observations in her later years. Perhaps the most interesting contemporary evaluations of Paul Sifton’s impact and influence on others are contained in the letters presented to him at the testimonial dinner in his honor in 1963.

The Printed Matter series includes material Paul Sifton retained for an eventual evaluation of his work and career. The Miscellany documents a new group of interests that engaged his attention in the last decade of his life. A victim of emphysema, he felt that pollution abatement, alternative energy systems, use of non-fossil fuels, and the use of fish protein (for the underdeveloped areas of the world) were of paramount importance to mankind's survival on the planet. The last segment of the Miscellany comprises obituary, funeral, and condolence material on the Siftons, as well as photographs, press cards, address files, family genealogy, and other items.


On Claire Sifton’s background and childhood as the daughter of Southern Baptist missionaries to Brazil, the reader is referred to her father’s official work, A Wandering Jew in Brazil: An Autobiography of Solomon L. Ginsburg (Nashville, Southern Baptist Convention, 1922), and to her sister’s more lighthearted work, Henriqueta Chamberlain, Where the Sabia Sings: A Partial Autobiography (New York, Macmillan, 1947). On Paul Sifton’s Canadian family background, see the near-print genealogies as well as two issues of Maclean’s magazine, December 5 and 19, 1959, that depict the Canadian branch of the family.

### Arrangement of the Papers

The collection is arranged in nine series:
- **Correspondence, 1917-1972**
- **Diaries of Claire Sifton, 1912-1978**
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<td>Plays in multiple stages of their composition and production, as well as press reaction and research and background material. Also includes material on the &quot;Revolting Playwrights&quot; movement (1935). Poems of Paul Sifton start in the post-World War I period, and end with <em>To the Dallas Underpass</em> (1965). Both Siftons are represented in newspaper and magazine articles; short stories; and book reviews. Book projects of Paul Sifton include an unpublished autobiographical novel (1922); an expose of John L. Lewis (1943); and a proposed work on fisheries in the Third World (1962).</td>
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<td>Material assembled for a testimonial dinner given to Paul Sifton in Washington, D.C., April 23, 1963. Includes a bound volume of presented letters; a larger group of letters not included in the volume; photographs taken at the dinner; notes, remarks, and miscellany. One container has photocopies of letters presented to Sifton.</td>
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<td>Clippings, near-print items, pamphlets, and issue-oriented material that reflect Paul Sifton's newspaperman's instinct for the preservation of his sources. Notable groups include post-World War II issues (price decontrol, inflation, atomic energy, full employment, and civil rights); material on the United Automobile Workers; and scrapbooks on John L. Lewis and the United Mine Workers. The latter complement a book project (1943) in the <em>Writings File</em>.</td>
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<td>Material reflects Paul Sifton's post-retirement interests; also includes obituary, funeral, and condolence files, photographs, press cards, address files, Sifton family items, Sifton genealogy (Canadian), and other items.</td>
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BOX 74-78  **Addition, 1923-1948**
Typescripts of articles, books, and other writings, and miscellany. Includes first and authors' editions of the Siftons' plays and books.
Chronologically arranged.

BOX OV 1-OV 2  **Oversize, 1929-1942**
Photocopies of clippings in scrapbooks.
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1916, Jan. 4-Feb. 26, Stephens College, Columbia, Mo.
1922, Manhattan, New York
1924, by Paul Sifton, an evaluation of 1924
1926-1928, expenses
(2 vols.)

1931-1938, ledgers and accounts, Manhattan, N.Y.
1934, summer trip to Mesabi Iron Range, Minnesota, notes
1935-1939, New York City, N.Y.

1939, Nov. 13-1942, Mar. 30) Washington, D.C.
1949, May 28-Sept. 9, Washington, D.C.
1960, July 2-Nov. 1, Maine and Washington, D.C.

1963, Jamaica, Washington, D.C., and Maine
1964, Jamaica, Delaware, Washington, D.C., and Maine
1972, Maine and Mexico, fragments
1975, May 8-Sept. 27, Washington, D.C., and Maine

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New York State Department of Labor, 1934-1939
(6 folders)

United States Department of Labor
1930s, background for wages and hours bills
1938-1939
(3 folders)

United States Department of the Interior
Consumers' counsel, Bituminous Coal Administration, 1939-1941
(5 folders)

Miscellaneous print and near-print material

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1951, PFS testimony before Senate committee
1952
1952, PFS testimony before Senate committee
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(5 folders)

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1958
1958, Joe Kamp case
1959-1960
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BOX 38-56
Writings File, 1922-1968
Plays in multiple stages of their composition and production, as well as press reaction and research and background material. Also includes material on the "Revolting Playwrights" movement (1935). Poems of Paul Sifton start in the post-World War I period, and end with To the Dallas Underpass (1965). Both Siftons are represented in newspaper and magazine articles; short stories; and book reviews. Book projects of Paul Sifton include an unpublished autobiographical novel (1922); an expose of John L. Lewis (1943); and a proposed work on fisheries in the Third World (1962).

BOX 38
Plays
[1922], Corn [PFS], one-act play
[1925], Oil! [PFS], a futurity
1927, The Belt [PFS]
Prompting copy
Director's copy
Marked printer's copy
1928, The American Beauty [PFS and CGS] (2 copies)
[1928-1929], The Break [PFS and CGS], a mass play
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| BOX 39    | [1929-1930], Three skits [PFS and CGS]  
            [1930], *Jane Daugherty* [PFS and CGS], later *White Savage*, rough drafts  
            [1930], *Jane Daugherty* [PFS and CGS], typescript  
            [1930-1931], *White Savage*, screenplay by PFS and John P. Fort  
            1930, *Glory* [PFS and CGS], revised version (2 copies)  
            1930, *Midnight* [PFS and CGS]  
            Early version, "Night of the Execution"  
            Second version, "In the Meantime"  
            Marked rehearsal copy  
            Theatre Guild version  
            Reading version |
| BOX 40    | 1931-1933, *1931*--- [PFS and CGS]  
            Early version, "Son of God"  
            Production version  
            German versions I and II  
            (2 folders)  
            French version  
            Reworkings for Interludes  
            1932, *Riviera Blue* [PFS and CGS]  
            Early draft version  
            Acting typescript  
            1932, *American Beauty* [PFS and CGS], formerly "Revolt in the Castle" |
| BOX 41    | 1932, *The Mayor's Husband* [PFS and CGS], formerly "The Woman Complex," screenplay  
            (2 folders)  
            [1932], *The Killer Who Laughed* [PFS and CGS], screenplay  
            Early version  
            Corrected script  
            1933, *Blood on the Moon* [PFS and CGS]  
            New York version  
            Los Angeles version  
            French version  
            [1933-1934], *My Country 'Tis of Thee* [PFS and CGS], screenplay  
            1934, *The Drift* [PFS and CGS]  
            Early version, "Red Kate"  
            Corrected typescript  
            Corrected script  
            Blocking (production) script  
            Final typescript  
            Reading version  
            1934, *Midnight*, screenplay by Chester Erskine  
            1936, *Credits* [PFS and CGS], a sketch  
            1936, *Give All Thy Terrors to the Wind* [PFS and CGS], one-act play  
            Rough draft  
            Corrected typescript  
            As printed in *New Theatre and Film Magazine* (January 1938) |
| BOX 42    | 1936, *The Crime of the Century* [PFS and CGS] |
Rough drafts  
(2 folders)  
Corrected typescript  
Later typescript  
1937, *The Doctors* [PFS and CGS], one-act play  
Rough drafts  
(2 folders)  
Corrected typescript  

**BOX 44**  
Director's copy  
Final acting script  
1937, *Hannibal Had Elephants* [PFS and CGS], typescript  
1938, *Kate Larsen* [PFS and CGS], one-act play  
1939, notes on brief plays [CGS]  
1939, *Second Honeymoon* [CGS], one-act play, rough draft and typescript  
1939, *Boys Will Be Boys* [CGS], one-act play, rough draft and typescript  
1939, *Kilowatt* [CGS], one-act play, corrected typescript  
1939, *Ernie* [CGS], one-act play, corrected and final typescripts  
1939, *Night and the Road Before Them* [CGS], blackout  
1939, untitled one-act political play [PFS], rough draft and typescript  
1940, *Michael* [PFS and CGS]  
Rough drafts  
(2 folders)  

**BOX 45**  
Corrected typescript  
Ribbon typescript  
1948-1950, *The Girdle of Venus* [PFS and CGS]  
Typescript  
Ribbon copy  

**BOX 46**  
Press notices, background, etc.  
1927, *The Belt*  
Background  
Press notices  
1930, *Midnight*, press notices  
1931, *1931*—, press notices  
1931-1933, *1931*—, press notices, background  
1932-1934, press notices, miscellany  
1935, background of the "Revolting Playwrights," Theatre Guild picketed by PFS and Virgil Ceddes, new dramatists' organizations  
1937-1938, *Give All Thy Terrors to the Wind*, photographs, miscellany  
1938-1939, *The Doctors*, press notices  

**BOX 47**  
Miscellany  
1920s, thoughts on producers [PFS], playlet, "Same to You"  
1929-1956, agreements  
1938, *Kate Larsen* [PFS and CGS], printed in *One Act Play Magazine* (June-July 1938)  
1940, *Ernie* [CGS], printed in *One Act Play Magazine and Theatre Review* (Jan. 1940)  
1940s-1960s, research material for *The Girdle of Venus*  
Undated
Praise for her theatrical agent [CGS]
Fragments

BOX 48
Poems [PFS], other writings
1920s, poems [PFS]
1942-1965, poems [PFS]
1965, *To the Dallas Underpass* [PFS]
Revisions
(2 folders)
Final version
1920s
Book review [PFS]
Articles and drafts [PFS] on Menckenism
Articles [PFS] on ethics of Pulitzers, newspapers
Articles and drafts [PFS] on Elizabeth Gurley Flynn
Articles [PFS] for the *New York World*
Articles [PFS] fragments
[1927], article [CGS] on fashion
1920s, *David* [CGS], short story

BOX 49
1931-1935, short stories and articles [PFS and CGS]
[1932-1933], article [CGS and Ruth Esther Howe], *Little Woman, What Now?*
1933
Book project [PFS] *Notes on America*, with early titles
*A Nose for News* [PFS], short story
1933-1935 Articles [PFS] on current events
1935, articles [PFS] on the Theatre Guild and on Broadway, part of the "Revolting Playwrights" movement
1930s, book reviews [CGS], drafts
1938-1939, articles, short stories [CGS] on Washington, D.C.
1938-1939, *Even the Least of These* [CGS], short story

BOX 50
1940, articles [PFS] on current events
1941-1942, articles [PFS] on current events
1945-1946, article [PFS] on General Motors strike and *1931---*
1946, article [PFS], *Porkchoppers and Democracy*, multiple versions and correspondence
1946, book project [PFS], “After Truman, What?,” a book proposal
1940s Writings [PFS], miscellaneous
1950s Writings [PFS], miscellaneous
1964-1968, articles [PFS] on mankind's future
Undated, fragments [PFS]

BOX 51
Book projects [PFS]
Typescript, pages 1-366
(2 folders)
Corrected typescript, pages 1-281 only

BOX 52
1943, “Who Are John L. Lewis?”
Rough drafts
Early typescript
Working carbons
**Box 53**

Clean typescript  
Corrected typescript; emendations  
Research material  

**Box 54**

Working references  
Correspondence  
References to United Mine Workers  
Research material  
Miscellany (research material, near-print, typescript, etc.)  

**Box 55**

1962, project on fish, fisheries, and the Third World

**Box 56**

Manuscript and published items  
1920s, article [PFS] on farm cooperative bill  
[1932], short story [PFS], *The Big Noise*  
1934, play [PFS], *The Town That Turned Back*  
1936, article [PFS] on baseball  
1941-1942, article [PFS] for *Life* magazine on “Main Street and the Freedom of the Seas”  
[1952], draft speech [PFS] for James B. Carey, president of the International Union of Electrical Workers  
1925-1941, published articles [PFS and CGS], tearsheets, clippings, etc.  
1932-1939, published articles [PFS and CGS] in magazines and pamphlets

**Box 57-58**

Personal Files, 1963

Material assembled for a testimonial dinner given to Paul Sifton in Washington, D.C., April 23, 1963. Includes a bound volume of presented letters; a larger group of letters not included in the volume; photographs taken at the dinner; notes, remarks, and miscellany. One container has photocopies of letters presented to Sifton.

**Box 57**

Testimonial dinner to PFS  
Bound volume of presented letters  
Letters not included in bound volume  
Photographs  
Remarks, notes, miscellany

**Box 58**

Photocopies of letters sent to PFS  
(3 folders)

**Box 59-65**

Printed Matter, 1919-1971

Clippings, near-print items, pamphlets, and issue-oriented material that reflect Paul Sifton’s newspaperman’s instinct for the preservation of his sources. Notable groups include post-World War II issues (price decontrol, inflation, atomic energy, full employment, and civil rights); material on the United Automobile Workers; and scrapbooks on John L. Lewis and the United Mine Workers. The latter complement a book project (1943) in the *Writings File*.

**Box 59**

Clippings  
1919-1950s  
(5 folders)

**Box 60**

1960s
1940s-1960s, clippings on the UAW-CIO
   (3 folders)
BOX 61 Pamphlets
   1920s-1930s
      (2 folders)
   1937 Steel Labor; The Progressive
   1960s
BOX 62 Various subjects
   1940s-1950s, un-American activities and anti-communism issues
   1940s-1950s, farm labor issues
   1945-1946, atomic and postwar issues
   1945-1946, price decontrols and inflation
   1940s-1950s, natural resources
   1950s, civil rights issues and Rule 22 fight in Congress
   1960-1961, Citizens' Research Foundation, reports
BOX 63 Foreign policy issues, includes United Nations press releases on Dominican and Congo situations, 1961-1962
   (2 folders)
UAW-CIO
   1944-1945
      (2 folders)
   1945-1946, anti-UAW-CIO propaganda
   1946-1947
      (2 folders)
BOX 64 1948-1957
       (6 folders)
   1958, including Kohler strike testimony
   1959
BOX 65 1961, includes textile workers' strikes
   1962-1971
      (3 folders)
Undated
   (2 folders)
Photocopied clippings in scrapbooks regarding John L. Lewis and the United Mine Workers Union, 1935, 1938-1939 See Oversize
BOX 66-73 Miscellany, 1920s-1980
   Material reflects Paul Sifton's post-retirement interests; also includes obituary, funeral, and condolence files, photographs, press cards, address files, Sifton family items, Sifton genealogy (Canadian), and other items.
   Arranged by topic or type of material.
BOX 66 Post-retirement interests [PGS]
   Plans for Ragged Island, Maine
   Homes and houses
   Inventions (new and proposed): "Bubble curtain" and "Electronic Bumblebee"
   Health aids, especially emphysema
   Electric wheel
Hydrofoils, pontoons, and amphibious boats
Electric cars
(3 folders)
Batteries
Windchargers

Vehicles, alternative
(2 folders)
Boats
(3 folders)

Engines, marine and other
(3 folders)
Fish, fisheries, and the Third World
(3 folders)

Pollution, man, and the environment
(3 folders)
Fragments, notes
(3 folders)

Condoences; other materials
1972, obituaries [PFS], New York and Washington, D.C., funeral service, other materials
1972, condolences [PFS]
(2 folders)
1980, obituaries [CGS], Washington, D.C., New York, and Mexico
1980, condolences [CGS]
(2 folders)
1920s-1960s, retained work of others

Photographs, addresses, and miscellany
Photographs
Of the Siftons
Of others
Passport, press passes, and calling cards
Address book and loose addresses
Miscellaneous

Sifton family, including genealogy (Canadian)
(3 folders)

Addition, 1923-1948
Typescripts of articles, books, and other writings, and miscellany. Includes first and authors' editions of the Siftons' plays and books. Chronologically arranged.

"Panorama" (novel) by CGS, a tale of small-town Missouri from the 1850s to the 1920s [1925-1927]
"Untitled" (novel) by CGS, a novel about the "Young People" of the 1920s with (some autobiographical overtones) [1927-1928?]
"A Week in the Country" (short novel) by CGS, on contemporary manners and mores of Americans, 1931

"The Washington Story" [current history as reportage], by CGS, alternate title: "A Woman's Eye View of the New Deal," 1939 [with irregular pagination]
**Addition, 1923-1948**

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*Hell Is A-Popping (one-act play) by CGS, 1942-1943*

*Spring in Minnesota (play) by PFS and CGS*

**BOX 76**

*The E.M.I.C. Story [Emergency Maternity and Infant Care program, World War II], typescript report, prepared by CGS for the U.S. Children's Bureau (then in the Department of Labor), 1940-1944*

*Distribution* (a textbook for high school seniors) by CGS, written for the National Education Association, typescript (carbon), 1946-1948

**BOX 77**

*The Belt (1927) play by PFS, two first editions of the book version*

  - No. 1, inscribed to CGS' mother, with *raison d'etre* for the drama
  - No. 2, inscribed to CGS with clippings pertaining to the Ford Motor Co. "speed-up" system, the subject of the play

*The Perfect Baby (1929) book by CGS, pseudonym "Claire Morton" used by the author*

*1931----A Play* (1931) by CGS and PFS, bound authors' copy of the printed version with complete original Broadway cast listed

**BOX 78**

*"Give All Thy Terrors to the Wind" (1937), one-act play by CGS and PFS, printed in *The Best Short Plays of the Social Theatre*, edited by William Kozlenko (New York, Random House, 1939); play's subject is *barratry*, in this case the sinking of a ship for the insurance*

*The Wave of the Future* (November 25, 1940) book by Anne Morrow Lindbergh; copy retained and annotated by CGS and PFS to document Mrs. Lindbergh's pro-Nazi sentiments

*Selected Poems for Young People* (1929) by Edna St. Vincent Millay, obtained by CGS and PFS after their purchase (1951) of Ragged Island, Millay's summer home

*The Harp-Weaver and Other Poems* (first edition, 1923) by Edna St. Vincent Millay; CGS and PFS were given this work by Agnes Inglis (enclosed card explains provenance)

**BOX OV 1-OV 2**

**Oversize, 1929-1942**

Photocopies of clippings in scrapbooks.

Arranged and described according to the series, containers, and folders from which the items were removed.

**BOX OV 1**

Printed matter

Photocopied clippings in scrapbooks regarding John L. Lewis and the United Mine Workers Union

- 1929, 1935-1942
  - (2 vols.) (Container 65)

**BOX OV 2**

- 1935-1940
  - (2 vols.) (Container 65)