

Register to the Papers of
Orvoell Roger Gallagher

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Scope and Content Note

Orvoell Roger Gallagher (1916-1975) was educated at the University of California at Berkeley, London School of Economics (M.A., 1951), and Columbia University (Ph.D., 1955). He taught at New York University from 1954 to 1959 and at Skidmore College in Saratoga Springs, New York, from 1959 until his death.

The Gallagher papers consist mainly of materials relating to his major field work. In 1949-1950 and in 1951, he investigated social arrangements, especially kinship, in the rural village of Civaux in the Department of Vienne in central France. In 1953-1954, working for International Public Opinion Research, Inc., which was under contract with the U. S. Air Force Human Resources Research Institute, he returned to France and studied the relations between the people of Chateauroux, a small city in the Department of Indre, and the personnel of a nearby American air base. The great bulk of Gallagher's material relating to France resulted from the work at Civaux. Only a few writings, including his Ph.D. dissertation, reflect the work at Chateauroux.

In 1962-1963, Gallagher was at Ranchi University, in the state of Bihar, in central India, on a National Science Foundation Science Faculty Fellowship. From there, he carried out studies in the village of Makhmandro among Oroans, a Dravidian group. Again, his focus was on social relations. His main method consisted of interviews of laborers.

Early in Gallagher's career, in 1951, he worked for the Science Museum in St. Paul, Minnesota, attempting to establish criteria for identifying tribal origins and dates for American Indian beaded artwork. Few materials resulting from this study appear in the collection. Gallagher's interest in isolated communities of northern Saratoga County, New York is represented by a few items, most of them manuscripts of writings.

The collection consists of 20 linear inches of material.

SERIES AND FOLDER LIST

Studies of French Communities

NOTEBOOKS CONCERNING CIVAUX. 3 inches. 1949-1951

Box 1

Notebooks for 1949-1950 (14 notebooks numbered 1 through 15 on families; 1 notebook that includes miscellaneous notes and a journal in French).

Notebooks for 1951 (3 journals and 1 book of notes).

Box 2

NOTES CONCERNING CIVAUX. ca. 1/2 in. Probably 1949-1951

MANUSCRIPTS BY O. R. GALLAGHER. 2 1/2 in.

"Change and resistance to change in two neighboring French communes."

The cultural and social impact of an American air base upon an urban French community. Ph.D. dissertation, Columbia University, 1955.

"The family in rural and urban France."

"Reaction to contact: the early phases of acculturation" (several copies, versions).

"The social structure of a French village community with special reference to the kinship system," M.A. thesis, London School of Economics, 1950.

Untitled book on Civaux (incomplete, partially consists of notes).

Untitled manuscript on outsiders "joining" a rural community.

MISCELLANY. ca. 1/4 in.

Letters, 1950-1973 (most from citizens of Civaux)

Postcards

Invitations, cards, and other miscellaneous items

PRINTED AND PROCESSED MATERIALS. 1 3/4 in.

Conrad M. Arensberg, "The community in study methods," reprint from *The American Journal of Sociology*, v. 60, no. 2 (1954), 109-124.

"Conference on French community studies, Haverford College," September 9-12, 1956

Daniel Lerner, "The 'hard-headed' Frenchman," reprint from *Encounter*, March 1957.
Research in Contemporary Cultures, Columbia University, "Some hypotheses about French culture" (ditto-graph; with letter from Margaret Mead, May 2, 1951).

David Rodnick, *An interim report on French Culture*, August 1953 (prepared for the U. S. Air Force Human Resources Research Institute).

Julian H. Steward, "A preliminary description of research on cross-cultural regularities carried on under auspices of the Department of Sociology and Anthropology of the University of Illinois, October 1954 (mimeograph).

Study of an Indian Community (Oroans in Mahkmandro, State of Bihar)

NOTEBOOKS. ca. 6 inches. 1962-1963

Box 3

Notebooks with interviews of laborers

Box 4

Notebooks

NOTES. ca. 3/4 in.

Interviews of laborers

Other notes

MAPS. 2 sheets

District Public Relations Office, Ranchi, *Guide to Ranchi*, n.d.

"Ranchi District" (manuscript map)

ARTICLES BY O. R. GALLAGHER. ca. 1/2 in.

"Drinking problems of tribal Bihar," reprinted from *Quarterly Journal of Studies on Alcohol*, v. 26, no. 4 (1965), 617-629.

"Endogamous marriage in central India," reprint from *Ethnology*, v. 4, no. 1 (1965), 72-76.

"The folk-urban hypothesis and applied anthropology," *Journal of Social Research* (Ranchi University), v. 9, no. 1 (1966), 75-88.

"Higher education in India" (typescript).

"Migrant labor from tribal Chota Nagpur" (Xerox of typescript)

Review of *Culture and change in India: the Barpali experiment*, by Thomas M. Fraser, Jr., *American Sociological Review* (no further data on item).

"Socio-cultural implications of industrialization and urbanization," *The Ranchi Rotarian*, v. 8, no. 42 (1962), pp. 2, 4.

MISCELLANY. 2 in.

"Dravidian," from Edward T. Dalton, *Descriptive Ethnology of Bengal*, 1872.

News clippings: marriage advertisements

News clippings: miscellaneous

Postcards

Ranchi University, material re.

Study of American Indian Beaded Art

PAPERS. ca. 1951. ca. 1 3/4 in.

Box 5

Notebook in binder (negative photostatic copy)

Report (negative photostatic copy)

Form for beadwork study.

Science Museum, St. Paul, Minnesota, Indian Leaflets No. 5, 6, and 7.

Studies in Saratoga County, New York

WRITINGS. 1 1/2 in.

O. R. Gallagher, "Family and kin in a northern Saratoga County rural poverty community"

O. R. Gallagher (?). "Thoughts on the hollow"

Bryn Peters (student). "Birth control and the poor" (includes portion of Saratoga Springs)

Institute of Field Studies, Teachers College, Columbia University, *The report of the survey of Hadley-Luzerne Central School*, 1956

Other material

ARTICLES. ca. 1/4 in.

Charles Drake, "Migration myths," November 1960

"Eastern Kentucky: permanent disaster area"

O. R. Gallagher, review of *The Concept of Poverty: Working Papers on Methods of Investigation and Life-styles of the Poor in Different Countries*, by Peter Townsend in *American Sociological Review* (no further data on item)

O. R. Gallagher, review of *Culture and Society: an Introduction to Cultural Anthropology* by Baron M. Schwartz and Robert H. Ewald, in *American Sociological Review* (no further data on item)