

# Guide to the Paul Joseph Bass Papers

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## Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** MS 1826

**CREATOR:** Bass, Paul, 1960-

**TITLE:** Paul Joseph Bass papers

**DATES:** 1966-2004

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 4 linear feet

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** The papers consist of topical files and clippings relating to the career of Paul Bass as a journalist primarily covering affairs in New Haven and Connecticut. The collection includes topical files relating to the American Independent Movement, the *New Haven Independent*, Richard C. Lee, former New Haven Police chief, Nicholas Pastore, and other topics. It also includes clippings of articles by both Paul and Carole Bass, and dates back to Paul Bass' time as a student at the Horace Mann School.

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b.      box  
f.      folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Paul Bass, 2003.

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## Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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## Conditions Governing Use

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## Biographical / Historical

Paul Joseph Bass was born in 1960. He grew up in White Plains, New York, and attended the Horace Mann School in the Bronx, New York. At Horace Mann, he wrote for a variety of student publications and also contributed to Westchester County newspapers, where he would frequently work during summers. As a student at Yale College, Bass continued to participate in journalism primarily as a writer for the *Yale Daily News* and also as a contributor to other newspapers. After graduation in 1982, Bass became a free-lance journalist, with his writings appearing in such newspapers as the *New Haven Advocate*, *New York Times*, *In These Times*, and many others. In 1986, Bass, his wife, Carole, and another couple founded a weekly newspaper called the *New Haven Independent*. In 1989, he joined the staff of the *New Haven Advocate*. He has won numerous awards and is known for reporting on social, political, and cultural issues in New Haven and around the world.

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## Scope and Contents

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## Arrangement

Arranged in two series: I. Topical Files, 1966-1999. II. Writings, 1977-2004.

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## Collection Contents

### Series I: Topical Files, 1966-1999

Arranged alphabetically, the series includes research materials used by Paul and Carole Bass. It also includes administrative files relating to the *New Haven Independent*, a weekly independent newspaper with an emphasis on investigative journalism, published in the late 1980s. Materials related to the American Independent Movement consist of FBI files obtained by Paul Bass through a Freedom Of Information Act request, and they document the activities of a leftist radical group functioning in New Haven during 1960s.

b. 1, f. 1 - 12	American Independent Movement	1966-1971
b. 2, f. 13	Book proposal: <i>The City of Good Intentions</i>	1998-1999, undated
b. 2, f. 14	Bass, Carole [resume]	undated
	Cooperative News Service	
b. 2, f. 15	General	1984-1986
b. 2, f. 16 - 18	Clippings	1984-1986
b. 2, f. 19	Downey, Morton, Jr. [correspondence, notes, photographs, and articles relating to scuffle with Bass]	1988
b. 2, f. 20	International Society of Newspaper Editors Golden Quill Award [Bass a finalist]	1991
b. 2, f. 21	Lee, Dick [notes and interviews]	Circa 1986-Circa 1998
	<i>New Haven Independent</i>	
b. 2, f. 22	Administrative memoranda and policies	1986-1988
b. 2, f. 23	Administrative memoranda and policies circulation	1988
b. 2, f. 24	Advertisement flyers	undated
b. 2, f. 25	Board of directors and shareholders list	1987-1988, undated
b. 2, f. 26	Business Plan	[1985]
b. 2, f. 27	City of New Haven board of aldermen resolution	undated
b. 2, f. 28	Consultants [reports, correspondence, and other material]	1986-1989
b. 3, f. 29	Correspondence	1985-1989, undated
b. 3, f. 30	Correspondence and memoranda	1989
b. 3, f. 31	Clippings relating to <i>New Haven Independent</i>	1986-1989
b. 3, f. 32 - 35	Dow, John, Jr. [libel suit]	1987

## New Haven Independent (continued)

b. 3, f. 36	Editorial memoranda and policy	Circa 1986
b. 3, f. 37 - 38	Financial and legal documents	1985-1986
b. 3, f. 39	Meeting minutes	1989
b. 3, f. 40	Readers survey	undated
b. 3, f. 41	Reading packet with articles relating to <i>New Haven Independent</i> : Paul Bass guest lecturer	1986-1989, undated
Pastore, Nicholas		
b. 4, f. 42	Book proposals A copy of this material is available in digital form from Manuscripts and Archives. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at <a href="mailto:beinecke.library@yale.edu">beinecke.library@yale.edu</a> to request access to the digital copy.	undated
b. 4, f. 43 - 48	Clippings	1990-1994, undated
b. 4, f. 49	Interviews	1993 Sep, undated
b. 4, f. 50	Legal documents and related	1993, undated
b. 4, f. 51	Miscellaneous correspondence, publication, and other material	1992-1994
b. 4, f. 52	New Haven Needle Exchange Program	1992-1994
b. 4, f. 53	Notes	undated

## Series II: Writings, 1977-2004

Arranged chronologically, the series consists of clippings of Paul Bass articles from the *Horace Mann Record*, *Reporter Dispatch* (White Plains, New York), *Yale Daily News*, *New Haven Register*, *Hartford Courant*, *New York Times*, *Fair Haven News*, *In These Times*, *New Haven Independent*, and *New Haven Advocate*. The series also contains clippings of Carole Bass articles from many of the same publications. The series ranges from when Paul Bass was a high school student at Horace Mann in New York to his time as an associate editor of the *New Haven Advocate*.

The series reflects the careers of Paul and Carole Bass as investigative journalists primarily working in New Haven, Connecticut, and therefore documents most of the major news stories in the city from the early 1980s through the mid-2000s.

b. 5, f. 1	1977 fall-1978 spring [ <i>Horace Mann Record</i> and other Horace Mann and other Horace Mann newspapers]
b. 5, f. 2	1977 Sep-1978 May [ <i>Reporter Dispatch</i> ]
b. 5, f. 3	1978 summer
b. 5, f. 4	1978 Sep-1979 May [ <i>Reporter Dispatch</i> ]
b. 5, f. 5	1978 Sep-1979 May [ <i>Yale Daily News</i> ]
b. 5, f. 6	1979 summer
b. 5, f. 7	1979 fall-1980 spring [ <i>Yale Daily News</i> ]
b. 5, f. 8 - 9	1980 summer-1980 fall
b. 5, f. 10	1980 fall-1981 spring [Smith (later Bass), Carole: <i>Yale Daily News</i> ]
b. 5, f. 11	1981 [Smith (later Bass), Carole: <i>Today</i> ]
b. 5, f. 12 - 15	1981-1982 winter/spring
b. 6, f. 16 - 18	1982 fall-1983 summer
b. 6, f. 19 - 22	1983-1984 [Bass, Paul and/or Carole]
b. 6, f. 23	1985 [Bass, Paul and Carole: freelance writings]
b. 6, f. 24	1986 [Bass, Paul and Carole]
b. 7, f. 25	1987-1989 [Bass, Carole: <i>New Haven Independent</i> ]
b. 7, f. 26 - 28	1989-1990 [ <i>New Haven Advocate</i> ]
b. 7, f. 29	1990 [Bass, Carole, editor: <i>Fair Haven News</i> ]
b. 7, f. 30 - 38	1991-1995 [ <i>New Haven Advocate</i> ]
b. 8, f. 39 - 44	1995-1998 [ <i>New Haven Advocate</i> ]
b. 9, f. 45 - 56	1998-2004 [ <i>New Haven Advocate</i> ]
b. 9, f. 57	Miscellaneous dates [freelance writings]
b. 9, f. 58	Miscellaneous dates [Bass, Paul and Carole]

## **Selected Search Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### **Preferred Titles**

*New Haven advocate*  
*New Haven independent*

### **Subjects**

Journalists -- Connecticut

### **Geographic Names**

New Haven (Conn.)

### **Names**

Bass, Carole  
Bass, Paul, 1960-  
Lee, Richard C. (Richard Charles), 1916-2003  
Pastore, Nicholas

### **Corporate Body**

American Independent Movement (Conn.)