



## **Gaston Leval Papers 1937-1978**

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**Period** 1937-1978

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### Biography

Pseudonym of Pierre Piller; born in France 1893, died in Paris 1978; anarchist, writer; fled to Spain in 1915 to escape conscription; wrote for *Tierra y Libertad* and other libertarian papers and periodicals; had to stay undercover to evade the police; edited in 1918 his own journal *La Guerra Social* in Valencia; in 1921, though Frenchman, representative of the *Confederación Nacional del Trabajo* (CNT) to the Congress of Trade Unions in Moscow; lived in Argentina from 1923; in Spain during the Civil War, he visited and studied the collectives; returned to France at the end of 1937, arrested and sentenced to jail by the military court in Paris; escaped when the Germans invaded France; remained underground until 1951 when his 'crime' of 1915 became statute-barred; published '*Cahiers pour un socialisme libertaire*', books on Spanish collectivization, etc.

### Content

Correspondence c. 1957-1978; manuscripts of his memoirs (incomplete) n.d., poems 1944-1946 and n.d., short stories n.d., '*Economía Española y la Socialización*' 1943, etc.; files consisting of notes and other documents containing data for his book '*Collectives in the Spanish Revolution*' 1937-1938 and n.d.