

# Guide to the Secretary's Office, Yale University, Records Concerning George F. Gundelfinger

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## Collection Overview

**REPOSITORY:** Manuscripts and Archives  
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**CALL NUMBER:** RU 50

**CREATOR:** Yale University. Office of the Secretary

**TITLE:** Secretary's office, Yale University, records concerning George F. Gundelfinger

**DATES:** circa 1920-1969

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 1 linear foot (2 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** The records consist of correspondence of Yale Secretary Carl Lohman, newspaper clippings, and publications by and concerning George Frederick Gundelfinger. Correspondence between Yale administrators, faculty and lawyers concerning Gundelfinger is also included.

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b.      box  
f.      folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

The records were transferred from the Office of the Secretary, 1970.

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### Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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## Preferred Citation

Secretary's Office, Yale University, Records Concerning George F. Gundelfinger (RU 50). Manuscripts and Archives, Yale University Library.

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## Processing Information

Yale University records are arranged and described at the accession level by the creating office. The University Archives creates collection level descriptive records, but typically does no further arrangement and description at the accession level.

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## Biographical / Historical

George Frederick Gundelfinger (1884 – 1974) graduated from the Sheffield Scientific School in 1906. He received a Ph.D. in Mathematics from Yale in 1909, and served as a professor of Mathematics from 1909 to 1913. After leaving Yale, Gundelfinger taught at several other institutions before retiring to Pennsylvania. He began a campaign to improve the morality of Yale men through his publication, "The New Fraternity." He was prolific and frequently mailed his works to the student body and administrators. The material he sent was considered offensive by the Yale administration, which brought Gundelfinger to the attention of the Postmaster General and Attorney General of Pennsylvania. Gundelfinger was tried and convicted of mailing obscene material through the U.S. postal system.

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## General note

Forms part of Yale Record Group 4-A (YRG 4-A), Records of the Yale secretary's office.

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## Arrangement

Arranged by record type.

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## Collection Contents

### Accession 1970-A-003: Inventory

The writings of George F. Gundelfinger are in the rough chronological order in which they were kept by the secretary's office.

b. 1, f. 1 - 2	Correspondence	1925, 1938-1952
b. 1, f. 3	Clippings regarding George F. Gundelfinger	1938- 1961
	Writings of George F. Gundelfinger	
b. 1, f. 4	"Begging Ike's Pardon"	1952
b. 1, f. 5	"Interquadrangular"	1947-1951
b. 1, f. 6	Writings	1940s-1960s
b. 2, f. 7 - 14	Writings, pamphlets, and clippings	circa 1920- 1960s

## **Selected Search Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### **Names**

Gundelfinger, George Frederick, 1883-1974  
Lohmann, Carl A. (Carl Albert), 1887-

### **Corporate Bodies**

Yale University. Office of the Secretary  
Yale University -- Alumni and alumnae  
Yale University -- Public relations