

The Louis Falstein Collection

Papers, 1934-1937

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The papers of Louis Falstein were placed in the Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs in October of 1980.

Louis Falstein was born in the Ukraine in 1909. He came to the United States in 1925 and became a naturalized citizen in 1936. He was a student at the Lewis Institute, Chicago, from 1930 to 1932, and later on at New York University, 1946-1948. During World War II, he served with United State Army Air Force, 1943-1945.

For several post-war years he taught novel workshops and short-story writing at New York University and the College of the City of New York. He published several novels in the 1950s and 1960s and a biography of Sholom Aleichem in 1968.

The papers of Louis Falstein consist of a manuscript of an unpublished novel entitled Journey to a Violent Land. The novel, a "thinly disguised autobiography," deals with the auto plants in Detroit in the mid-1930s, the author's work with the Works Progress Administration and the sit-down strike in Flint in 1937.