

# **George Nathan Caylor papers**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	University of Pennsylvania: Kislak Center for Special Collections, Rare Books and Manuscripts
<b>Creator</b>	Caylor, George Nathan, 1855-1973
<b>Title</b>	George Nathan Caylor papers
<b>Call number</b>	Ms. Coll. 422
<b>Date</b>	1911, circa 1955-1965
<b>Extent</b>	0.6 linear feet (2 boxes)
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Abstract</b>	George N. Caylor (1885-1973), born George N. Cohen, is best known for his active role in the Socialist Party in Philadelphia and New York in the early 1900s. This collection includes two typescripts of Caylor's autobiographical works, biographical writings about his brother Joseph E. Cohen (1893-1950), and assorted writings by other people relating to the utopian community of Arden, Delaware and the Center for Practical Politics.

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## Biography/History

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George N. Caylor (1885-1973), born George N. Cohen, brother of labor leader Joseph E. Cohen (1893-1950), was a wholesale merchant and furniture maker. Caylor was active in the Socialist Party in Philadelphia and New York in the early 1900s. He was a member of the board of directors of the Rand School and served as an arbitrator on the New York State Board of Mediation.

Source: the guide to the George N. Caylor papers, ca. 1930s-1960, (The New York Public Library. Manuscripts and Archives Division).

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## Scope and Contents

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This collection consists of three series. The first, autobiographical writings (30 folders), contains typescripts of two works titled "If My Memory Serves Right" (completed around 1955) and "Seventy to Eighty" (completed around 1965). Along with memories of family, politics, and business, these two works present portraits from a personal perspective of important individuals in the Socialist Party and the labor movement, including Louis Adamic, Ella Reeve Bloor, Eugene V. Debs, Clinton S. Golden, Rose Schneiderman, Pauline Newman, and Morris Hillquit. The second series, Biographical writings (10 folders), contains a typescript of a biography of Caylor's brother, labor leader Joseph E. Cohen (written between 1955 and 1965), and five short typed reminiscences of family and friends. The third series, Writings by others (3 folders), includes "Arden Themes," a pamphlet of reflections on the utopian community of Arden, Delaware, written by Caylor's brother, Joseph Cohen. Cohen and Caylor first became "Ardenites" before World War I. The other item in this series is a 1958 report by the Center for Practical Politics at Rollins College (Winter Park, Florida) in which Caylor is the subject of a case study on the editing of letters to the editor.

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## Administrative Information

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## Related Materials

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### Related Archival Materials note

Library of Congress - Research and Reference Services: George Nathan Caylor papers, 1950.  
New York Public Library: George N. Caylor papers, circa 1930s-1960  
New York University Libraries: George Nathan Caylor papers, 1903-1973.  
George N. Caylor photographs [graphic].  
University of Pennsylvania: George Nathan Caylor correspondence to Van Wyck Brooks, 1954-1961.  
George Nathan Caylor correspondence to W. A. Swanberg, 1965.

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## Controlled Access Headings

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### FORM/GENRE(S)

- Autobiographies
- Biographies (documents)
- Manuscripts (document genre)

### GEOGRAPHIC NAME(S)

- Arden (Del.)

### PERSONAL NAME(S)

- Adami#, Louis, 1899-1951
- Bloor, Ella Reeve, 1862-1951
- Cohen, Joseph E.
- Debs, Eugene V. (Eugene Victor), 1855-1926
- Golden, Clinton S. (Clinton Strong), 1888-1961
- Hillquit, Morris, 1869-1933
- Newman, Pauline
- Schneiderman, Rose, 1882-1972

**SUBJECT(S)**

- Labor movement--United States--History--20th century
- Socialism--United States--History--20th century
- Utopias

## Collection Inventory

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### I. AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL WRITINGS.

#### *IF MY MEMORY SERVES ME RIGHT.*

	Box	Folder
<i>If My Memory Serves Me Right</i> , introductory materials and chapter 1, pages 1-27, circa 1955.	1	1
<i>If My Memory Serves Me Right</i> , chapter 2, pages 28-60, circa 1955.	1	2
<i>If My Memory Serves Me Right</i> , chapters 2 (continued)-3, pages 61-90, circa 1955.	1	3
<i>If My Memory Serves Me Right</i> , chapter 3 (continued), pages 91-120, circa 1955.	1	4
<i>If My Memory Serves Me Right</i> , chapters 3 (continued)-4, pages 121-150, circa 1955.	1	5
<i>If My Memory Serves Me Right</i> , chapters 4 (continued)-5, pages 151-180, circa 1955.	1	6
<i>If My Memory Serves Me Right</i> , chapters 5 (continued)-6, pages 181-210, circa 1955.	1	7
<i>If My Memory Serves Me Right</i> , chapter 6 (continued), pages 211-240, circa 1955.	1	8

<i>If My Memory Serves Me Right</i> , chapters 6 (continued)-7, pages 241-276, circa 1955.	1	9
<i>If My Memory Serves Me Right</i> , chapters 8-9, pages 277-309, circa 1955.	1	10
<i>If My Memory Serves Me Right</i> , chapters 10-11, pages 310-340, circa 1955.	1	11
<i>If My Memory Serves Me Right</i> , chapters 11 (continued)-13, pages 341-370, circa 1955.	1	12
<i>If My Memory Serves Me Right</i> , chapters 13 (continued)-14, pages 371-400, circa 1955.	1	13
<i>If My Memory Serves Me Right</i> , chapters 14 (continued)-15, pages 401-430, circa 1955.	1	14
<i>If My Memory Serves Me Right</i> , chapters 15 (continued)-16, pages 431-460, circa 1955.	1	15
<i>If My Memory Serves Me Right</i> , chapters 16 (continued)-17, pages 461-492, circa 1955.	1	16
<i>If My Memory Serves Me Right</i> , chapters 18-19, pages 493-526, circa 1955.	1	17
<i>If My Memory Serves Me Right</i> , chapters 20-21, pages 527-550, circa 1955.	1	18
<i>If My Memory Serves Me Right</i> , chapters 21 (continued)-22 and concluding material, pages 551-576, circa 1955.	1	19

***SEVENTY TO EIGHTY.***

	Box	Folder
<i>Seventy to Eighty</i> , introductory material and chapters 1-5, pages 577-599, circa 1965.	1	20



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<i>Seventy to Eighty</i> , chapters 5 (continued)-7, pages 600-630, circa 1965.	1	21
<i>Seventy to Eighty</i> , chapters 7 (continued)-9, pages 631-660, circa 1965.	1	22
<i>Seventy to Eighty</i> , chapters 9 (continued)-11, pages 661-690, circa 1965.	1	23
<i>Seventy to Eighty</i> , chapters 11 (continued)-15, pages 691-719, circa 1965.	1	24
<i>Seventy to Eighty</i> , chapters 16-19, pages 720-753, circa 1965.	1	25
<i>Seventy to Eighty</i> , chapters 20-21, pages 754-784, circa 1965.	1	26
<i>Seventy to Eighty</i> , chapters 22-23, pages 785-811, circa 1965.	1	27
<i>Seventy to Eighty</i> , chapters 24-26, pages 812-841, circa 1965.	1	28
<i>Seventy to Eighty</i> , chapters 27-29, pages 842-862, circa 1965.	1	29
<i>Seventy to Eighty</i> , chapters 30-34, pages 863-893 and index, circa 1965.	1	30

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## II. BIOGRAPHICAL WRITINGS.

	Box	Folder
<i>Brother Joe</i> , introductory material and chapters 1-3, pages 1-27, 1955-1965.	2	31
<i>Brother Joe</i> , introductory material and chapters 4-7, pages 28-58, 1955-1965.	2	32
<i>Brother Joe</i> , introductory material and chapters 8-9, pages 59-87, 1955-1965.	2	33
<i>Brother Joe</i> , introductory material and chapter 10, pages 88-123, 1955-1965.	2	34

<i>Brother Joe</i> , introductory material, chapters 11-13, and concluding material, pages 124-142, 1955-1965.	2	35
"Billy Price", 1963.	2	36
"Henry, Rita, Daniel Berman", 1963.	2	37
"I Celebrate My Mother", undated.	2	38
"Simon Libros", 1963.	2	39
"The Strange Case of Professor X", 1963.	2	40

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### III. WRITINGS BY OTHERS.

	Box	Folder
Joseph E. Cohen, "Arden Themes", 1911.	2	41
Center for Practical Politics, "Letters to the Editor", 1958.	2	42-43