

Paul Patrick Rogers:

An Inventory of His Collection at the Harry Ransom Center

Descriptive Summary

Creator:	Rogers, Paul Patrick, 1900-
Title:	Paul Patrick Rogers Collection
Dates:	1929-1985 (bulk 1929-1937, 1980-1985)
Extent:	68 Items
Abstract:	The collection documents the trip to Spain taken by this professor of Spanish literature in 1937 during the Spanish Civil War. Included in the collection are materials Rogers obtained while in Spain, his diary of the trip, and correspondence with fellow colleagues.
RLIN Record #	TXRC96-A1
Language:	English and Spanish
Access:	Open for research

Administrative Information

Acquisition:	Gifts, 1971-1985
Processed by:	Sarah Demb, 1995
Repository:	Harry Ransom Center, The University of Texas at Austin

Biographical Sketch

Paul Patrick Rogers was born on January 5, 1900, in Snohomish, Washington. Educated at the University of Mississippi (B.Sc., 1921), Acadia University (MA, 1925) and Cornell University (Ph.D., 1928), he was Professor of Romance Languages at Oberlin College from 1928 to 1966. He died in 1989 in Austin, Texas. Rogers' specialization was Spanish literature, and his publications include *Pre-Romantic Drama of Spain* (1928), *Catalog of the Oberlin College Spanish Drama Collection* (1940), *Galdoni in Spain* (1941), *Diccionario de seudonimos literarios espanoles* (1977), and numerous articles in publications including *Hispanic Review*, *Romanic Review*, *Hispania*, and *Modern Language Forum*. In 1937 he was an official observer of the Spanish Civil War in a delegation of the North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy. He took advantage of this opportunity to assemble a collection of over 1,000 items printed and circulated in Spain at that time.

A friend and colleague of William Faulkner, Rogers enjoyed correspondence with a number of writers eager to learn from his experiences.

Scope and Contents

The Paul Patrick Rogers Collection, 1929-1985 (bulk 1929-1937, 1980-85) documents his trip to Spain as an observer on an international commission during the Spanish Civil War in 1937 and his correspondence with various colleagues in the disciplines of Spanish and American literature during the 1930s and the early part of the 1980s. Materials in the collection were received by the Harry Ransom Center at varying times and in no particular order. They have been arranged into two series: Correspondence, and Spanish Civil War Materials, which include documents and ephemera from Rogers' trip to Spain in 1937, and items relating to the North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy.

Incoming correspondence is arranged alphabetically by author. The bulk of the material is by Joseph Blotner, biographer of William Faulkner, and Léon Felipe, Rogers' friend and colleague. Some items are annotated by Rogers. Outgoing correspondence is arranged chronologically (1966, nd) and consists of one letter to Léon Felipe and another to Carleton Lake, then the Ransom Center Acting Director, regarding the sensitive nature of some donated material.

Spanish Civil War materials include Rogers' diary of his trip to Spain in 1937, safe conduct passes and letters of introduction, a speech he wrote and read for radio broadcast in Madrid, manuscripts he received (including a poem written and inscribed by Langston Hughes), photographs of the Italian prisoners of war visited by Rogers' delegation, broadsides, and other paper ephemera. Some items have been labeled by Rogers. Much of the material is in fragile condition.

Books from Paul Patrick Rogers' collection can be found in the the Ransom Center Library and contains works by Spain's leading intellectuals on both sides of the conflict. Related materials are located in the Vertical File, which contains postcards and clippings relating to the Spanish Civil War. As well, further Rogers material, including correspondence relating to his work as a poet, critic, and translator, can be found in the Stanley Burnshaw Papers.

Index Terms

Correspondents

Blotner, Joseph Leo, 1932-
Léon Felipe, 1884-1968
Hughes, Langston, 1902-1967
Lyons, Gene
MacEchron, Paul
Mangada, Julio
Mora, Constanca de la, 1906-

Subjects

Spain--History--Civil War, 1936-1939--Personal narratives
Spain--History--Civil War, 1936-1939--Political cartoons
Spain--History--Civil War, 1936-1939--Prisoners and prisons
Spain--History--Civil War, 1936-1939--Propaganda
Faulkner, William, 1897-1962--Biography

Document Types

Broadsides
Diaries
Political cartoons
Photographs
Poems

Rogers, Paul Patrick, 1900-

I. Correspondence, 1929-1985

Incoming correspondence, 1929-1985

Blotner, Joseph, 1980-1985

Box 1 Folder 1

Léon Felipe (Camino Galicia), 1929-1966

Folder 2

L-M 1937-1980, nd

Folder 3

Outgoing correspondence, 1966, nd

Folder 4

II. Spanish Civil War Materials, 1937-1938

Diary, August 8 - August 24, 1937	Box 1 Folder 5
Travel Documents, 1937	Folder 6
E.A.Q. Radio Speech, August 13, 1937	Folder 7
Manuscripts received, 1937	Folder 8
Photographs of Italian Prisoners of war, 1937	Folder 9
North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy Audit, 1938	Folder 10
Ephemera, 1937-1938, nd	Folder 11
Broadsides, 1937-1938, nd	Box OS

Paul Patrick Rogers Collection--Index of Correspondents

Names in **bold** appear in the RLIN record.

- **Blotner, Joseph Leo, 1923-** -- 1.1
- **Hughes, Langston, 1902-1967** -- 1.8 (ms.)
- **Léon Felipe (Camino Galacia, Léon-Felipe) 1884-1968** -- 1.2
- Lyons, Gene -- 1.3
- MacEachron, Paul -- 1.3
- Mangada, Col. Julio -- 1.8 (ms.)
- **Mora, Constanca de la, 1906-** -- 1.3