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## Peoples Gas Light & Coke Co. Records

**Dates:** 1887-1952 (bulk 1909-1930)

**Creator:** Peoples Gas Light & Coke Company (1850 - )

**Extent:** 2.25 linear feet (5 boxes)

**Level of description:** Folder

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### Administration Information

**Restrictions:** None

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**Separations:** None

**See Also:** Samuel Insull papers.

### Administrative History

Peoples Gas Light & Coke Company was organized in 1848, becoming Chicago's first gas company in 1850. Under the presidency of C.K.G. Billings, Jr. (1895 to 1910), Peoples merged with twelve other companies to become a major power in public utilities in the Chicago area. In 1980 the company changed its name to Peoples Energy Corporation and continues to serve the Chicago area.

### Scope and Content

The records in this collection relate to Samuel Insull's affiliation with Peoples Gas Light & Coke Company, specifically his tenure as chairman of the board (1913) and as president (1919-1932). In addition, records pertaining to several other Insull companies are included. The records comprise 2.25 linear feet spanning the years 1887 to 1952, with the bulk of the records being from 1909 to 1930, and consist of correspondence; speeches; reports; resolutions; agreements; minutes; newspaper clippings; stock certificates, and publications. Arrangement is alphabetical-chronological.

### Series

#### Series 1: Samuel Insull, 1913-1937, Box 1

This series consists of correspondence, reports, resolutions, copies of checks, statements, speeches, publications, and one photograph. Subjects include People's Gas Light and Coke Company; universal military training; War Industries Board; income tax; women employees; Insull's pension; and labor relations.

**Series 2: Peoples Gas Light and Coke Company, 1905, 1909-1934, 1950, Boxes 2-3**

This series consists of correspondence, reports, memorandum, statistical data, histories, and publications. Subjects include Peoples Gas Light and Coke Co. history; Chicago river and harbor improvements; gas lights; gas rates ordinances; product inquiries; service requests; and profit sharing plans.

**Series 3: Indiana Natural Gas and Oil Company, 1889-1938, Boxes 3**

This series consists of correspondence, legal papers, and stock certificates. Subjects include Indiana Natural Gas and Oil Company; Peoples Gas Light and Coke Co.; and Samuel Insull.

**Series 4: Insull Companies in Indiana, 1926, Box 4**

This series consists of one scrapbook containing articles about the Northern Indiana Public Service Co.; Indianapolis Light & Heat Company; and Central Indiana Power Company in addition to other Insull companies in Indiana.

**Series 5: Greentown Natural Gas, Oil, Mining and Pipeline Company, 1887-1938, Box 4**

This series consists of legal agreements, articles of incorporation, correspondence, and minute book.

**Series 6: Other Companies, ca. 1880-1900, 1926, Box 4**

This series consists of contracts and stock certificates for several companies.

**Series 7: Publications, 1920-1934, 1952, n.d., Boxes 4-5**

This series consists of articles, addresses, and booklets, by people other than Samuel Insull and pertaining to public utilities and the gas industry.

**Series 8: Memorabilia, 1919, Box 5**

This series contains a pin from the American Gas Association.

**Subjects:**

Insull, Samuel

Women – employment

United States War Industries Board

Peoples Gas Light & Coke Company

Income Tax

Chicago River

Indiana Natural gas and Oil Company

Northern Indiana Public Service Company

Indianapolis Light & Heat Company

Central Indiana Power Company

Greentown Natural Gas, Oil, Mining, and Pipeline Company

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<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Dates</u>
<b><u>Series 1: Samuel Insull, 1913-1937</u></b>			
1	1	Correspondence: Insull – Peoples Gas Light and Coke co.	1913, 1916-1917
1	2	Correspondence: Insull – Peoples Gas Light and Coke Co.	1918
1	3	Correspondence: Insull- Peoples Gas Light and Coke Co.	1919-1922
1	4	Correspondence: Insull – Peoples Gas Light and Coke Co.	1923-1930
1	5	Correspondence: Samuel Insull, Jr.	1930-1934
1	6	Samuel Insull – Peoples Gas Light and Coke Co. Service Annuity (Pension)	1932-1935
1	7	Samuel Insull Pension – Board Resolutions	1932-1935, 1937, n.d.
1	8	Samuel Insull Pension – Stockholders Correspondence	1932-1933, 1935
1	9	Copies of Checks to Isham, Lincoln and Beale	1932-1933
1	10	Chicago Civic Opera Company	1929-1932
1	11	Statements as President, Peoples Gas Light and Coke Co.	1919, 1923, 1925, 1932
1	12	Samuel Insull – Speeches	1921, 1925
1	13	Samuel Insull – Speeches	1926-1928
1	14	Samuel Insull – Published Speeches	1921, 1927, 1929- 1930
1	15	Martin Insull – Publications	1928
1	16	Lake Lawn Lodge, Delavan, WI (photograph)	n.d.
<b><u>Series 2: Peoples Gas Light and Coke Company, 1905, 1909-1934, 1950</u></b>			
2	1	History – Statistical Data	191-1931
2	2	Peoples Gas Light and Coke Company, published histories	1925, 1950
2	3	Reminiscences by Alfred E. Forstall	1934
2	4	Brief History of the Peoples Gas Light and Coke Company...	1950
2	5	Bemis, Walter S. “History of Gas Business in Chicago”	1948
2	6	Chicago – City Departments	1909-1918, 1922, 1926, 1929, 1937
2	7	Chicago River and Harbor Improvements	1909 – 1912
2	8	Chicago River and Harbor Improvements	1912-1913
2	9	Chicago River and Harbor Improvements	1913
2	10	Chicago River and Harbor Improvements	1913-1917
2	11	New Gas Plant, Chicago	1914-1924
2	12	Gas Rates – Anonymous Letters	1918-1919
2	13	Gas Street Lamps, Chicago	1915, 1918-1919
2	14	Inauguration of 20,000,000 cu ft. Holder	1925, 1928-1929
2	15	Isham, Lincoln, and Beale	1919-1920

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2	16	Merz, Charles	1923
2	17	Miscellaneous Correspondence	1912, 1914, 1917-1921, 1923-1925, 1927-1928, 1930, 1933-1934
2	18	Morgan, J.J., Columbia university	1927
3	1	Rate Ordinance	1905, 1910-1918
3	2	Rosa Profit Sharing Plan	1916
3	3	U.S. Treasury Department	1920
3	4	Inquiries – Blowers	1914-1926
3	5	Inquiries – China Kiln	1910-1920
3	6	Inquiries – Coffee Roasters	19100-1924
3	7	Inquiries – Crematory	1912-1916, 1921-1926
3	8	Inquiries – Equipment, homes	1916-1923, 1929-1930, 1934, 1939
3	9	Inquiries – Fire Brick Balls	1924
3	10	Inquiries – Ford Motor Company Plant	1915
3	11	Inquiries – House Heating	1913, 1925-1929, 1937
3	12	Inquiries – Incinerator	1913-1917, 1921, 1924, 1929
3	13	Inquiries – Ranges and Broilers	1923-1924, 1927-1928, 1932
3	14	Inquiries – Schultz Baking Co.	1914-1915
3	15	Inquiries – Selas System	1914-1916
3	16	Inquiries – Various Mixers	1916-1919, 1923-1928
3	17	Inquiries – Varnish	1914-1927
3	18	Inquiries – Water Stills	1913-1915, 1924, 1927, 1930
3	19	Service Requests	1924, 1926

**Series 3: Indiana Natural Gas and Oil Company,  
1889-1938**

3	20	Indiana Gas and Oil Company – Incorporation; Board resignations	1889-1890
3	21	Correspondence: Mortgage, Lease, and Bonds	1891
3	22	Declaration of Trust – Insull, Munroe	1922
3	23	Trust Agreement – Continental Illinois National Bank	1923, 1927-1931, 1935
3	24	Peoples Gas Subsidiary Corporation Agreement	1935
3	25	Agreement with Indiana Natural Gas & Oil Co.,	1935

		Midland Utilities & Hugh Morris & John Shannahan	
3	26	New Capital Stock Certificate	1938
3	27	Elias C. Benedict Securities	1906-1911, 1924

**Series 4: Insull Companies in Indiana, 1926**

4	1	Northern Indiana Public Service Co., Indianapolis Light & Heat Co, Central Indiana Power Co. – Scrapbook	1926
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**Series 5: Greentown Natural Gas, Oil, Mining and  
Pipeline Company, 1887-1938**

4	2	Greentown Natural Gas, Oil, Mining and Pipeline Company	1887, 1888, 19226, 1938
4	3	Minute Book	1889-1902
4	4	Stock Certificates	1887, 1897

**Series 6: Other Companies, ca. 1880-1900, 1926**

4	5	Kokomo Gas and Fuel Company Tar Contract with American Tar Products Co.	1926
4	6	Calumet Gas co. Stock Certificates	188x, 189x
4	7	Chicago Gas Co. Stock Certificates	189x
4	8	Consumers Gas Co. Stock Certificates	18xx, 188x
4	9	Equitable Gas Light & Fuel Company Stock Certificate	188x
4	10	Hyde Park Gas Company Stock Certificates	18xx, 188x
4	11	Indiana Natural Gas and Oil Company Stock Certificate	189x
4	12	Koppers Kokomo Company Stock Certificate	19xx
4	13	Lake Gas Company Stock Certificate	188x
4	14	Lake States Investment Company Stock Certificates	n.d.
4	15	Manufacturers Coal & Coke Company Stock Certificates	19xx
4	16	Michigan and Adams Company Stock Certificates	19xx
4	17	Municipal gas Company Stock Certificate	190x
4	18	Mutual Fuel Gas Company Stock Certificate	18xx
4	19	Natural Gas Investment Company Stock Certificate	193x
4	20	Ogden Gas Company Stock Certificate	189x, 190x
4	21	Suburban Gas Company Stock Certificate	18xx
4	22	Universal Gas Company Stock Certificate	189x, 19xx

**Series 7: Publications, 1920-1934, 1952, n.d.**

4	23	Alexander Hamilton Institute “The Monthly Letter”	Sept. 1920
4	24	American Gas Association “First Aid and Resuscitation	1923

		in Gas Asphyxiation”	
4	25	American Gas Association “Artificial Respiration”	n.d.
4	26	American Gas Association “The Big Brother of the Gas industry”	n.d.
5	1	Chicago Daily News “Heat With Gas” Ad	1929
5	2	Dillon, Mary E. “Humanizing a Gas Company”	1924
5	3	Forward, Alexander “Regulation by public Service Commissions”	1925
5	4	Gross, Howard H. “Our County in Grave Peril”	n.d.
5	5	Herscher Dome Storage Field	1952
5	6	Illinois Committee on Public Utility Information “Chicago’s Genii, The Public Utilities”	1921
5	7	McEvoy, Harry “Before You Start East”	n.d.
5	8	Mullaney, Bernard J. “the Road to “Smokeless Town””	1923
5	9	National Research Council “Mobilizing Scientific Facts for Industrial Uses”	n.d.
5	10	Peoples Gas Club News	1927, 1928
5	11	Peoples Gas Light and Coke Company “A 20,000,000 Cubic Feet Gas Holder”	1928
5	12	Poster: “Register! Oct. 4-Oct.14, Vote! Nov. 4”	1924
5	13	Public Service Company of Northern Illinois News	1929
5	14	Russell, John A. “Public Utilities”	1922
5	15	The U.G.I. Circle	1926
5	16	Utility Investors News	1927
5	17	White-Saddle “air Conditioning Speeds Industry”	1934
5	18	Wright, Richard “Home Electrical Heating on a Commercial Scale”	1929

**Series 8: Memorabilia, 1919**

5	19	American Gas Association – Pin	1919
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