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Abstract

George James Saul (1897-1967) was born in Nebraska, but eventually settled in the Detroit Area with his family, becoming an active member in radical politics. After serving during World War I, Saul pursued higher education at the University of Denver, graduating in 1925. After graduation, he was committed to “working for Civil Rights, Unionization, Radical Politics, and in general working toward the betterment of society and for the working man in particular.” Saul was also heavily involved in Civil Rights activism in the South during the 1920’s. Increasing responsibilities in his personal life drew him away from activism, though he remained active until World War II and interested in politics until the end of his life. During his inactive periods, Saul was persuaded to write a book detailing his involvement in radical politics by friends and acquaintances. Due to declining health, he was unable to complete the manuscript. As such, the manuscript focuses on his early life, growing up on the Great Plains. Saul’s son included an introduction penned by his father and information on the Saul family in appendices at the back of the manuscript. Obituaries from various socialist papers and one local paper give details of Saul’s involvement in the communist party, the Gastonia textile strike of 1929, and his participation in the founding of the UAW.

This collection contains one manuscript. It is an unfinished autobiography, copyrighted with a forward by Saul’s son, William Edward Saul in 1969.

Important Subjects:

Sacco-Vanzetti Trial, Dedham, Mass., 1921.

Workers Party of America

International Union, United Automobile, Aerospace, and Agricultural Implement Workers of America.

Communist Party of America.

Great Plains.

Important Names:

Saul, George James

Saul, William Edward

Cantor, Irving B.