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**SUMMARY:** The papers consist almost entirely of bibliographical material, newspaper magazine articles, excerpts from books and news dispatches collected for his proposed work on American literary approaches to the Spanish Civil War. There is also a small amount of correspondence (1954-1960). Important correspondents are Daniel Aaron, Claude G. Bowers, Granville Hicks, Rolfe Humphries, Mark Schorer and F. Jay Taylor.

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## Biographical / Historical

Charles Andrews Fenton was born in Springfield, Massachusetts, in 1919. As an author and educator, Fenton wrote such volumes as: *The Apprenticeship of Ernest Hemmingway: The Early Years* (1954); and *Stephen Vincent Benet: The Life and Times of an American Man of Letters* (1958). He also edited *Best Short Stories of World War II* (1957); and Stephen Vincent Benet's *Selected Letters* (1960). He taught English Literature at Yale from 1948-1958. Fenton died on July 21, 1960.

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## Scope and Contents

The Charles Andrews Fenton Papers consist of bibliographical and research notes collected by Fenton in preparation for a proposed work on the American literary approaches to the Spanish Civil War. The notes include excerpts from and references to newspaper and magazine articles, books, and news dispatches. The papers, which were donated to Yale University by Charles Andrews Fenton, Jr., in 1961, are arranged in alphabetical order by subject.

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Spain -- History -- Civil War, 1936-1939

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### **Names**

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Bowers, Claude G. (Claude Gernade), 1879-1958  
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