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Abstract

This collection includes the correspondence of Nat Goldman, an auditor for the Textile Workers Union of America CIO. His letters from 1946 through 1949 are addressed to his girlfriend Rebecca "Reba" Baron in New York City, New York, including love letters to her and descriptions of his travels and work for the union. He writes about the inner workings of locations and dissension within the union. Most of the letters are from Virginia, but there are a few from his travels to Tennessee, Connecticut, and Wisconsin.

Creator

Goldman, Nat (Nathan), b. 1919

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0.2 Cubic Feet 1 box

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Biographical Note

Nathan "Nat" Goldman was born in May 1919 in Buenos Aires, Argentina. His family immigrated to New York City, New York, United States of America, and Goldman was naturalized as a U.S. citizen in October 1937. During the years of his correspondences, he worked as an auditor for the Textile Workers Union of America CIO. He dated Rebecca 'Reba' Baron at the time of his correspondances to her, and they married on November 16, 1949. Baron was born in New York City around 1920, and she worked as a bookkeeper at a fur factory during the correspondances with Goldman.

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Scope and Content

This collection includes the correspondence of Nat Goldman, an auditor for the Textile Workers Union of America CIO. Most of the letters were sent by Nat Goldman. He writes to his girlfriend Rebecca "Reba" Baron in New York City, New York, and tells her of his travels and work for the union. Most of his letters are from Virginia, but there are a few from his travels to Tennessee, Connecticut, and Wisconsin.

Goldman's letters consist of flirtatious writing to Baron and also describes his work for the union as well as locals' administrative work, finances, and accounting books. In a letter to Baron dated November 09, 1948, Goldman writes, "The enclosed letters speak for themselves. I have no comment nor any excuses. I have not changed nor can I change my beliefs." The first enclosed letter from William Pollock, the General Secretary-Treasurer of the Textile Workers Union, includes accusations against Goldman, such as "He has condemned vociferously the Union's support of Truman and liberal candidates ... His support of Russian policies is without

question, positive proof to me that he is a Communist ... he refused to condemn the witch hunts on true trade unionists in the Soviet, and the slaughter of millions of Christians in the Soviet ... I must say he is without a doubt, the strangest liberal I have ever met or seen ... his hatred for Brother Sol Stetin knows no bounds."

The collection includes a single letter from Baron to Goldman. In the letter dated February 12, 1948, she writes, "Today may be Lincoln's birthday and a holiday in some places, but not at 469 Broadway. I had to work, and all day too." She later jokes about his hotel room, "Your room sounds quite enchanting. All that and roaches too. Perhaps you can strike up an acquaintance with one. Perhaps you can even train it."

Goldman wrote each letter using the stationery from the hotels he stayed at during his travels. The hotels he stayed at include Hotel Marbrook, Buena Vista, Virginia; Hotel Carroll, Lynchburg, Virginia; Hotel Beverly, Staunton, Virginia; New Lakeview Tourist Court & Motel, Jackson, Tennessee; Hotel Chisca, Memphis, Tennessee; Hotel Badger, Burlington, Wisconsin; The Wauregan Hotel, Norwich, Connecticut.

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Arrangement

The collection is arranged chronologically.

Description of Subordinate Components

Invitation

Unit Date 1946

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Postcard and Letter

Unit Date 1947

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Letters

Unit Date 1948

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Letters

Unit Date 1949

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