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, Massachussetts 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 1915 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 December 1942 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 August 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 September 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 as translator to a monograph on Hans Hartung, and extensively photographed Mary Wigman and her 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 tastemakers 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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Index Terms

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Subjects:

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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, Massachussetts

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

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2		Card, Henry Alsburg and Frances Alsburg, 1965
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3		Postcard, Willi Baumeister, December 19, 1951
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5		Postcard, Rolf Cavael, June 24, 1951
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6		Postcard, Rolf Cavael, December 27, 1952

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27	Card, Ferdinand Möller, December, 1952
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28	Card, Hanna Bekker vom Rath
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33	Card, Emy Roeder
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34	Card, Helena Rohlfs, December 29, 1957
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39	Postcard, Hedwig Thinne, December 27, 1961
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40	Postcard, Hans Uhlmann, December 27, 1952
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5		H.[Helmut] Bischoff and K.[Klaus] Winter
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6		Alma deLuce
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8		Erich Heckel, 1952
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10	VHF Important Documents, 1935-1939
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1	VHF: Transcripts, Yale Correspondence, Resumes 1935-1939

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2	VHF: Death Certificate
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Hanging Folder	
11	None, 1950-1961
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1	Inventories, Art and Household
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12	None, 1930-1935
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1	1930 - MLH
	Postcard to Virginia Fontaine
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2	1934 – other
	Postcards to Virginia Fontaine
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3	1935 – Other
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4	VHF – 1935
	Correspondence to family from Virginia Fontaine
Hanging Folder	
13	None, 1936
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1	1936 – other
	Correspondence between family
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2	VHF 1936
	Letters to family from Virginia Fontaine, event flyers, summer camp materials, christmas card, newspaper clipping
Hanging Folder	
14	None, 1937
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1	1937 – others
	Letters from Charlotte Sawyer to Carol Hammersmith, PW & Myrtle Hammersmith
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2	Hammersmith – 1937
	Correspondence between family
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3	1937 – VHF
	Letters to family from Virginia Fontaine, event flyers, photo
Hanging Folder	
15	1938-40
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1	1938 – others
	Correspondence between family, credit slip
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2	1938 – VHF
	Letters to family from Virginia Fontaine
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3	1938 – PEF
	Letters to Virginia Fontaine from Paul Fontaine
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4	1939 – VHF
	Letters to family from Virginia Fontaine
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5	1939 – others
	Letters from non-family to Virginia Fontaine
Hanging Folder	
16	None, 1939
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1	1939 PEFJun-July
	Letters to Virginia Fontaine from Paul Fontaine
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2	1939 PEFAug-Sept
	Letters to Virginia Fontaine from Paul Fontaine
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3	1939 PEFOct-Dec

	Letters to Virginia Fontaine from Paul Fontaine
Hanging Folder	
17	None, 1940
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1	1940 -others
	Letters from non-family to Virginia Fontaine
Hanging Folder	
18	1940
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1	1940 Clippings
	Wedding article
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2	1940 – VHF
	Letters to family from Virginia Fontaine
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3	1940 – PEF
	Letters to Virginia Fontaine from Paul Fontaine
Hanging Folder	
19	1941
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1	Correspondence – others, 1941
	Correspondence between family
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2	VHF Correspondence 1941
	Letters to family from Virginia Fontaine
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20	1942
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1	1942 – VHF
	Letters to family from Virginia Fontaine
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1	Correspondence, VHF 1943/1/19-11/3
	Letters to family from Virginia Fontaine, photos
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2	Correspondence, Hammersmith, 1943/6/30-11/24
	Letter to Virginia Fontaine from mother
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3	Correspondence, others $-1943/3/20$
	Letters to Hammersmiths from Virginia Fontaine, envelope to Paul Fontaine from Virginia Fontaine
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4	Correspondence, PEF – 1943/3/17-8/8
	Letters to family from Paul Fontaine
Hanging Folder	
23	1944
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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
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1	Correspondence, Hammersmith, 1945
	Correspondence to Virginia Fontaine and Paul Fontaine from Hammersmiths
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2	1945 – VHF
	Correspondence from Virginia Fontaine to potential show locations, Virginia Fontaine to Paul Fontaine, to others

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3	1945 – PEF, Correspondence
	Correspondence to Virginia Fontaine from Paul Fontaine
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4	Correspondence, PEF 1945 (2)
	Correspondence to Virginia Fontaine from Paul Fontaine
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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
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1	Rocky Tor Construction 1945
	Invoices, contracts, notes
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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 (Wilkenson), Henry Hope, Henrietta L. Jones
Hanging	

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27	1947	
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1	Correspondence VHF 1947	
	Correspondence from Virginia Fontaine	
	Names: Margaret Brown	
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2	Correspondence – others 1947	
	Small booklet of short stories English/German	
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3	Correspondence, 1947 – Hammersmith	
	Correspondence to family from Ida Hammersmith	
Hanging Folder		
28	1948	
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1	Correspondence, Hammersmith 1948	
	Correspondence to family from others	
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2	Correspondence, 1948 – others	
	Correspondence to Virginia Fontaine from others	
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3	1948 others – unindexed	
T 4	Correspondence to Hammersmiths from others	
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2	Latter from Lydia Dakkum (also signed by	
L	Letter from Lydia Dokkum (also signed by Robbie Dokkum and Eric Dokkum),	
	12/28/1948	
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4	Correspondence, 1948 – VHF	
	Correspondence to family, others from Virginia Fontaine, photographs	
	Names: Gretta Domnick, Heinz Rasch, Hanna Bekker vom Rath	
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29	1949
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1	Correspondence VHF 1949
-	Correspondence to family, to Margaret Brown from Virginia Fontaine
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2	Correspondence Hammersmith 1949
	Correspondence between family
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3	Correspondence others – 1949
	Correspondence to Virginia Fontaine, family from others
	Names: Maria Auduis, Clara Genich, Ruth Koch, Adolf Reith, Noldi Rüdlinger
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4	Correspondence 1948 PEF
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5	1949 – others – Jean Arp
	Correspondence from Virginia Fontaine
	Names: Jean Arp, Hans Hartung, M. Del Marle, Jurg Spiller
Hanging Folder	
30	1950
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1	1950 – VHF
	Correspondence to family, others from Virginia Fontaine
	Names: Margaret Brown, Hank and Gladys Anastasas, Greta Domnick, Inez and Robert Friedman
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2	1950 – PEF
	Correspondence to family from Paul Fontaine
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3	1950 – other
	Correspondence to Virginia Fontaine from others
	Names: Margaret Brown, Hans Hartung, Hanna Bekker vom Rath, Noldi Rüdlinger, Charles Sawyer, Greta Domnick
Hanging Folder	

31	1951	
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1	1951 – VHF	
	Newspaper clipping, photographs, correspondence from Virginia Fontaine	
	Names: Greta Domnick, Ottomar Domnick	
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2	1951 – others	
	Correspondence to Virginia Fontaine, postcard with multiple names	
	Names: Margaret Brown, Ruth Koch, Margrit Linck, Walter Linck, Heinz Rasch, Mary Lou Solms, Fritz Winter	
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3	Notes, drawings – unknown, 1951	
	Notes, drawings	
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32	1952	
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1	VHF 1952	
	Correspondence to family, Margaret Brown	
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2	1952 others	
	Correspondence to Virginia Fontaine from others	
	Names: I. H. Barrow, Margaret Brown, Eline McKnight, Hanna Bekker vom Rath	
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33	1953	
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1	Correspondence, VHF 15 Jan 53	
	Letter to family from Virginia Fontaine	
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2	Correspondence, VHF 30 Jan 53	
	Letter to family from Virginia Fontaine	
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3	Correspondence, VHF 10 Feb 53	
	Letter to family from Virginia Fontaine	
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4	Correspondence, VHF 27 Feb 53	

	Letter to family from Virginia Fontaine
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	Letter to family from Virginia Fontaine
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12	Correspondence, VHF 6 July 53
	Letter to family from Virginia Fontaine
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	Letter to family from Virginia Fontaine
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14	Correspondence, VHF August 53
	Letter to family from Virginia Fontaine
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	Letter to family from Virginia Fontaine
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16	Correspondence, VHF 13 Aug 53
	Letter to family from Virginia Fontaine

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17	Correspondence, VHF 7 Sept 53
	Letter to family from Virginia Fontaine
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18	Correspondence, VHF 16 Oct 53
	Letter to family from Virginia Fontaine
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19	Correspondence, PEF 1 Jun 53
	Postcard to Hammersmiths from Paul Fontaine
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20	Correspondence, Hammersmith 1953
	Letter, postcard from Carol Hammersmith
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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)
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34	1954
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1	Correspondence, VHF – 1954
	Correspondence to others from Virginia Fontaine
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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
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3	Correspondence, Hammersmith – 1954
	Correspondence to family
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1	Correspondence, VHF 2 April 1955
	Letter to family from Virginia Fontaine
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	Letter to family from Virginia Fontaine
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	Letter to family from Virginia Fontaine
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6	Correspondence, VHF 17 July 55
	Letter to family from Virginia Fontaine
Folder	
7	Correspondence, VHF 8 Aug 55
F .11.	Letter to family from Virginia Fontaine
Folder	Commence James MIIE 12 Acres 55
8	Correspondence, VHF 12 Aug 55
Foldon	Letter to family from Virginia Fontaine
Folder	Commence Auto MIE 14 Sect 55
9	Correspondence, VHF 14 Sept 55
Folder	Letter to family from Virginia Fontaine
10 10	Correspondence, VHF 28 Sept 55
10	Letter to family from Virginia Fontaine
Folder	Letter to junity from virginia Fontaine
11	Correspondence, VHF 13 Oct 55
11	<i>Letter to family from Virginia Fontaine, clipping</i>
Folder	Level to junity from virginia Fontance, clipping
12	Correspondence, VHF 25 Nov 55
14	conceptinence, the 25 not 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- removed	1967 –(merged with 1966-70)

Hanging Folder			
Folder 43	1966-1970		
45 Folder	1900-1970		
1	Correspondence, Fontaine Children 1066 70		
1	Correspondence, Fontaine Children 1966-70		
Falder	Correspondence between family		
Folder	~		
2	Correspondence, others 1966-70		
	Correspondence to Virginia Fontaine from others		
	Names: Karl Haas, Heinz Rasch, Rosalinde, Karl Ströher, Orton Hicks, Cam and Nini, Dr. Ludwig Engel, Milan Albich, Arthur, Tila von Flügge, Marie, Polly Nemtin, Stephen Nemtin, Rudolf Rasch, Ruth Bratu, Orton Hicks, Herbert Borowka, Russell Fontaine		
Folder			
3-removed	Correspondence, others 1970 - merged with 1966-70		
	Correspondence to Virginia Fontaine from others		
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		
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

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], [Johhny] and [Christel], Herbert Borowka, William E. Denny, Bob Friedman, Fränkel, John E. Haughton, Jack Hauser, John A. Hauser, Margaret Hauser, Ansley Hill, , Jarmila, Betty Knorr, Dick Knorr, Herbert Lieder, Ursula Lieder, Monty Miller, Dick Schaus, Ruth Schaus, Achille 'Archie' J. St. Onge, Arturo Tat Tashko, Heinz Rasch
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 f	rom others, print cards by William Gentes
	Names: Lou E. Bell, Herbert Borov Miller, Mark Rauschwald	wka, William Gentes, John A. Hauser, Julie K.
Hanging Folder		
47	1973-75	
Folder		
1	Correspondence, VHF 1973-1975	
	Correspondence from Paul Fontair	ne, newspaper clipping
Item		
1	Ι	Envelope from Victoria Hicks
	i	Stripes Daily pages with Paul Fontaine llustration, 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 f	rom 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 Nemtin, Tom Noonan, Charlotte Patterson, Fred Phelps, Mike
Uonging	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	
!	Correspondence, Virginia and Paul Fontaine, 1981-1989
2	Correspondence, [1980's]- no date, and 1980-89 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	
52	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, Joachim Cüppers, Alma and Dan DeLuce, 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, Barbara McCarty, Jean Miller, Polly Nemtin, Annaklare Odenwalt, Ernst Odenwalt, Hilda Ordorica, Rae Ordorica, Earlene Ridge, George Ridge, Mike Roberts, Pat Roberts, Margot Slater, Ken Zumwalt
Hanging Folder	
53 Folder	1983-1985
Folder	Companyandanaa Eastaina Childran 1082
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 1983-84
	Hanna Bekker Death
	Announcement; Names: Yvonne Hagen, Marylou
	Solms
Folder	
5	Correspondence, others 1985
	Correspondence to Virginia Fontaine from others Mary Lou Solms Death Announcement
	 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 Nemtin, 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: Frances & Henry Alsberg, Carol Barboo, Sam Barboo, Herbert Borowka, Russell Fontaine, Robert Friedmann, Fran Furton, Judy Furton, Gordon Gilkey, Marylou Hammersmith, Yvonne Hagen, Ansley Hill, David Iams, Dory Iams, Sarah Iams, Tony Iams, Barbara McClarty, Lois, Polly/Frances Nemtin, Margot Slater, Ken Zumwalt
Hanging	
Folder 55	1990-
Folder	1//0-
1	Correspondence, others 1990-
1	Names: Francis Grandy; Yvonne Hagen, Leon Hovsepian, Polly/Frances Nemtin
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	?
T . 11	Blank postcards, never used
Folder	
2	Unknown/ND to Hammersmiths
Dor	Correspondence with Hammersmiths, unknown or no date
Box	Correspondence MISC

Creative Works by Virginia Fontaine, 1935-1992 Box

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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
	Photographs 790-805
Black Metal Shelves	uncat. Photos, slides, negatives
	Uncategorized photographs, slides & negatives
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 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]

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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: To Paul, love Mimi
Envelope	
2	None
	Card to Claudia from Ron Boisclair about photos
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
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12	Photos of VHF and Children: 1017-1022
Folder	
13	Photos VHF and Hammersmith Family, Carol,
	Marylou, Paul: 1023-1029
Folder	
14	Photos, Virgin Island Lectures, 1942: 1030-1033
Folder	
15	Photos 1946-48: 1034-1055
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16	Photographs 1959-1970: 1056-1062
Folder	
17	Photos 1975: 1063-1066
Folder	
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
Folder	Hanna Bekker vom Rath
23 Folder	Angley Hill
24	Ansley Hill
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

Black Metal Shelves

Art Box 1 Art Box 2 Loose Litho Folios Art Box 3 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