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## **Insull Family Papers**

**Dates:** 1905-1971, Undated (Bulk 1930-1957)

**Creator:** Adelaide Insull, Gladys Insull, Samuel Insull Jr., Samuel Insull III

**Extent:** 6.0 linear feet

**Processor:** Elizabeth A. Myers, May 19, 2004; updated by K. Young, 2022

### **Administration Information**

**Restrictions:** None

**Copyright:** Samuel Insull III dedicated such literary rights as he possessed in the papers to the public.

**Preferred Citation:** Loyola University Chicago Archives & Special Collections. Samuel Insull Papers. Addendum 1, 1905-1971. Box # - Folder #.

**Provenance:** Received September 1998.

**Separations:** Approximately 2 inches of duplicate photographs relating to the Insull family and press releases relating to Gladys Insull specifically were removed.

**See Also:** See also the Samuel Insull Papers; Samuel Insull, Jr. papers; E. Ogden Ketting papers; John O'Keefe papers; James O'Keefe papers; Forrest McDonald Papers; and the Peoples Gas Coke and Light Company records.

### **Scope and Content**

Addendum 1 of the Samuel Insull papers consists of 10 boxes, 6.0 linear feet, spanning the years 1905 to 1971, with the bulk of materials from 1930 to 1957. The collection is mostly of photographs of the Insull family, especially Samuel Insull III. Other family members included are Samuel Insull, Jr., Adelaide P. Insull, Jr., Gladys Insull, Sr., and Samuel Insull, Sr. Most of the images are portraits, but also include family gatherings at Christmas and Halloween, vacations, graduations, and other social events. The majority of the photographs date from the 1930s and 1940s and center on young Samuel Insull III. Correspondence, notebooks, scrapbooks, press clippings, yearbooks, and bank statements are also included.

### **Series**

#### **Series 1: Insull Family Papers, 1905-1971, Undated, Boxes 1-3**

Contains school notebooks, study cards, poetry journals, correspondence, press releases, and newspaper clippings. Most of the materials pertain to Adelaide Insull, wife of Samuel Insull Jr. but some material relates to Gladys.



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**Series 2: Insull Family Photographs, 1931-1967, Undated, Boxes 4-5**

Mainly photographs of Samuel Insull III, but also includes photographs of his mother, Adelaide; father, Samuel Insull, Jr.; and paternal grandparents, Samuel and Gladys Insull. The majority of the photographs of Samuel Insull III are from his childhood and early adolescence; most are snapshots with a few portrait/professional photographs.

**Series 3: Gladys Insull (Mrs. Samuel Insull) Papers and Photographs, 1926, Undated, Box 6**

Consists of photographs, press releases, scrapbook, and news clippings related to Gladys Insull, especially during her 'comeback season' in 1926.

**Series 4: Insull Family Documents & Photographs, Oversized/Framed, 1919-1949, Undated, Boxes 7-9**

Consists of photographs of the Insull Family, mainly Samuel Insull, Jr. and Samuel Insull III. There are a few photographs featuring Samuel Insull, Jr. with his mother, Gladys, but most are of him during early childhood and adulthood.

**Series 5: Ephemera, 1931, Undated, Box 10**

Consists of name cards, photographs, and a 3-D gift box created for Samuel Insull III's birthday in 1931.

**Subjects:**

Insull, Adelaide Pierce  
Insull, Gladys  
Insull, Samuel  
Insull, Samuel, Jr.  
Insull, Samuel, III  
Military service  
Photographs  
Correspondence  
Theater



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**Creator: Adelaide Insull, Gladys Insull, Samuel Insull Jr., Samuel Insull III**  
**Accession No.: UA1998.29**

| <u>Box</u> | <u>Folder</u> | <u>Title</u>  | <u>Dates</u>     |
|------------|---------------|---|------------------|
|            |               | <b>Series 1: Insull Family Papers, 1905-1971, Undated</b>   |                  |
| 1          | 1             | Adelaide Insull—Booklets and Study Guides                   | Undated          |
|            | 2             | Adelaide Insull—Booklet, “Supreme Self Command”             | Undated          |
| 1          | 3             | Adelaide Insull—Booklet, “Self Personality”                 | Undated          |
| 1          | 4             | Adelaide Insull—Notebook 1                                  | Undated          |
| 1          | 5             | Adelaide Insull—Notebook 2                                  | Undated          |
| 1          | 6             | Adelaide Insull—Notebook 3                                  | Undated          |
| 1          | 7             | Adelaide Insull—Notebook 4                                  | Undated          |
| 1          | 8             | Adelaide Insull—Notebook 5                                  | Undated          |
| 1          | 9             | Adelaide Insull—Notebook 6                                  | Undated          |
| 1          | 10            | Adelaide Insull—Notebook 7                                  | Undated          |
| 1          | 11            | Adelaide Insull—Study Note Cards, Anatomy                   | Undated          |
| 1          | 12            | Adelaide Insull—Booklet, “Letters to Rosemary, 1905-1906,”  | 1916             |
| 1          | 13            | Adelaide Insull—Poetry Journal                              | 1921             |
| 1          | 14            | Adelaide Insull—Passport                                    | 1922             |
| 1          | 15            | Adelaide Insull—Construction/Decoration Bills and Estimates | 1926             |
| 1          | 16            | Adelaide Insull—Newspaper Clippings                         | 1935             |
| 1          |               |   |                  |
| 1          | 16            | Adelaide Insull—Correspondence                              | Undated          |
| 1          | 17            | Adelaide Insull—Correspondence to Samuel Insull             | Undated          |
| 1          | 18            | Adelaide Insull—Correspondence                              | 1918-1938        |
| 1          | 19            | Adelaide Insull—Cards Noting the Birth of Samuel Insull III | 1931             |
| 2          | 1             | Adelaide Insull—Cards Noting the Birth of Samuel Insull III | 1931             |
| 2          | 2             | Adelaide Insull—Invitations                                 | 1932,<br>Undated |
| 2          | 3             | Gladys Insull—“Devil’s Disciple,” Play, Press Releases      | Undated          |
| 2          | 4             | Gladys Insull—“Heartbreak House,” Play, Press Releases      | Undated          |



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| 2 | 5  | Gladys Insull—"Runaway Road," Press Releases               | Undated     |
| 2 | 6  | Gladys Insull—Press Releases, Multiple                     | Undated     |
| 2 | 7  | Gladys Insull—Stage Play, Draft                            | Undated     |
| 2 | 8  | Gladys Insull—Travel Itinerary                             | Undated     |
| 2 | 9  | Gladys Insull—Chicago Civic Opera Booklet                  | 1928-1929   |
| 2 | 10 | Gladys Insull—Theater Notices and Playbills                | 1933        |
| 2 | 11 | Samuel Insull Jr.—Driving Permit                           | 1929        |
| 2 | 12 | Samuel Insull, Jr.—Newspaper Clippings                     | 1931 & 1997 |
| 2 | 13 | Samuel Insull III—Bank Ledger                              | Undated     |
| 2 | 14 | Samuel Insull III—Wedding                                  | Undated     |
| 2 | 15 | Samuel Insull III—Birth Certificate & Social Security Card | 1931        |
| 2 | 16 | Samuel Insull III—Investments Statement                    | 1958        |
| 2 | 17 | Samuel Insull III—American Life Convention Newsletter      | 1964        |
| 2 | 18 | Samuel Insull III—Vintage Sports Car Club                  | 1971        |
| 3 | 1  | Samuel Insull III—St. Paul's Yearbook                      | 1949        |
| 3 | 2  | Samuel Insull III—Yale University Yearbook                 | 1953        |
| 3 | 3  | Samuel Insull III—Harvard Law School Yearbook              | 1960        |

**Series 2: Insull Family Photographs, 1931-1967,  
Undated**

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|---|----|--|-----------|
| 4 | 1  | Adelaide (Pierce) Insull—Baby                          | Undated   |
| 4 | 2  | Adelaide (Pierce) Insull—Miscellaneous Friends         | Undated   |
| 4 | 3  | Adelaide (Pierce) Insull—Negatives                     | Undated   |
| 4 | 4  | Adelaide (Pierce) Insull—Western Trip                  | Undated   |
| 4 | 5  | Adelaide (Pierce) Insull—Youth                         | Undated   |
| 4 | 6  | Adelaide (Pierce) Insull—and Samuel Insull, Jr.        | 1957-1959 |
| 4 | 7  | Samuel Insull, Jr.—Boyhood                             | Undated   |
| 4 | 8  | Samuel Insull, Jr.—Hobbies                             | 1967      |
| 4 | 9  | Samuel Insull, Jr.—Home at 325 River Road, Geneva, IL. | Undated   |
| 4 | 10 | Samuel Insull, Jr.—Military Service                    | Undated   |
| 4 | 11 | Insull Family—GP Classic Car Show, "gnfld" Village     | 1959      |
| 4 | 12 | Insull Family—Lake Forest Car Show                     | 1960      |
| 4 | 13 | Insull Family—Mendota Autorama and Wilmot Auto Racing  | 1959      |
| 4 | 14 | Insull Family—Miscellaneous Pets                       | Undated   |
| 4 | 15 | Insull Family—Wilmot Car Show                          | 1959      |



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| 4  | 16 | Insull Family—Wind Storm                          | 1959      |
| 4  | 17 | Insull Family—Road America Car Show, Elkhart Lake | 1959      |
| 5  | 1  | Samuel Insull III—Adolescence, Teens              | Undated   |
| 5  | 2  | Samuel Insull III—Adulthood, General              | Undated   |
| 5  | 3  | Samuel Insull III—Baby                            | Undated   |
| 5  | 4  | Samuel Insull III—Beach Boyhood                   | Undated   |
| 5  | 5  | Samuel Insull III—Boyhood                         | Undated   |
| 5  | 6  | Samuel Insull III—Boyhood                         | Undated   |
| 5  | 7  | Samuel Insull III—Boyhood                         | Undated   |
| 5  | 8  | Samuel Insull III—Boyhood                         | Undated   |
| 5  | 9  | Samuel Insull III—Boyhood—Christmas & Halloween   | Undated   |
| 5  | 10 | Samuel Insull III—Boyhood—Photo Album             | 1935-1937 |
| 5  | 11 | Samuel Insull III—Boyhood—Sailor Outfit on Boat   | Undated   |
| 5  | 12 | Samuel Insull III—Boyhood—“To Grandma”            | Undated   |
| 5  | 13 | Samuel Insull III—Graduation from Yale            | Undated   |
| 5  | 14 | Samuel Insull III—Military                        | Undated   |
| 5  | 15 | Samuel Insull III—Miscellaneous Friends           | Undated   |
| 5  | 16 | Samuel Insull III—Playing Baseball                | Undated   |
| 5  | 17 | Samuel Insull III—Samuel Insull                   | Undated   |
| <b>Series 3: Gladys Insull (Mrs. Samuel Insull)<br/>Papers and Photographs, 1926, Undated</b>        |    |   |           |
| 6  | 1  | Press Releases, Long Drafts                       | Undated   |
| 6  | 2  | Newspaper Clippings                               | 1926      |
| 6  | 3  | Oliver Theater, Press Notices                     | 1926      |
| 6  | 4  | Scrapbook: Theater in Chicago/Gladys Insull       | 1926      |
| 6  | 5  | Costumes  | Undated   |
| 6  | 6  | Gladys Insull, Negatives                          | Undated   |
| 6  | 7  | Gladys Insull & Samuel Insull, Jr.                | Undated   |
| 6  | 8  | Theater Cast, Miscellaneous                       | Undated   |
| <b>Series 4: Insull Family Documents &amp; Photographs,<br/>Oversized/Framed, 1919-1945, Undated</b> |    |   |           |
| 7  | 1  | Samuel Insull, Jr.—Baby                           | Undated   |
| 7  | 2  | Samuel Insull, Jr.—Baby (matted only)             | Undated   |
| 7  | 3  | Samuel Insull, Jr.—With Mother Gladys             | Undated   |
| 7  | 4  | Samuel Insull, Jr.—Military Service               | Undated   |



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| 7  | 5 | Samuel Insull, Jr.—Correspondence in Recognition of Services Rendered During World War I                               | 1919    |
| 7  | 6 | Samuel Insull, Jr.—Commission Certificate to the Rank of Lieutenant Commander in the Naval Reserve, United States Navy | 1943    |
| 7  | 7 | Samuel Insull, Jr.—Certificate of satisfactory Service in the United States Navy During World War II                   | 1945    |
| 7  | 8 | Samuel Insull, Jr.—Commission Certificate to the Rank of Commander in the Naval Reserve, United States Navy            | 1949    |
| 8  | 1 | Samuel Insull, Jr.—Baby  | Undated |
| 8  | 2 | Samuel Insull, Jr.—Baby  | Undated |
| 8  | 3 | Samuel Insull, Jr.—Military Service (large)  | Undated |
| 8  | 4 | Samuel Insull, Jr.—Military Service (small)  | Undated |
| 8  | 5 | Samuel Insull, Jr.—With Mother Gladys  | Undated |
| 8  | 6 | Samuel Insull, Jr.—With Mother Gladys  | Undated |
| 8  | 7 | Samuel Insull, Jr.—With Mother Gladys  | Undated |
| 8  | 8 | Samuel Insull, Jr.—Young Man   | Undated |
| 8  | 9 | Samuel Insull, Jr.—Young Man   | Undated |
| 9  | 1 | Samuel Insull, Jr.—Toddler   | Undated |
| 9  | 2 | Samuel Insull, Jr.—Young Man   | Undated |
| 9  | 3 | Samuel Insull III—Boy, Young   | Undated |
| 9  | 4 | Samuel Insull III—Boy, Young   | Undated |
| 9  | 5 | Samuel Insull III—Boy, Young   | Undated |
| 9  | 6 | Samuel Insull III—Boy, Young   | 1936    |
| 9  | 7 | Samuel Insull III—Young Man  | Undated |
| 9  | 8 | Samuel Insull III—Young Man  | Undated |
| 9  | 9 | Samuel Insull III—Wedding (Wife Sigrid Insull), Featuring Samuel Insull, Jr.   | 1961    |
|    |   | <b>Series 5: Ephemera 1931, Undated</b>  |         |
| 10 | 1 | Insull Family name cards   | Undated |
| 10 | 2 | Samuel Insull, Jr. & Samuel Insull III photograph, small in velvet frame   | Undated |
| 10 | 3 | Samuel Insull, Jr.—Baby photograph, small, oval frame  | Undated |
| 10 | 4 | Samuel Insull III Birthday Gift Box  | 1931    |