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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Rare Book and Manuscript Library
<b>Creator:</b>	Salisbury, Charlotte Y
<b>Title:</b>	Charlotte Salisbury papers
<b>ID:</b>	6913725
<b>ID:</b>	MS#1626
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1925-2001
<b>Date [bulk]:</b>	1965-1993
<b>Physical Description:</b>	14 linear feet 28 document boxes
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English , Chinese , Russian .
<b>Abstract:</b>	This collection is made up of the writings and personal files of Charlotte Salisbury, the wife of Pulitzer-prize-winning journalist Harrison Evans Salisbury (1908-1993).

### Preferred Citation

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## Biographical Note

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Charlotte Young Salisbury was born in Weston, Massachusetts in 1914. The daughter of prominent Massachusetts politician Benjamin Loring Young, she attended the Winsor School in Boston and the Dobbs School in Dobbs Ferry, New York. Salisbury went on to pursue a modeling career as a "Powers Girl" in the early 1930s. In 1934 she married Allston Boyer, with whom she had her first daughter, Charlotte Boyer Parkinson. Following a divorce five years later, she married her second husband John A. Rand and had three more children: Ellen Rand, Rosina Rand, and Curtis Rand. During World War II she moved around the country following her husband to various army camps.

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## Biographical Note

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Charlotte met Harrison Salisbury in 1955 at a talk he gave in Salisbury, Connecticut on his time spent as a *New York Times* correspondent in Moscow. The two developed a friendship, and they married in 1964 following Charlotte's divorce from John Rand in 1959. Throughout their marriage they kept homes in New York City and in Taconic, Connecticut.

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## Biographical Note

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Shortly after their wedding, Charlotte began accompanying Harrison on many of his foreign travel assignments. Although she was not formally trained as a writer, she kept detailed diaries throughout her life, and she was able to use her talents for close observation and description to begin her career as an author. Her first book, *Asian Diary* (1967) documents her travels with Harrison to the areas surrounding China. The book reflects her strong anti-Vietnam War sentiments as she describes the negative impact the war has had on neighboring countries. Charlotte Salisbury followed up *Asian Diary* with a series of travel diaries describing subsequent journeys with her husband in the Soviet Union, China, and other parts of Asia.

*China Diary* was particularly notable as one of the first accounts of everyday life and social conditions in Communist China after President Nixon's visit in 1972. The Salisburys' books reached a broad American audience eager to learn about Communist countries. Whereas Harrison's work focused on political and historical intricacies, Charlotte's sensitive but frank impressions captured both her own experiences as a foreign traveler and the character of the daily lives of the people she encountered. In addition to *China Diary* (1972), she published *Russian Diary* (1974), *China Diary: After Mao* (1977), and *Tibetan Diary* (1980). Charlotte also wrote the text for *Sikkim: Mountaintop Kingdom* in 1972, collaborating with the photographer Alice Kendall. This book differs from her others as a description of the history, culture, and politics of the tiny country of Sikkim rather than a personal travel account.

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## Biographical Note

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Salisbury's writing career culminated in her final book *Long March Diary: China Epic*, which describes her and Harrison Salisbury's successful attempt to retrace the route of Mao's Long March of 1934 to 1935. This was a remarkable achievement for the aging couple. It was their longest journey yet, and they traveled to areas of interior China that had previously been inaccessible to Americans.

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## Biographical Note

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While Harrison Salisbury continued to travel and write up until his death in 1993, Charlotte claimed to prefer a quiet life tending to their house and gardens in Taconic. She continued to keep detailed personal diaries, but she did no more extensive traveling. Charlotte Salisbury died at age ninety-eight on April 25, 2012 in Salisbury, Connecticut.

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## Summary

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This collection is made up of the writings and personal files of Charlotte Salisbury. About half of the material relates to Salisbury's published travel diaries. This material includes manuscripts as well as correspondence and clippings related to the books. Another large portion of the collection is made up of Charlotte Salisbury's personal papers, including correspondence between herself and Harrison Salisbury and approximately thirty years of diaries and datebooks recording her everyday activities. Finally, there is some material documenting the career and commemoration of Harrison Salisbury. With a few exceptions, the majority of the material in the collection dates to after the couple was married in 1964.

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## Arrangement

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This collection is arranged in 12 series.

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### **Immediate Source of Acquisition**

Source of acquisition--Charlotte Young Salisbury. Method of acquisition--Gift.

### **Ownership and Custodial History**

Gift of Charlotte Young Salisbury.

### **Processing Information**

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### **Processing Information**

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### **Accruals**

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## **Controlled Access Headings**

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- Newspaper publishing
- Asia -- Description and travel
- China -- Description and travel
- China -- History -- Long March, 1934-1935
- Soviet Union -- Description and travel
- Soviet Union -- Social conditions -- 1945-1991
- Silk Road -- Description and travel
- Tibet Autonomous Region (China) -- Description and travel
- Salisbury, Charlotte Y
- Salisbury, Harrison E (Harrison Evans), 1908-1993
- New York Times Company

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## **Collection Inventory**

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**Series I: *Asian Diary***

<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>
Original notebooks, 1966 <u>Physical Description:</u> (2 folders)	box 1
Manuscripts	
Personal Copy, 1966	box 1
Carbon copy, 1966	box 1
Second Carbon copy, 1966	box 1
1966	box 1
Manuscript fragments, 1966	box 1
Galleys, 1966 <u>Physical Description:</u> (2 folders)	box 2
Photographs, 1966	box 2
Photograph captions and descriptions, 1967	box 2
Contract and royalties, 1967-1968	box 2
Sikkim article-Mademoiselle, 1967 (excerpt from Asian Diary ), 1967	box 2
Clippings and reviews, 1968-1970 <u>Physical Description:</u> (2 folders)	box 2
Publicity, 1967-1968	box 2
Correspondence, 1966-1982	box 2

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## **Series II: *Russian Diary***

<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>
Manuscripts	
First Draft, 1967-1971 <u>Physical Description:</u> (2 folders)	box 3
1967	box 3
Working Copy, 1967	box 3
Personal Copy, 1967	box 3
1967-1972 <u>Physical Description:</u> (2 folders)	box 3
Fragments and edits, 1967-1972	box 4



Cover and galleys, 1974	box 4
Replaced chapter one, 1967-1972	box 4
Notes and clippings, 1973	box 4
Publicity, 1974	box 4
Clippings and reviews, 1974	box 4
Correspondence, 1972-1978	box 4

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### Series III: *Sikkim: Mountaintop Kingdom*

Title/Description	Instances
Notebooks, 1970	box 5
Manuscripts	
Draft, 1970	box 5
With notes and corrections, 1970	box 5
With introduction by Harrison Salisbury, 1970 (duplicate), 1970	box 5
Corrected, 1970	box 5
Contracts and royalties, 1969-1972	box 5
Clippings regarding Sikkim and Hope Cooke, 1961-1974	box 5
Notes and research materials, 1968-1970	box 5
Research materials, 1950-1969	box 6
Books	
<i>Sikkim Coronation</i> , ca. 1965	box 6
Namgyal Institute of Technology, 1962 (in Sikkimese), 1962	box 6
Clippings and reviews, 1971-1972	box 6
Publicity and <i>Vogue</i> article, 1971-1972	box 6
Correspondence, 1970-1979	box 6
Correspondence with Hope Cooke, 1969-1971	box 6

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### Series IV: *China Diary*

Title/Description	Instances
Original notebooks, 1972	box 7
First typing from notebooks, 1972	box 7
Manuscripts	
Revised-out of order, 1972	box 7
Xerox, 1972	box 7
Edits, 1972	box 7
1972	box 7
Galleys, 1972	box 8
Notes and articles by Charlotte Salisbury regarding <i>China Diary</i> , 1973-1975	box 8
Notes for chapter or article, 1972	box 8
Travel materials, 1972 <u>Physical Description</u> : (2 folders)	box 8
Clippings related to <i>China Diary</i> - many <i>New York Times</i> articles by Harrison Salisbury,, 1972	box 8
Clippings and publicity, 1973	box 8
Correspondence, 1973-1991	box 8

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### Series V: *China Diary: After Mao*

Title/Description	Instances
Original notebooks, 1977 <u>Physical Description</u> : (2 folders)	box 9
Manuscripts	
Revised, 1977 <u>Physical Description</u> : (2 folders)	box 9
With notes, 1977	box 9
Notes regarding Mongolia, 1977	box 9
Maps, ca. 1977	box 9
Notes and clippings, 1978	box 9
Clippings and publicity, 1979-1980	box 9
Correspondence, 1979-1980	box 9

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<b>Series VI: <i>Tibetan Diary</i></b>	
<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>
Manuscripts	box 10
Copy of first copying, 1980 (includes newspaper clipping), 1980	box 10
Not all corrections included, 1980	box 10
Working copy, 1980-1981	box 10
Setting copy, 1980-1982	box 10
Galleys, 1981	box 10
Notes and travel materials, 1980-1981	box 10
Correspondence, photos, and publicity, 1980-1986	box 10

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<b>Series VII: <i>Long March Diary: China Epic</i></b>	
<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>
Original notebooks, 1984	box 11
Manuscripts	
Original, 1984 <u>Physical Description:</u> (2 folders)	box 11
Second sheets of original, 1984 <u>Physical Description:</u> (2 folders)	box 11
Xerox with Harrison Salisbury foreword, 1984 <u>Physical Description:</u> (2 folders)	box 11
Carbon copy, 1984 <u>Physical Description:</u> (2 folders)	box 12
With corrections by Jack Service, 1984 <u>Physical Description:</u> (2 folders)	box 12
With corrections but not cuts, 1984 <u>Physical Description:</u> (2 folders)	box 12
Edited, 1984-1986	box 13

Physical Description: (2 folders)

Copy of book, 1992	box 13
Map, ca. 1984	box 13
Notes and photos, 1984-1985	box 13
Notes for talks, ca. 1986	box 13
Reviews and publicity, 1986	box 13
Correspondence	
Business, 1985-1986	box 13
Personal, 1985-1993	box 13
<u>Physical Description:</u> (2 folders)	

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### Series VIII: Other Writings and Professional Activity

Title/Description	Instances
Articles and writings, ca. 1931-1982 <u>Physical Description:</u> (2 folders)	box 14
Webetuck School commencement, 1977	box 14
Public appearances-general, 1978-1980	box 14
Writer's World radio program, 1969	box 14

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### Series IX: Personal Files

Title/Description	Instances
Passports and international travel documents, 1959-1986	box 14
Biographical files-general, ca. 1925-1982 (includes financial agreement with Harrison Salisbury), ca. 1925-1982	box 14
Personal photographs and postcards, ca. 1970s-1994	box 14
Files regarding Francis Sargent-governor of Massachusetts 1972-1974 1969-1974, 1972-1974, 1969-1974	box 14
Saved publications, 1953-2001	box 14
The American Society of the Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem-Pins and list of members,, 1975	box 28
Scrapbook pages, 1977-1978	box 28

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<b>Series X: Personal Correspondence</b>	
<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>
Letters and cards from wedding, 1964	box 14
Christmas-mostly cards, 1967	box 14
Harrison Salisbury to Charlotte Salisbury	box 15
Notes and cards, ca. 1959-1986	box 15
1961-1987 <u>Physical Description:</u> (5 folders)	box 15
1988-1993 <u>Physical Description:</u> (2 folders)	box 16
Charlotte Salisbury to Harrison Salisbury, 1959-1989 <u>Physical Description:</u> (4 folders)	box 16
General	
Charlotte Salisbury, 1963-1998	box 16
Harrison Salisbury, 1962-1990	box 16

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<b>Series XI: Diaries and Datebooks</b>	
<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>
Datebooks, 1969-1993 <u>Physical Description:</u> (6 folders)	box 17
Diaries, 1965-June 1993 (June 1968-June 1973 include typed transcripts), 1965-June 1993, June 1968-June 1973	box 18
Diaries, 1965-June 1993 (June 1968-June 1973 include typed transcripts), 1965-June 1993, June 1968-June 1973	box 19
Diaries, 1965-June 1993 (June 1968-June 1973 include typed transcripts), 1965-June 1993, June 1968-June 1973	box 20
Diaries, 1965-June 1993 (June 1968-June 1973 include typed transcripts), 1965-June 1993, June 1968-June 1973	box 21
Diaries, 1965-June 1993 (June 1968-June 1973 include typed transcripts), 1965-June 1993, June 1968-June 1973	box 22
Diaries, 1965-June 1993 (June 1968-June 1973 include typed transcripts), 1965-June 1993, June 1968-June 1973	box 23

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<b>Series XII: Harrison Salisbury Files</b>	
<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>
Notes-mainly regarding Charlotte Salisbury's biography, 1984-1988	box 24
Lectures on QE2 voyages, 1978	box 24
Vietnam tapes, ca. 1966-1967	box 24
Personal papers-general, 1986-1991	box 24
Litchfield County Writers' Forum-Tribute to Harrison Salisbury, 1995-1996	box 24
Thank you from Chinese People's Revolutionary Museum for pacemaker donation,, 1996	box 24
Photographs of reception of pacemaker in China, ca. 1996	box 24
Commemoration of Harrison Salisbury, 1991-1999	box 24
Correspondence regarding Harrison Salisbury tribute book, 2001	box 24
American Academy of Arts and Letters-commemoration of Harrison Salisbury,, 1993	box 25
Dutch Treat Club member book, 1993	box 25
Books	
<i>Essential Liberty</i> by Francis Wilkinson-introduction by Harrison Salisbury	box 25
<i>Long March: An Untold Story</i> by Harrison Salisbury-Chinese translation,, 1994	box 25
<i>Paper Soldiers</i> by Lawrence R. Wyatt, 1992	box 25
<i>The Paper's Papers</i> by Richard F. Shepard,, 1996	box 25
<i>A Journey for Our Times</i> by Harrison Salisbury,, 1983	box 26
<i>The 900 Days</i> by Harrison Salisbury	
Galleys-set 1, 1969 <u>Physical Description:</u> (4 folders)	box 26
Galleys-set 2, 1969 <u>Physical Description:</u> (5 folders)	box 27
Photographs-professional activity (mostly oversized)	box 28
Map-route of Mao's Long March, 1984 (framed), March, 1984	box 28

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Russian records, ca. 1981-1985 (2), ca. 1981-1985	box 28
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<i>The New York Times Magazine</i> -with article by Harrison Salisbury-"Now It's China's Cultural Thaw", 1977	box 28
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