

Paul and Virginia Fontaine Manuscripts and Assorted Materials 1935-1996

Creator:	Paul and Virginia Fontaine (creators)
Title:	Paul and Virginia Fontaine Manuscripts and Assorted Materials
Dates:	1935-1996 (bulk 1945-1969); unsorted
Quantity:	31 linear feet; 314 Photographs
Language:	English and German
Repository:	The Fontaine Archive

Abstract-colorist painter Paul Fontaine was born in 1913 in Worcester, Massachusetts to Elzear and Mary Fontaine, both of French-Canadian descent. Fontaine had two brothers, Russell and Leo Fontaine, both younger. Paul Fontaine was early on encouraged to be a painter, deciding to pursue this artistic path as a teenager. He was enrolled at the Worcester Art Museum School following completion of high school, and remained there from 1932-1935. Fontaine graduated in 1935, and followed his studies with a six-month term in the Civilian Conservation Corps. In 1936, Fontaine worked as a WPA (or Section of Fine Arts, US Treasury) painter in Springfield, Massachusetts, painting murals in the city's Post Office under Umberto Romano. Like many WPA murals, these contained images of Springfield and Massachusetts history in a bold, proletarian style, full of expressive movement and hard edges. In six panels, these murals now decorate Springfield's federal building.

Following employment as a WPA painter, Fontaine was encouraged to continue his studies at Yale's prestigious art school. Francis H. Taylor, director of the Worcester Art Museum, secured a matching grant for Fontaine to engage further studies at Yale, the only time the Worcester Art Museum School donated significant funds to a student's career. Fontaine began at Yale in 1938 and graduated among the top of his class in 1940. Fontaine was awarded the Winchester Wirt Traveling Fellowship the same year, but due to wartime exigencies, chose instead to study and paint in the Caribbean.

Paul Fontaine married fellow Yale art student Virginia Hammersmith in 1940. Virginia Fontaine was trained as a painter at Yale but did not graduate, and she became a major force in Paul's subsequent creative activities. Virginia was born in 1917 to Paul and Myrtle Hammersmith of Milwaukee, Wisconsin (founders of the Hammersmith Printing Company). Following their marriage the Fontaines went to the British Virgin Islands, primarily Tortola, on Paul's fellowship, where he first began to extensively explore abstract forms in his watercolors. Meanwhile, Virginia Fontaine was a skilled photographer, regular diarist and frequent documenter of their lives together. Thus, experiences in the Virgin Islands were noted in both her pictures and words.

The Fontaines returned to Worcester in 1941, where Paul held a factory job and painted regularly, successfully submitting a number of watercolors for governmental tours. He also founded the Worcester Artists Group with Herbert Barnett, showed in Boston at the Grace Horn Galleries, and built a studio by hand behind his mother's house, known as "Rocky Tor." Paul Fontaine was drafted in 1943 and sent to Italy where he worked as an illustrator, also painting commissions for the Army and Red Cross. Fontaine frequently painted semiabstract watercolors of the Italian countryside, maintaining his commitment to a career as an artist. The Fontaines' first daughter, Carol, was born in 1943 in Worcester, MA. Starting in 1945, Paul worked as an Army cartographer in Paris, finally settling in Frankfurt as the graphic director for the Army's regional headquarters. There, his work included posters and brochures. Paul stayed in this position until 1953, which allowed him the opportunity to live in Frankfurt as the city and its artistic community were rebuilt. During the late 1940s, Paul's Italian watercolors also toured to acclaim in the United States in an exhibition organized by Virginia Fontaine that brought his work to Milwaukee and Ripon, WI; Kalamazoo, MI; Bloomington, IN; and Boston, MA. In 1948, the Fontaines' second daughter, Eugenie (Paula), was born in Frankfurt.

The Fontaines' apartment in Frankfurt soon became noted for its continual parade of artists, writers and musicians, for Virginia Fontaine made their home into a place where artists could meet, share ideas and get to know one another in postwar Frankfurt. Her goal was not only community building, but to introduce Paul to European artists and bring him into the artistic circle. This circle included Hans Hartung, Bauhaus painter and weaver Ida Kerkovius, sculptors Ewald Mataré and Karl Hartung, Otto Ritschl and Willi Baumeister. The Fontaines also bought and otherwise acquired a strong collection of modern and abstract European art, reflecting both status as an integral part of the art scene and contributing to the noteworthiness of the archives.

In 1953, the Fontaines moved to Darmstadt, where Paul became the art director for Stars and Stripes, the Army's European circular. He created cartoons to go along with editorials and designed the feature section. This was his principal source of income until his retirement in 1969 at age 55. The Fontaines' third daughter Claudia was born in Darmstadt in 1956. During this period, Virginia began to focus more on her own work, which included curating and photography. She arranged the visit of a print collection from Czechoslovakia (Oregon State University, 1968) and contemporary German prints (Oregon State University, 1963). She also contributed to a catalog on Hans Hartung, and extensively photographed a dance company.

From 1947 onward, Paul Fontaine remained committed to exploring the abstract in his art, with increasingly large canvases and defiantly non-representational forms in oil, watercolor and acrylic, often with bold areas of color and naturalistic hues. For the next 23 years, Virginia was also committed to the success of Paul Fontaine as an artist. She steadfastly continued to introduce him to fellow artists and to curators and galleries, earning him a number of shows including the Stedelijk Amsterdam, Salon des Realite Nouvelles, Museum of Modern Art, Paris (1950/1), Frankfurter Kunstkabinett (from 1950 onward with regularity), Portland Art Museum (1962), Neue Darmstädter Sezession (1960s), and the Worthington Gallery in Chicago. Despite frequent showings in Germany, Fontaine's work was not often shown in the United States, despite being exhibited alongside that of artists like Alexander Calder.

In 1969, the Fontaines moved to Guadalajara, Mexico, following Paul Fontaine's retirement.

During his time in Mexico, the colors of his paintings became bolder, his forms gauzier and his canvases larger. He showed at the University of Colima, Jalisco, Mexico (1970) and, because he found Mexican culture more favorable, was able to represent himself to curators and galleries there. Following the death of Virginia in 1992 at age 75, Paul moved to Austin, Texas to be nearer to his daughters. He died in 1996 at age 82.

The Fontaine Archive includes approximately 314 photographs, 350 artworks, 13.5 linear feet of books and manuscripts, 10 linear feet of miscellany, and 6 linear feet of letters and documents related to the Fontaines' life as art students and their residency in postwar Germany and Mexico. The bulk of the documentation covers the years from 1935 to 1965, during the height of Modernism. The collection is essential research for art historians interested in American artists living abroad, as well as the role that the arts played in postwar Europe's rebuilding.

The letters begin in 1935 with Virginia Fontaine's move from Milwaukee to Yale and are primarily written to her mother. Her letters to family cease upon her death in Guadalajara, Mexico, in 1992. Some of Virginia's letters correspond to materials in the Hammersmith Archives. Paul Fontaine's letters in the collection begin with those written to Virginia in 1938, and continue regularly through his station in Europe during the Second World War. Following their relocation to Europe after the war, the letters between Virginia and Paul become infrequent with the exception of brief periods when they were apart. Virginia's letters to her mother cease with Myrtle's death in 1961.

The photographic materials date to 1935 and continue up to Paul's death in 1996. Chief among the photographs is a scrapbook annotated by Virginia that covers the first years of their marriage until 1955. Along with photos taken during the construction of the studio in Worcester and Paul's early watercolors, the scrapbook contains many items related to the European art scene. Photos of artists like Hans Hartung, Ewald Mataré, Emy Roeder, Ida Kerkovius and others are included, taken in times of leisure or social activity at either the Fontaines' apartments in Frankfurt and Darmstadt, or at the artists' studios. Some photos document the Fontaines' children playing with the artists' children; others are glimpses of European gallerists and taste-makers carousing with the artists. Images of exhibitions in which Paul Fontaine's paintings were shown are also included. Virginia's letters from this period, as well as recently-discovered diaries, further point to this facet of the Fontaines' life as one of the most crucially documented in this collection.

Virginia Fontaine also assembled two photo-essays in 1952, one covering the Stedelijk Museum in Amsterdam and the other documenting the Maria Wigman Dance Company. These series of photos and attendant articles cover a range of different aspects of their subjects, belying the fact that Virginia was intent on making her own creative stamp, albeit in the journalistic world. Unfortunately, it appears that very little of this material was ultimately published. There are also two series of photographs that may have also been intended to accompany articles, though no written documents have been uncovered to corroborate this. These series are of Mataré in his studio and at leisure, and of noted Frankfurt gallery owner Ferdinand Muller.

In addition to photographs, letters and ephemera, the Fontaine Archives are also a repository for a significant number of art history monographs, theory texts and rare catalogs from the 1930s onward, some of which have only scant documentation in OCLC. Included in the book collection are the homemade art survey texts of Paul and Virginia Fontaine from their Yale studies, comprised of notes, drawings, photographs and reproductions that serve as both a chronicle of their studies and a window into mid-century art historical practice. Also included are two guestbooks that document frequent visitors to the Fontaines' Frankfurt apartment in the years 1949-1955, including drawings, sketches and notes from their many creative associates.

Finally, the Archive also houses a large portion of Paul Fontaine's oeuvre, dating from the 1940s to the large-scale canvases he completed shortly before his death. As the provenance of other works is still an ongoing process, the most cumulative known collection of his paintings is housed in the Fontaine Archives, adding a definitive creative stamp to a massive amount of context.

Restrictions

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Collection is available for public research by appointment only.

Index Terms

This record series is indexed under the following controlled access terms:

Organizations:

- Frankfurter Kunstkabinett
- Oregon State University
- Stedelijk Amsterdam
- The Stars and Stripes
- Worcester Art Museum
- Yale University

Subjects:

- Abstract expressionism--Germany.
- Abstract expressionism--Mexico.
- Abstract expressionism--United States.
- Chidester, Claudia Fontaine
- Fontaine, Paul, 1913-1996. Works. Selections
- Fontaine, Paul, 1913-1996.
- Fontaine, Paul

Frankfurter Kunstkabinett Hanna Bekker vom Rath
Oregon State University
Painting, Abstract--Germany.
Painting, Abstract--Mexico.
Painting, Abstract--United States
Painting, American--20th century.
Painting, American--Massachusetts--20th century
Painting, American--Wisconsin--Milwaukee.
Painting--Germany--Darmstadt.
Painting--Germany--Frankfurt am Main.
Painting--Mexico.
Rath, Hanna Bekker vom, 1893-1983
Stars and Stripes (Newspaper)
Stedelijk Museum Amsterdam (Netherlands)
Yale University.

People:

Claudia Fontaine Chidester
Paul Fontaine
Virginia Fontaine
Hanna Bekker vom Rath

Places:

Austin, Texas
Darmstadt, Germany
Frankfurt, Germany
Guadalajara, Mexico
Rocky Tor
Tortola, Virgin Islands
Worcester, Massachusetts

Administrative Information

Custodial History:

Virginia Fontaine until 1992; Claudia Fontaine Chidester 1992-present.

Preferred Citation:

The Fontaine Archive, Austin, Texas.

Acquisition Information:

Acquired by the Archive upon the deaths of Virginia Fontaine in 1992 and Paul Fontaine in 1996.

Detailed Description of the Collection

** Correspondence to/from Family includes letters and postcards to/from Myrtle Hammersmith, Paul W. Hammersmith, Marylou Hammersmith, Carol Hammersmith*

Documents and Correspondence 1934-1990

Filing Cabinet

Drawer

Drawer 1

Hanging Folder

1 **Christmas Cards, 1950-1961**

Folder

1 Original Christmas cards - artists, 1950-1961

Item

1 Card, Henry Alsborg and Frances Alsborg

Item

2 Card, Henry Alsborg and Frances Alsborg, 1965

Item

3 Postcard, Willi Baumeister, December 19, 1951

Item

4 Postcard, Willi Baumeister

Item

5 Postcard, Rolf Cavael, June 24, 1951

Item

6 Postcard, Rolf Cavael, December 27, 1952

Item

7 Postcard, Rolf Cavael, December 25, 1953

Item

8 Card, Rolf Cavael, 1956

Item

9 Postcard, Rolf Cavael, December 28, 1957

- Item**
10 Postcard, Rolf Cavael, December 28, 1957
- Item**
11 Card containing print and gallery show information, Noche Christ, [1950]
- Item**
12 Postcard, Tila von Flügge, July 4, 1955
- Item**
13 Postcard, Yvonne Hagen
- Item**
14 Postcard, Chichio Haller
- Item**
15 Card, Chichio Haller
- Item**
16 Postcard, Erich Heckel
- Item**
17 Postcard, Ida Kerkovious, May 10, 1950
- Item**
18 Card, Ida Kerkovious, 1951
- Item**
19 Postcard, Ida Kerkovious
- Item**
20 Card, Eugenie Kiep
- Item**
21 Card, Helmut Lander
- Item**
22 Photo, Walter Linck, 1952
- Item**
23 Card, Walter Linck
- Item**
24 Postcard, Lidy Lüttwitz, 1953
- Item**
25 Postcard, Lidy Lüttwitz
- Item**
26 Card, Ewalde Mataré
- Item**
27 Card, Ferdinand Möller, December, 1952
- Item**

28 Card, Hanna Bekker vom Rath
Item
29 Postcard, Hanna Bekker vom Rath
Item
30 Postcard, Otto Ritschl
Item
31 Card, Emy Roeder, 1957
Item
32 Postcard, Emy Roeder
Item
33 Card, Emy Roeder
Item
34 Card, Helena Rohlf's, December 29, 1957
Item
35 Card, Karl Schmidt-Rottluff
Item
36 Card, Bernard Schultze and U.B.
Item
37 Card, Bernard Schultze
Item
38 Card, Solms Family
Item
39 Postcard, Hedwig Thinne, December 27, 1961
Item
40 Postcard, Hans Uhlmann, December 27, 1952
Item
41 Postcard, Hans Uhlmann, December 31, 1955
Item
42 Postcard, Hans Uhlmann
Item
43 Postcard, Egon Vietta, 1952
Item
44 Postcard, Woty Werner, December 22, 1952
Item
45 Postcard, Woty Werner, October, 1955
Item
46 Postcard, [Lili Rendy and Andor Foldes], 1953

Item	
47	Card, [Leon Rottre]
Item	
48	Postcard, Illegible, 1955
Item	
49	Postcard, [Joan and Duck]
Folder	
2	Original Prints - Christmas cards - artists 1953-1956, 1981
Item	
1	Frances Alsburg
Item	
2	Willi Baumeister
Item	
3	Carl Buchheister, 1955
Item	
4	Carl Buchheister
Item	
5	H.[Helmut] Bischoff and K.[Klaus] Winter
Item	
6	Alma deLuce
Item	
7	William Gentes, 1981
Item	
8	Erich Heckel, 1952
Item	
9	Ida Kerkovious
Item	
10	Rolf Müller-Landau, 1953
Item	
11	Rolf Müller-Landau, 1955
Item	
12	Siegfried Reich an der Stolpe, 1956
Item	
13	Siegfried Reich an der Stolpe
Item	
14	Rolf Rasch, 1953
Item	

15 Bernard Schultze

Item

16 Jurg Spiller, 1955

Item

17 Egon Vietta

Item

18 Charlotte Weidler

Hanging Folder

2 **Fontaine Christmas Cards**

Folder

1 Fontaine Original Christmas Cards

Hanging Folder

3 **Creative Works**

Folder

1 1942 Virgin Islands Notes and Lecture

Item

1 Envelope
Photographs

Folder

2 Tortola speech

Item

1 Envelope
Drafts of lecture

Item

2 Envelope
Notes on history of Virgin Islands and Tortola

Hanging Folder

4 **Creative Works**

Folder

1 Creative Works – VHF

Hanging Folder

5 **Creative Works**

Folder

1 Greece 1962

Hanging Folder

6 **Creative Works**

Folder

1 Oregon State Correspondence 1962-63, -catalogues
Hanging Folder

7 **Creative Works**
Folder

1 Oregon State-Corvallis- Correspondence 1962-63, Artist Lists
Hanging Folder

8 **Creative Works**
Folder

1 [Artist Correspondence]A-C
Folder

2 [Artist Correspondence]D-G
Folder

3 [Artist Correspondence]H-K
Folder

4 [Artist Correspondence]L-P
Folder

5 [Artist Correspondence]Q-Z
Hanging Folder

9 **Creative Works, VHF 1968**
Folder

1 Oregon State Univ. Corvallis Czech Show 1968
Hanging Folder

10 **VHF Important Documents, 1935-1939**
Folder

1 VHF: Transcripts, Yale Correspondence, Resumes 1935-1939
Folder

2 VHF: Death Certificate
Folder

3 VHF: Obituary, Press Clippings
Hanging Folder

11 **None, 1950-1961**
Folder

1 Inventories, Art and Household
Hanging Folder

12 **None, 1930-1935**
Folder

1 1930 - MLH

Postcard to Virginia Fontaine

Folder
2 1934 – other
Postcards to Virginia Fontaine

Folder
3 1935 – Other
Christmas card to Virginia Fontaine

Folder
4 VHF – 1935
Correspondence to family from Virginia Fontaine

Hanging Folder
13 **None, 1936**

Folder
1 1936 – other
Correspondence between family

Folder
2 VHF 1936
Letters to family from Virginia Fontaine, event flyers, summer camp materials, christmas card, newspaper clipping

Hanging Folder
14 **None, 1937**

Folder
1 1937 – others
Letters from Charlotte Sawyer to Carol Hammersmith, PW & Myrtle Hammersmith

Folder
2 Hammersmith – 1937
Correspondence between family

Folder
3 1937 – VHF
Letters to family from Virginia Fontaine, event flyers, photo

Hanging Folder
15 **1938-40**

Folder
1 1938 – others
Correspondence between family, credit slip

Folder
2 1938 – VHF

Letters to family from Virginia Fontaine

Folder

3

1938 – PEF

Letters to Virginia Fontaine from Paul Fontaine

Folder

4

1939 – VHF

Letters to family from Virginia Fontaine

Folder

5

1939 – others

Letters from non-family to Virginia Fontaine

Hanging Folder

16

None, 1939

Folder

1

1939 PEFJun-July

Letters to Virginia Fontaine from Paul Fontaine

Folder

2

1939 PEFAug-Sept

Letters to Virginia Fontaine from Paul Fontaine

Folder

3

1939 PEFOct-Dec

Letters to Virginia Fontaine from Paul Fontaine

Hanging Folder

17

None, 1940

Folder

1

1940 -others

Letters from non-family to Virginia Fontaine

Hanging Folder

18

1940

Folder

1

1940 Clippings

Wedding article

Folder

2

1940 – VHF

Letters to family from Virginia Fontaine

Folder

3

1940 – PEF

Letters to Virginia Fontaine from Paul Fontaine

Hanging Folder

19 **1941**

Folder

1 Correspondence – others, 1941
Correspondence between family

Folder

2 VHF Correspondence 1941
Letters to family from Virginia Fontaine

Hanging Folder

20 **1942**

Folder

1 1942 – VHF
Letters to family from Virginia Fontaine

Hanging Folder

21 **1942 Virgin Islands Notes and Lecture**

Folder

1 Tortola speech
Notes

Hanging Folder

22 **1943**

Folder

1 Correspondence, VHF 1943/1/19-11/3
Letters to family from Virginia Fontaine, photos

Folder

2 Correspondence, Hammersmith , 1943/6/30-11/24
Letter to Virginia Fontaine from mother

Folder

3 Correspondence, others – 1943/3/20
Letters to Hammersmiths from Virginia Fontaine, envelope to Paul Fontaine from Virginia Fontaine

Folder

4 Correspondence, PEF – 1943/3/17-8/8
Letters to family from Paul Fontaine

Hanging Folder

23 **1944**

Folder

1 1944 – others
Letters to Virginia Fontaine, New Year's card with original illustration

from [Dud]

Hanging Folder

24

1945

Blank postcards, envelope to Paul Fontaine, flyer, note with names

Names: Jere Abbot, Dorothy Adlow, Margaret Brown, Philip Claflin, Polly Coan, Allen Currier, Marion L. Dickinson, Louisa Dresser, William M. Friedman, Bartlette A. Hayes Jr., Henry Hope, Lester Schwartz, Edith Snow, Lewis E. York

Folder

1

Correspondence, Hammersmith, 1945

Correspondence to Virginia Fontaine and Paul Fontaine from Hammersmiths

Folder

2

1945 – VHF

Correspondence from Virginia Fontaine to potential show locations, Virginia Fontaine to Paul Fontaine, to others

Folder

3

1945 – PEF, Correspondence

Correspondence to Virginia Fontaine from Paul Fontaine

Folder

4

Correspondence, PEF 1945 (2)

Correspondence to Virginia Fontaine from Paul Fontaine

Folder

5

1945 – others

Correspondence to Virginia Fontaine from others

Names: Margaret Brown, Agnes R. Claflin, Polly Coan, Allen Currier, Marion L. Dickinson, Louisa Dresser, Henry Hope, Helen B. Palmer, Edith Snow, Lucia Stern

Hanging Folder

25

None, 1945-1946

Folder

1

Rocky Tor Construction 1945

Invoices, contracts, notes

Folder

2

Rocky Tor Const. 1945-1946

Invoices, sketches, photographs

Hanging Folder

26

1946

Folder

- 1 1946 – others
Correspondence with family, others, art show correspondence, art sale receipts, 2 cards with original illustration from [Dud, newspaper clippings]
Names: Margaret Brown, Marion L. Dickinson, Henry Hope, Henrietta L. Jones, Lester, Charles Sawyer
- Folder**
- 2 1946 – PEF
Correspondence to Virginia Fontaine from Paul Fontaine
- Folder**
- 3 1946 – VHF
Correspondence from Virginia Fontaine
Names: Margaret Brown, Polly Coan, Marion L. Dickinson, Frances and Burke, Henry Hope, Henrietta L. Jones
- Hanging Folder**
- 27 **1947**
- Folder**
- 1 Correspondence VHF 1947
Correspondence from Virginia Fontaine
Names: Margaret Brown
- Folder**
- 2 Correspondence – others 1947
Small booklet of short stories English/German
- Folder**
- 3 Correspondence, 1947 – Hammersmith
Correspondence to family from Ida Hammersmith
- Hanging Folder**
- 28 **1948**
- Folder**
- 1 Correspondence, Hammersmith 1948
Correspondence to family from others
- Folder**
- 2 Correspondence, 1948 – others
Correspondence to Virginia Fontaine from others
- Folder**
- 3 1948 others – unindexed
Correspondence to Hammersmiths from others
- Item**

1 Letter from [Maria Auduis], 9/30/1948

Item

2 Letter from Lydia Dokkum (also signed by Robbie Dokkum and Eric Dokkum), 12/28/1948

Folder

4 Correspondence, 1948 – VHF
Correspondence to family, others from Virginia Fontaine, photographs
Names: Gretta Domnick, Heinz Rasch, Hanna Bekker vom Rath

Filing Cabinet

Drawer

Drawer 2

Hanging Folder

29 **1949**

Folder

1 Correspondence VHF 1949
Correspondence to family, to Margaret Brown from Virginia Fontaine

Folder

2 Correspondence Hammersmith 1949
Correspondence between family

Folder

3 Correspondence others – 1949
Correspondence to Virginia Fontaine, family from others
Names: Maria Auduis, Clara Genich, Ruth Koch, Adolf Reith, Noldi Rüdlinger

Folder

4 Correspondence 1948 PEF
Empty

Folder

5 1949 – others – Jean Arp
Correspondence from Virginia Fontaine
Names: Jean Arp, Hans Hartung, M. Del Marle, Jurg Spiller

Hanging Folder

30 **1950**

Folder

1 1950 – VHF
Correspondence to family, others from Virginia Fontaine
Names: Margaret Brown

Folder

2 1950 – PEF
Correspondence to family from Paul Fontaine

Folder

3 1950 – other
Correspondence to Virginia Fontaine from others
Names: Margaret Brown, Hans Hartung, Hanna Bekker vom Rath, Noldi Rüdlinger, Charles Sawyer

Hanging Folder

31 **1951**

Folder

1 1951 – VHF
Newspaper clipping, photographs, correspondence from Virginia Fontaine
Names: Greta Domnick, Ottomar Domnick

Folder

2 1951 – others
Correspondence to Virginia Fontaine, postcard with multiple names
Names: Margaret Brown, Ruth Koch, Margrit Linck, Walter Linck, Heinz Rasch, Fritz Winter

Folder

3 Notes, drawings – unknown, 1951
Notes, drawings

Hanging Folder

32 **1952**

Folder

1 VHF 1952
Correspondence to family, Margaret Brown

Folder

2 1952 others
Correspondence to Virginia Fontaine from others
Names: I. H. Barrow, Margaret Brown, Eline McKnight, Hanna Bekker vom Rath

Hanging Folder

33 **1953**

Folder

1 Correspondence, VHF 15 Jan 53
Letter to family from Virginia Fontaine

Folder

- 2 Correspondence, VHF 30 Jan 53
Letter to family from Virginia Fontaine
- Folder**
- 3 Correspondence, VHF 10 Feb 53
Letter to family from Virginia Fontaine
- Folder**
- 4 Correspondence, VHF 27 Feb 53
Letter to family from Virginia Fontaine
- Folder**
- 5 Correspondence, VHF 3 Mar 53
Letter to family from Virginia Fontaine
- Folder**
- 6 Correspondence, VHF 31 Mar 53
Letter to family from Virginia Fontaine
- Folder**
- 7 Correspondence, VHF 2 Apr 53
Letter to family from Virginia Fontaine
- Folder**
- 8 Correspondence, VHF 10 Apr 53
Letter to family from Virginia Fontaine
- Folder**
- 9 Correspondence, VHF 15 May 53
Letter to family from Virginia Fontaine, photograph
- Folder**
- 10 Correspondence, VHF 3 Jun 53
Letter to family from Virginia Fontaine
- Folder**
- 11 Correspondence, VHF 5 Jun 53
Letter to family from Virginia Fontaine
- Folder**
- 12 Correspondence, VHF 6 July 53
Letter to family from Virginia Fontaine
- Folder**
- 13 Correspondence, VHF 23 Jul 53
Letter to family from Virginia Fontaine
- Folder**
- 14 Correspondence, VHF August 53

- Letter to family from Virginia Fontaine*
- Folder**
15 Correspondence, VHF Aug 53
Letter to family from Virginia Fontaine
- Folder**
16 Correspondence, VHF 13 Aug 53
Letter to family from Virginia Fontaine
- Folder**
17 Correspondence, VHF 7 Sept 53
Letter to family from Virginia Fontaine
- Folder**
18 Correspondence, VHF 16 Oct 53
Letter to family from Virginia Fontaine
- Folder**
19 Correspondence, PEF 1 Jun 53
Postcard to Hammersmiths from Paul Fontaine
- Folder**
20 Correspondence, Hammersmith 1953
Letter, postcard from Carol Hammersmith
- Folder**
21 1953 – others
Letter to family from Paul Fontaine, correspondence from others to VHF, correspondence to Hammersmiths from others, music performance flyer, postcard from multiple people
Names: H. ?, Ursula [Janninh], [Savier-Wietts], Margrit Baumeister, Willi Baumeister, Marta Fridolin, Will Grohman, Ida Hammersmith, Heidelberg, Clara Lenish, Margrit Linck, Walter Linck, Dolly Masden, Tom Noonan, Vicki Noonan, Gunnor Offermann, Paul Offermann, Carol Porth, Nel Roos, Willem Jacob Henri Berend Sandberg, Allie Schuster, Heinz Trökes, Tanta Maria (in Wuppertal)
- Hanging Folder**
34 **1954**
- Folder**
1 Correspondence, VHF – 1954
Correspondence to others from Virginia Fontaine
- Folder**
2 Correspondence, others – 1954
Correspondence to Virginia Fontaine from others
Names: Jo ?, [Paul Feisel], [Suzanne Feisel], Gustav Bauer, Noche

Christ, Tila von Flügge, Rasch Family, Hanna Bekker vom Rath, Nel Roos, Tanta Mari Wuppertal

Folder

3 Correspondence, Hammersmith – 1954
Correspondence to family

Hanging Folder

35 **1955**

Folder

1 Correspondence, VHF 2 April 1955
Letter to family from Virginia Fontaine

Folder

2 Correspondence, VHF 18 April 55
Letter to family from Virginia Fontaine

Folder

3 Correspondence, VHF 5 May 55
Letter to family from Virginia Fontaine

Folder

4 Correspondence, VHF 20 May 55
Letter to family from Virginia Fontaine

Folder

5 Correspondence, VHF 24 May 55
Letter to family from Virginia Fontaine

Folder

6 Correspondence, VHF 17 July 55
Letter to family from Virginia Fontaine

Folder

7 Correspondence, VHF 8 Aug 55
Letter to family from Virginia Fontaine

Folder

8 Correspondence, VHF 12 Aug 55
Letter to family from Virginia Fontaine

Folder

9 Correspondence, VHF 14 Sept 55
Letter to family from Virginia Fontaine

Folder

10 Correspondence, VHF 28 Sept 55
Letter to family from Virginia Fontaine

Folder

- 11 Correspondence, VHF 13 Oct 55
Letter to family from Virginia Fontaine, clipping
- Folder**
- 12 Correspondence, VHF 25 Nov 55
Clipping, show flyer
- Folder**
- 13 Correspondence, VHF 28 55
Letter to family from Virginia Fontaine
- Folder**
- 14 Correspondence, others 29 Aug 1955
Correspondence to family from Virginia Fontaine, others
Names: Lisa ? and [Soluy] ?, Tila von Flügge, Inge Rasch, Hanna Bekker vom Rath, Nel Roos, Marion Yahr
- Hanging Folder**
- 36 **1956**
- Folder**
- 1 VHF – 17 Jan 1956 : 23 Jan 1956
Correspondence to family, newspaper clipping
- Folder**
- 2 VHF 6 Jan 1956
Letter to Carol from Virginia Fontaine
- Folder**
- 3 VHF 9 Feb 1956
Letter to family from Virginia Fontaine
- Folder**
- 4 1956 – others
Correspondence to Virginia Fontaine from others
Names: [Auki] and [Martin], [Lues], Noche Christ, Tila von Flügge, Bartholomew Hayes, Heinrich Noldi, Karl Schmidt-Rottluff
- Hanging Folder**
- 37 **1957**
Correspondence to others
Names: Tila von Flügge, Harold Palmer
- Hanging Folder**
- 38 **1958-1960**
- Folder**
- 1 Correspondence, VHF 1958-1960
Correspondence to family from Virginia Fontaine

Folder

2 Correspondence, others, 1958-1960
Correspondence to Virginia Fontaine from others
Names: [Rani Coopers], [Theodore], Nini Baum, Tila von Flügge, Wilhelm Loth, Mat, Rasch family, Dr. Rieth, Misi Rieth, Nel Roos, Marylou Solms, Elsie Stark, Peter Steinforth, Erich Stern, Lucia Stern

Hanging Folder

39 **1961**

Folder

1 VHF 1961
Correspondence to family from Virginia Fontaine

Folder

2 1961 others
Correspondence between family, postcard to Virginia Fontaine from other
Names: Addie Vosburgh, Marreu Vosburgh, Sid Vosburgh, Charlotte Weidler

Hanging Folder

40 **None, 1962**

Folder

1 1962 – others
Correspondence between family, postcards from Tila von Flügge

Folder

2 VHF 1962
Correspondence to family from Virginia Fontaine

Hanging Folder

41 **Correspondence, VHF 1963-1965**

Folder

1 Correspondence to family from Virginia Fontaine
Correspondence between family, postcards from Tila von Flügge

Folder

2 Correspondence, others 1963-1965
Correspondence between family, from others
Names: Eliza, P. Estival, Dr. Kurt Herberts, Katherine Hourigan, Hanna Bekker vom Rath

Hanging Folder

42 **1967**
Correspondence to/from family

Names: Cam and Nini, Dr. Ludwig Engel

Hanging Folder

43

1966-1970

Folder

1

Correspondence, Fontaine Children 1966-70
Correspondence between family

Folder

2

Correspondence, others 1966-69
Correspondence to Virginia Fontaine from others
Names: Karl Haas, Heinz Rasch, Rosalinde, Karl Ströher

Folder

3

Correspondence, others 1970
Correspondence to Virginia Fontaine from others
Names: Milan Albich, Arthur, Tila von Flügge, Marie, Polly Nemtin, Stephen Nemtin, Rudolf Rasch, Ruth

Folder

4

Correspondence, VHF 1966-1970
Correspondence to others from Virginia Fontaine

Folder

5

Correspondence, Fontaine Children, 1971-1981
Correspondence between family

Folder

6

1966 Press Cards

Item

1

Two Paul Fontaine Stars and Stripes press cards, one expiring 1968, other expiring 1970

Hanging Folder

44

1970's

Folder

1

Correspondence, 1970's? - no date
Correspondence with no date found in the 1970s range of folders before they were rearranged
Names: Harry Aaronson, Ruth Aaronson, Frances Alsberg, Henry Alsberg, George Blais, Loy Blais, Bud [Paul B. Hammersmith], Florence and Jack, Bob Fontaine, Karla Fontaine, Leo Fontaine, Russell Fontaine, Georgi and Harry, Irma Gierlich, Kurt Gierlich, Vivian & Gordon Gilkey, Gail Gordon, Lois Gordon, Joseph Grunby, Rose Grunby, Chick Hatch, Muriel Hatch, Ansley Hill, David Iams, Dory Iams, Sarah Iams, Tony

Iams, Frank Jackson, Matt Lemme, Sauchia Lemme, Evawhyte
Mahoney, Alma McBride, Joe McBride, Bill Phillipson, Dorie Phillipson,
Carol Porth, Jim Porth, Harriet Riddile, John Riddile, Marylou Sapone,
Margot Slater, The [Leven Hogtus], Suzanne Willson

Hanging Folder

45

1971

Folder

1

Correspondence, Virginia Fontaine 1971

Correspondence from Paul Fontaine, Christmas card on show flyer from Paul Fontaine

Folder

2

Correspondence, Fontaine Children

Correspondence between family

Folder

3

Correspondence, Hammersmith, 1971

Correspondence between family

Folder

4

Correspondence, others 1971

Christmas cards, correspondence from others

Names: [Hoinka], [Johnny] and [Christel], William E. Denny, Bob Friedman, Fränkel, John E. Haughton, Jack Hauser, John A. Hauser, Margaret Hauser, Heinz, Jarmila, Betty Knorr, Dick Knorr, Herbert Lieder, Ursula Lieder, Monty Miller, Dick Schaus, Ruth Schaus, Achille 'Archie' J. St. Onge, Arturo Tat Tashko

Hanging Folder

46

1972

Folder

1

Correspondence, VHF 1972

Correspondence from Paul Fontaine

Folder

2

Correspondence, Fontaine Children

Correspondence between family

Folder

3

Correspondence, Hammersmith, 1972

Correspondence between family

Folder

4

Correspondence, others 1972

Christmas cards, correspondence from others, print cards by William Gentes

Names: Lou E. Bell, Herbert Borowka, William Gentes, John A. Hauser, Julie K. Miller, Mark Rauschwald

Hanging Folder

47 **1973-75**

Folder

1 Correspondence, VHF 1973-1975
Correspondence from Paul Fontaine, newspaper clipping

Item

1 Envelope from Victoria Hicks
Stripes Daily pages with Paul Fontaine illustration, letter from Virginia Fontaine to Orton Hicks, letter to Victoria Hicks and Orton Hicks
Names: Charles Aikin, Janet Hicks, Orton Hicks, Jean Adam Siegfried

Folder

2 Correspondence, Fontaine Children
Correspondence between family

Folder

3 Correspondence, Hammersmith, 1973-75
Correspondence between family

Folder

4 Assorted Materials, 1970s
Bill, [Russian] pamphlet

Folder

5 Correspondence, others 1971-8
Christmas cards, correspondence from others
Names: Richard [Bennett], George Blais, Loy Blais, Herbert Borowka, Bud, Paula Clarkson, Walt Clarkson, Jeanette Fontaine Estes, Adele Gentes, Bill Gentes, Marwits family, Maud and Gordon, Carmen Piera, Richard Severo, Margot Slater, Suzanne Willson

Hanging Folder

48 **1976-1979**

Folder

1 Correspondence, VHF 1976-1979
Newspaper clipping, correspondence to family, others from Virginia Fontaine

Folder

2 Correspondence, PEF 1979
Correspondence to Virginia Fontaine from Paul Fontaine

Folder

3 Correspondence, Hammersmith – 1979
Correspondence between family

Folder

4 Correspondence – 1979, Marylou Sapone
Correspondence to Virginia Fontaine from William Sapone and Marylou Sapone

Folder

5 Correspondence, others 1976-1979
Correspondence to Virginia Fontaine from others
Names: Herbert Borowka, Dick Caird, Alma DeLuce, Dan DeLuce, Bob Fontaine, Fran Furton, Judy Furton, Yvonne Hagen, Alexj Jawlensky, Betty Knorr, Polly Newtin, Tom Noonan, Charlotte Patterson, Fred Phelps, Mike Roberts, Pat Roberts, Hannah Scott, Jochen Suermondt, Marion Yahr

Hanging Folder

49 **Trips 1975-1982**

Folder

1 1975-1982, Calendars, names, trips

Hanging Folder

50 **1979 Trip to Germany**

Folder

1 Correspondence – VHF, Trip to Germany – Virginia, London, June-Aug. 1979
Correspondence to Paul Fontaine from Virginia Fontaine

Folder

2 Calendar, Unitarian talk, note, Trip to Germany – Virginia, London, June-Aug. 1979
Documents

Folder

3 Maps, programs, playbills, etc., Trip to Germany – Virginia, London, June-Aug. 1979
Miscellaneous

Hanging Folder

51 **1980's**

Folder

1 Correspondence, [1980's]- no date
Correspondence with no date found in the 1980s range of folders before they were rearranged

Names: Frances Alsberg, Henry Alsberg, Anne and Brig, George Blais, Loy Blais, Dick Caird, Fran Furton, Judy Furton, Gail Gordon, Lois Gordon, Donalda Hammersmith, Paul Hammersmith, Jack and Barbara, Betty Knorr, Dick Knorr, Leo Fontaine, Lil Lewitus, Max Lewitus, Bathsheba Lieberman, Bob Lieberman, Janice Lieberman, Jay Mac, Paz Mac, Paul and Sonia, Bill Phillipson, Dorie Phillipson, Carol Porth, Jim Porth, Joan Rotar, Marylou Sapone, Sean Sapone, Shelley Sapone, Rodney Stone, Willson family

Hanging Folder

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1980-1982

Folder

1

Correspondence, Fontaine Children, 1981-1982
Correspondence between family

Folder

2

Assorted Materials, 1981-1982
2 copies of SandS

Folder

3

Correspondence, others, 1980-1982
Christmas cards, correspondence from others

Names: Sam Barbo, Herbert Borowka, Dick Caird, Dick and Ethel, Russell Fontaine, Fran Furton, Judy Furton, Peter Hagen, Marylou Hammersmith, Jack Hauser, Margaret Hauser, Norma Hecht, Janet Hicks, Ansley Hill, David Iams, Dory Iams, Sarah Iams, Tony Iams, Peter Jaeger, Les and Irene, Bill Leurs, Vicki Leurs, Lydia, Jean Miller, Polly Newtin, Annaklare Odenwalt, Ernst Odenwalt, Hilda Ordorica, Rae Ordorica, Earlene Ridge, George Ridge, Mike Roberts, Pat Roberts, Margot Slater

Hanging Folder

53

1983-1985

Folder

1

Correspondence, Fontaine Children, 1983
Correspondence between family

Folder

2

Correspondence, Hammersmith, 1985
Correspondence between family

Folder

3

Marta Hoepffner 1983
Correspondence to Marta Hoepffner from Virginia Fontaine

Folder

4

Correspondence, others 1985

Correspondence to Virginia Fontaine from others

Names: Frances Alsberg, Henry Alsberg, Herbert Borowka, John Bryant, Fran Furton, Judy Furton, [Bill]Groesse, Donalda Hammersmith, Marylou Hammersmith, Paul Hammersmith, Ed Johnson, Mary Johnson, Bob Kleege, Margaret Kleege, Jean Lee, Don Levenhagen, Hilda Levenhagen, Lieberman, Harold McConnell, Polly Newtin , Annaklare Odenwalt, Harriet Riddile, John Riddile, W. Rocco Sapone, Margot Slater, Marylou Solms, Warren and Eleanor, Ken Zumwalt, Paulette Zumwalt

Hanging Folder

54

1986-1989

Folder

1

Correspondence, Hammersmith, 1986

Correspondence between family

Folder

2

Correspondence, Fontaine Children, 1989

Correspondence between family

Folder

3

Assorted Materials 1980's

Unknown newspaper

Folder

4

Correspondence, others, 1986-1989

Christmas cards, commencement invitation, correspondence

Names: Carol Barbo, Sam Barbo, Herbert Borowka, Russell Fontaine, Fran Furton, Judy Furton, Gordon Gilkey, Marylou Hammersmith, David Iams, Dory Iams, Sarah Iams, Tony Iams, Lois, Ken Zumwalt

Hanging Folder

55

1990-

Folder

1

Correspondence, others 1990-

Letter from Francis Grandy

Hanging Folder

56

None, 1997, 2001

Folder

1

Ansley Hill Correspondence, 1997, 2001

Correspondence from Ansley Hill

Hanging Folder

57

Undated

Folder

1 ?
Postcards, postcard with multiple names
Names: Willi Baumeister [pre-1955], Eli Garson, Sasha Garson, Heidelberg, Franny Lee, Wally Lee, Rudolf Probst, Hanna Bekker vom Rath [pre-1979]

Folder

2 Photos Undated
Photographs with no known date

Hanging Folder

58 **Blank Postcards**

Folder

1 ?
Blank postcards, never used

Folder

2 Unknown/ND to Hammersmiths
Correspondence with Hammersmiths, unknown or no date

Box

Correspondence MISC

Creative Works by Virginia Fontaine, 1935-1992

Box

Closet Drawer 1.2 **Scrapbook annotated by Virginia Fontaine, photos 1945-1955, n.d.**

Black Metal Shelves **PhV Photographs by Virginia Fontaine, 1941-1992, n.d. bulk 1941-1960**

Black Metal Shelves **PhV Slides by Virginia Fontaine, 1940-1962, n.d.**

Closet Drawer 1.1 **Yale Portfolio, 1936-1937**

Closet Drawer 1.1 **Drawings by Virginia Fontaine, 1935-1940, n.d.**

Closet Drawer 2.1 **Materials for Maria Wigman Articles, 1952**

Other Articles, 1940-1952, n.d.

Black Metal Shelves **Collection Development and Curating of Artworks, 1962-68**

Black Metal Shelves **PHE[Photo-Essay]-1 Stedelijk Museum**

Photographs 756-789

Black Metal Shelves **Photo Essay-1, PHE-1, 756-789, Stedelijk Museum**

Photographs 756-789

Black Metal Shelves	PhE[Photo-Essay], Bruni Falcon, 790-805 <i>Photographs 790-805</i>
Black Metal Shelves	uncat. Photos, slides, negatives <i>Uncategorized photographs, slides & negatives</i>
Black Metal Shelves	PhV Photos by Virginia
Black Metal Shelves	Virginia Diaries & Paul Lectures

Creative Works by Paul Fontaine, 1913-1996

Box

PEF Exhibitions, Extra Flyers/Catalogs/Invitations

Binder, Black Metal Shelves

Paul Fontaine, Clippings-Exhibitions-Biography, 1913-1969

Paul Fontaine, Mexico 1970-1992

Paul Fontaine, Paintings, b&w 1935-1949

Paul Fontaine Paintings, b&w 1950-1969

Color Slides Paul Fontaine, Paintings 1940-1969

Color Photos Paul Fontaine, Paintings, 1970-1985

Paul Fontaine Paintings, 1986-1996

Paul E. Fontaine Inventory 1996

Creative Works by Others, 1935-1996, n.d.

Box,

[Photos taken by others] PHO Fontaine collection and 1935-

PHO 1945-1955, n.d

PHO 806-1090, [1942-1986]

Folder

1

Photos of VHF: 806-824, 943

Folder

2

Rocky Tor: 825-856

Folder

3	Italy: 826-877
Folder	
4	Stripes 1953-1969, Hoechst 1946-1953: 878-918
Folder	
5	Paul Photos: 934-942, 944-961
Envelope	
1	Paul's Photo's, Passport: 937-954 Inside: <i>To Paul, love Mimi</i>
Envelope	
2	None <i>Card to Claudia from Ron Boisclair about photos</i>
Folder	
6	Photographs, ND: 974-987, 1012, 1013
Folder	
7	Robert and Ines Friedman: 988-998
Folder	
8	Jack and Riva Horner, (?) 1947-1948?: 999-1011
Folder	
9	PHO – Russell Fontaine, Family: 1014
Folder	
10	Chidester Photos: 1015
Folder	
11	Photos of PEF and others: 1016
Folder	
12	Photos of VHF and Children: 1017-1022
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13	Photos VHF and Hammersmith Family, Carol, Marylou, Paul: 1023-1029
Folder	
14	Photos, Virgin Island Lectures, 1942: 1030-1033
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15	Photos 1946-48: 1034-1055
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16	Photographs 1959-1970: 1056-1062
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17	Photos 1975: 1063-1066
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18	Photos, Trip to Germany-VHF, August 29, 1979: 1067-

	1070
Folder	
19	Photos 1980-81: 1071
Folder	
20	Photos 1986: 1072-1086
Folder	
21	Photos VHF and PEF: 1087-1089, 1091-1095
Folder	
22	Photos Carol: 1090
Box	
Closet Drawer 1.2	Yale Portfolio of Paul Fontaine, 1938
Black Metal Shelves	Guestbooks of Paul and Virginia Fontaine, 1949-1956
	Clippings and Press of Paul Fontaine; Virginia and Paul Fontaine

Publications and Library, 1945-1969(See Access Database)

Works of Art (see Access Database)

Box

Closet Drawers 2.2-5

Art Box 1

Art Box 2 Loose Litho Folios

Art Box 3

Black Metal Shelves

Oversized Art Box 1

Oversized Art Box 2

Miscellany, 1935-1992, n.d.

Box, Black Metal Shelves

Paul B. Hammersmith Correspondence

Paul Hammersmith (returned to Milwaukee), slides

Yale Alumni Directory

Slides 1940-1962 (see also Wigman)

Binder

Hanna Bekker
