Charles Steinman Foltz Jr. Papers

MS 70

Summary Information
Creator
Foltz, Charles S. Jr., 1910-2005

Title
Charles Steinman Foltz Jr. Papers

Dates
ca. 1855-1994, 1937-1975 (bulk)

Extent
4 linear feet (10 ms. boxes)

Arrangement
This collection has been organized into the following four record series: Charles Steinman Foltz Jr. personal papers; Foltz Family papers; Spain; Overseas Trips. Within these record series, appropriate subseries have been created when necessary.

Language of Materials
Most materials in English with the exception of some photographs containing captions in French and a limited number of documents in Spanish.

Abstract
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Strengths of the collection include photographs and research files covering Spain from the Civil War to the end of the Franco regime and world politics during the post WWII/Cold War period. Documentation of Mr. Foltz’s many overseas trips, particularly to the Soviet Union and Eastern Bloc, throughout the 1950s, 60s, and 70s are also a highlight of the collection. Other interesting aspects include Mr. Foltz’s family genealogy and his relationship to Franklin & Marshall as a preparatory student, undergraduate, honored alumnus, and trustee.

Subjects
Foltz, Charles S. Jr., 1910-2005
Franklin and Marshall College—Alumni and alumnae--Biography
Journalism—United States—20th century
Journalists—United States—20th century
Foreign correspondents—United States
Spain--History—Civil War, 1936-1939--Photographs
Spain—Politics and government—20th century
Franco, Francisco, 1892-1975
Cold War
World politics--1945-1989
Europe—Politics and government—1945-
United States—Foreign relations—1945-1989
United States—Foreign relations—Soviet Union
Associated Press
U.S. News & World Report

Administrative Information
Acquisition Information
Gift of Nancy Foltz Vest, Memphis TN, October, 2006

Custodial History
All materials were in the possession of the creator/compiler Charles S. Foltz, Jr. at the time of his death in 2005. The Foltz papers were subsequently gifted by his daughter, Nancy Foltz Vest, trustee of the Foltz estate, to Franklin and Marshall College in 2006.

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Charles Steinman Foltz Jr. Papers (MS 70), Archives and Special Collections, Franklin and Marshall College.

Processing Information
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Accruals
No further accruals are expected.

Additional Information
Related Materials
Jonathan Messiersmith Foltz Papers (MS 21), Archives and Special Collections, Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, PA

College Archives Collection, Archives and Special Collections, Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, PA

Historical/Biographical Information
Charles Steinman Foltz, Jr., was born on May 16, 1910, in Lancaster, PA. The son of Charles S. Foltz, editor and publisher of the Lancaster Daily Intelligencer Journal, and Josephine Kieffer Foltz, an artist, he prepared for college at Franklin & Marshall Academy. While at the Academy, Charles earned the nickname “Chisel” after misspelling the word as “chizzel” on the blackboard during class. He was forced by the teacher to spell the word correctly 20 times in front of the class. After graduating from the Academy in 1927, he entered Hamilton College. After his freshman year, he transferred to Franklin & Marshall College, where he graduated with honors in 1931. He was awarded an honorary doctorate of literature by F&M in 1952, and later served on Franklin & Marshall's board of trustees from 1968-1973. He was the younger brother of Frederick S. Foltz, F&M trustee 1957-69.

After graduating from F&M in 1931, Foltz began his distinguished career in journalism as a cub reporter for the New York Herald Tribune. Hungering for an overseas post, he joined the Associated Press (AP) in 1933. The next year, he moved to Paris, where he covered the events leading up to World War II, including Germany's occupation of the Rhineland. Named chief AP correspondent at the League of Nations in Geneva in 1937, he was later on hand for the Munich conference. He also traveled to Spain and filed dispatches on the civil war there. He established AP's bureau in Bern, Switzerland, in 1939, a listening post and transportation hub that enabled him to keep up with developments in the Balkans as well as in Berlin and Rome. He filed reports from Bern for NBC Radio as well as for AP.

From neutral Spain he continued to serve as a correspondent during the Second World War and concluded his career with the AP as its bureau chief in Madrid (1941-45). Out of that experience came his book, The Masquerade in Spain (1948), which was highly critical of the regime of General Francisco Franco.
In 1946, Charles Foltz joined the newly launched *World Report* (which later became *U.S. News & World Report*) as its European editor. While at the magazine, Mr. Foltz wrote a groundbreaking series on life in the Soviet outback, talking to ordinary residents and students as he traveled deep into the heartland. He would remain European editor until 1956.

While residing in Washington, DC, he continued to travel and report extensively from abroad. Named associate editor of the news magazine's world staff (1956-65) and subsequently directing editor of its international staff (1965-78), he logged interviews with heads of state from Tokyo to Cairo. From the magazine's Washington headquarters, Mr. Foltz served as president of the Overseas Writers Association (1957-59) and was a member of the National Press Club, the Sigma Delta Chi journalism fraternity and the Cosmos Club. Throughout his career, Mr. Foltz received numerous awards, including the 1965 National Headliners Club Award for his *U.S. News & World Report* feature “Big Changes Inside Russia.”


After retiring from *U.S. News* in 1975, Mr. Foltz led an unsuccessful effort by fellow former employees to sue the new management for additional pension benefits. On May 14, 2005, Charles Steinman Foltz Jr. died of cardiac arrest at his Washington D.C. home, two days short of his 95th birthday.

At the time of his death, Mr. Foltz was survived by his wife of eight years, Susan Baker Foltz of Washington; two children from his first marriage, Charles Ireland Foltz of Catonsville, MD, and Nancy Foltz Vest of Memphis, TN; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

--- Composed with excerpts from the Washington Post May 27, 2005; B05 and the Hamilton College Alumni Review

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Historians, educators, and journalists will find this collection useful for documenting the development of international journalism and news coverage of world politics during the 20th century. In addition, researchers will discover unique materials documenting both the visual and written history of the Franco regime in Spain and the recurring theme of U.S.–Soviet relations during the Cold War. Additional information on Mr. Foltz’s early career with the AP can be found in Oliver Gramling’s AP; the Story of the News (1940). Mr. Foltz’s writings for U.S. News & World Report are indexed in the print Reader’s Guide to Periodical Literature or the online Reader’s Guide Retrospective.

Inventory/Contents
Series 1 Charles Steinman Foltz, Jr. Personal Papers
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1/3 Photographs (39 items)
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1/5 Awards, Certificates
1/6 Awards, Plaques
1/7 Passports, 1928-1974 (15 items)
1/8 The Masquerade in Spain, reviews & correspondence

2/1 CSF Correspondence, 1931-1933
2/2 CSF Correspondence, 1934-1945
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2/7 CSF Correspondence, Overseas Writers’ Association, 1958-1959
2/8 CSF Correspondence to daughter Nancy, 1963-1965
2/10 CSF Correspondence, undated

3/1 CSF Memoranda on various news topics, 1948-1954
CSF Memoranda on various news topics, 1955-1959
CSF Memoranda on various news topics, 1960-1966
CSF Memoranda on various news topics, undated (1950s-60s)
(Memoranda topics include: Korea, US-Soviet relations, Indochina, Middle East, European and U.S. Diplomacy, John Foster Dulles, Presidential Elections/ Political party conventions 1952, 1956, 1960, 1964.)

CSF Literary works/articles
CSF et al. vs. U.S. News, Notes & Correspondence
CSF et al. vs. U.S. News, Petitions, Briefs, Motions
CSF et al. vs. U.S. News, Transcripts, Articles
U.S. News, Company Profiles & Information

Series 2  Foltz Family Papers
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Troupe, Kieffer Family documents and correspondence (1 of 2 folders)
Troupe, Kieffer Family documents and correspondence (2 of 2 folders)
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Photographs by CSF? Civil War – soldiers, destruction, refugees, etc., 1936-1939
Photographs Civil War, 1936-1939
Photographs Civil War- maps, 1936-1939
Photographs Civil War by Associated Press, 1936-1939 (1 of 2 folders)
Photographs Civil War by Associated Press, 1936-1939 (2 of 2 folders)
CSF correspondence from Spain, Middle East, 1951
Information and news clippings on Spanish politics and world affairs, 1950
Information and news clippings on Spanish politics and world affairs, 1951
Information and news clippings on Spanish politics and world affairs, 1952
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Information and news clippings on Spanish politics and world affairs, 1968
Information and news clippings on Spanish politics and world affairs, 1969-1972
Information and news clippings on Spanish politics and world affairs, 1973
Information and news clippings on Spanish politics and world affairs, 1974
Information and news clippings on Spanish politics and world affairs, 1975 (1 of 2 folders)
Information and news clippings on Spanish politics and world affairs, 1975 (2 of 2 folders)

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8/2 World- Correspondence, travelogue, articles, information, 1952-1953
8/3 Soviet Union and Eastern Bloc- Correspondence, travelogues, 1963-1964
8/4 Soviet Union and Eastern Bloc- CSF article series on travels published in
US News and World Report and “fan mail” correspondence, 1964
8/5 Soviet Union and Eastern Bloc- Photographs by CSF, 1963-1964
8/6 Soviet Union and Eastern Bloc- CSF Book treatment/prospectus American
Democracy and Russian Communism, undated. (prob. ca. 1968)
8/7 Soviet Union and Eastern Bloc- Correspondence and information, 1969
8/8 Eastern Europe and Eastern Mediterranean- Correspondence and information,
1969

9/1 Eastern Europe and Eastern Mediterranean- Photographs, 1969
9/2 Eastern Europe and Eastern Mediterranean- CSF interviews with US Sixth Fleet,
1969
9/3 Eastern Europe and Western Europe- Articles/Reports? By CSF?, ca. 1969
9/4 Southeast Asia and Asia- Correspondence and information, 1970
9/5 Middle East- Correspondence, travelogue, and information, 1974

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10/3 Postcards- Germany, Spain, Cuba, Thailand, Belgium
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