Register of the Charles Shipman papers

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Charles Shipman papers
Dates: 1895-1986
Collection number: 2005C62
Creator: Shipman, Charles
Contributing Institution: Hoover Institution Archives
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General Physical Description note: 3 manuscript boxes, 1 oversize box(2.59 Linear feet)
Abstract: Contains correspondence, memoirs, meeting minutes, plays, clippings, notes, and photographs relating to the
life of Charles Shipman. Shipman was active in anti-war, anti-imperialist, and communist groups in the United States. He
was also a delegate to the second and sixth Communist International congresses, and was a communist leader in Mexico
under the name Manuel Gomez.

Physical Location: Hoover Institution Archives

Language of the materials: The collection is in English, with small amounts of material in Spanish, Italian, and Russian.

Access
The collection is open for research
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Acquisition Information
Materials were acquired by the Hoover Institution Archives in 2005

Accruals
Materials may have been added to the collection since this finding aid was prepared. To determine if this has occurred, find
the collection in Stanford University's online catalog Socrates at http://library.stanford.edu/webcat . Materials have been
added to the collection if the number of boxes listed in Socrates is larger than the number of boxes listed in this finding aid.

1895
August 10 Born Charles Francis Phillips in New York City

1913-1914 Attends Columbia University Extension classes
1914-1917 Attends Columbia School of Journalism
1915 December Participates in Ford Peace Expedition as Observer
1917 Organizing Secretary of the Collegiate Anti-Militarism League
1918 March Travels to Mexico to begin work for Communist Party
1919 Travels to Spain with Communist agent Mikhail Markovich Borodin under the name Jesus Ramirez
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<tr>
<th>Year</th>
<th>Event</th>
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<tr>
<td>1920</td>
<td>Delegate to the 2nd Communist International Congress</td>
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<td>Returns to Mexico, working under the name Manuel Gomez</td>
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<td>1921</td>
<td>Returns to United States, settling in Chicago</td>
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<td>1923-1928</td>
<td>Secretary, All-America Anti-Imperialist League</td>
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<td>1927</td>
<td>Moves to New York City</td>
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<td>1928</td>
<td>Delegate to the 6th Communist International Congress</td>
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<td>1930-1934</td>
<td>Works as journalist and editor at several newspapers, including the Wall Street News, Wall Street Journal, and New York Post</td>
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<td>1937-1948</td>
<td>Works at Standard and Poor's</td>
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**Scope and Contents note**
Contains correspondence, memoirs, meeting minutes, plays, clippings, notes, and photographs relating to the life of Charles Shipman. Shipman was active in anti-war, anti-imperialist, and communist groups in the United States. He was also a delegate to the second and sixth Communist International congresses, and was a communist leader in Mexico under the name Manuel Gomez. The **Subject files** document this activity. Shipman's life is chronicled in his memoirs, which are found in the **Writings** series along with plays Shipman translated and adapted from Spanish. The **Photographs** series is composed of portraits of Shipman and prints depicting meetings, family, and friends.

**Arrangement Statement**

**Indexing Terms**
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.
All-America Anti-Imperialist League.
Communist International.
Anti-imperialist movements.
Communism--Mexico.
Communism--United States.
Peace movements.

**Box 1**

Subject file, 1895-1986

- Physical Description: 0.4 Linear feet
- Scope and Content Note
  Consists of correspondence, meeting minutes, clippings, and notes related to Shipman's life and work with anti-war, anti-imperialist, and communist groups in the United States and Mexico.
- Arrangement
  Arranged in alphabetical order by folder title.

- All-America Anti-Imperialist League, 1920-1930, 1971
- American Communist Party, 1923-1982
- Biographical file, 1928-1985
- Ford expedition, 1915-1966
- New Masses, 1933-1934
- Passports, 1915-1975

- Scope and Content Note
  Includes passports for Charles Shipman and his wife Sylvia Feningston

- Peace meeting, 1895
- Personalities and friends, 1965-1984
- Pic and Carlota, 1945-1983
- Pre-Mexico data (correspondence), 1917-1918, 1966

- Scope and Content Note
  Includes letters regarding Shipman's decision to be a conscientious objector during World War I.
Box/Folder: 1 : 12  Redding, Connecticut, 1941-1985
Scope and Content Note
Includes Ah Catalina! programs

Box/Folder: 1 : 13 Russia and the Comintern, 1967-1984
Box/Folder: 1 : 14 Work-related clippings, 1956-1986
Box/Folder: 1 : 15 Workers Monthly, 1923-1925

Box: 2-3 Writings, 1960-1971
Physical Description: 0.6 Linear feet
Scope and Content Note
Contains an autobiographical transcript, Shipman's memoirs, and plays adapted and translated from Spanish.
Arrangement
Arranged in chronological order.

Box/Folder: 2 : 1-4 Biographical typescript (uncorrected), undated
Box/Folder: 2 : 5-9 Natural Enough: An Autobiography, undated
Box Folder: 3 : 1 The Lady from Havana, 1960
Box Folder: 3 : 2 Papa by a Landslide, 1962
Box Folder: 3 : 3 Gasoline for Mamma, 1962
Box Folder: 3 : 4 Ah Catalina! 1964, 1971
Box Folder: 3 : 6 Encounter in a Doctor's Waiting Room, 1970
Box Folder: 3-4 Photographs, 1915-1982
Physical Description: 1.55 Linear feet
Scope and Content Note
Composed of images of Shipman himself, family, friends, communist meetings, and play rehearsals.
Arrangement
Arranged in chronological order by group.

Box: 4 Portraits of Charles Shipman, undated
Box Folder: 3 : 7 Meetings and groups, 1915-1972
Scope and Content Note
Includes images of communist meetings.

Box/Folder: 3 : 8 Shipman family and friends, 1919-1972
Box: 4 "Haitian Patriotic Union banquet for Mr. Manuel Gomez," 1928 September 30
Box/Folder: 3 : 9 Miscellaneous snapshots, 1947-1982
Box/Folder: 3 : 10 Ah Catalina! rehearsals, 1964
Box: 4 International Summer School, University of Cambridge, 1975