Guide to the Carlton Sheffield John Steinbeck collection, 1933-1984

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Biography
Carlton Sheffield was a friend and Stanford roommate of the late author, John Steinbeck. He continued his friendship with Steinbeck after their college years and throughout his writing career through correspondence with Steinbeck and his wife. Sheffield also amassed a collection of clippings, fliers, and articles both about and by Steinbeck, which constitutes the source of this collection.
Sheffield also interacted with and collected information about several foundations and organizations concerning Steinbeck. Most notable in this collection are the Steinbeck Library in Salinas and the Steinbeck Festival, the John Steinbeck Society of America, and the Steinbeck Center Foundation, of which Sheffield was an Honorary Director.
Scope and Content
Included in the collection are carbon copies of Sheffield's correspondence with John and Elaine Steinbeck through the years 1944-1971. There are also copies of Sheffield's correspondence with Peter Lisca, another friend of Steinbeck. The clippings Sheffield collected are also included, covering Steinbeck's books, articles, Nobel Prize, exchanges with Communist writers, tour in Vietnam, and death. Clippings concerning several biographies of Steinbeck and a few related topics (i.e. Steinbeck Country and Cannery Row, and the "Oakies") are also included. Additionally, Sheffield collected clippings of almost any mention of Steinbeck in the newspaper, which we have arranged by date.

The collection also contains a typed carbon manuscript, "The Man in the Shining Silk Hat," by Carol Steinbeck, ca. 1933.

Access Terms
Lisca, Peter.
Sheffield, Carlton.
Steinbeck, Carol.
Steinbeck, John, 1902-1968.
American literature--20th century.

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