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Guide to the

**Community News Service records**

1969-1976

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## Summary

**Creator:** Community News Service (New York, N.Y.)

**Title:** Community News Service records

**Date:** 1969-1976

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**Abstract:** The Community News Service Records consist of the Daily File, the Education File and Miscellaneous Notes.

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## Creator History

Community News Service was established in 1969 as a Harlem-based organization of minority journalists, providing news of black and Hispanic communities to the media. A staff of twelve, under the direction of executive director Annette Samuels, assembled a daily file of stories concerning minority communities in the city along with a calendar of coming events. The service sent reports several times weekly to more than thirty subscribers including *The New York Times*, *The Daily News*, *The Amsterdam News*, CBS-TV, CBS Radio, WNBC-TV, and WLIB Radio. Other subscribers included several community groups.

The organization received its initial \$275,000 funding from the Ford Foundation as part of the New School for Social Research's Urban Reporting Workshop. Over the next seven years, CNS received a total of \$640,000 from the Ford Foundation. The loss of this grant money, coupled with CNS's failure to interest other foundations in giving grants led to the organization's demise. Community News Service laid off all but three staff members in Summer 1976, and ceased operation on 2 October 1976.

Shortly thereafter, a committee was formed to consider whether CNS should give up its tax exempt status and become a commercial news service, however, efforts to reopen the organization were unsuccessful.

## **Scope and Content Note**

The records of the Community News Service largely represent the organization's working news files from 30 September 1969 to 20 August 1976. Although they provide very little insight into the background and structure of the organization itself, the records do document current events and social activities relevant to the New York black community during that period.

**Arrangement:** Papers organized into three series: I. Daily File; II. Education File; and III. Miscellaneous Notes

## **Key Terms**

### **Subjects**

African American journalists -- New York (State) -- New York  
African American press -- New York (State) -- New York  
African Americans -- Education  
African Americans -- Housing -- New York (State) -- New York  
African Americans -- Legal status, laws, etc  
African Americans and mass media -- New York (State) -- New York  
African Americans in the newspaper industry -- New York (State) -- New York  
Crime -- New York (State) -- New York  
Criminals -- New York (State) -- New York  
Education -- New York (State) -- New York  
Hispanic Americans -- New York (State) -- New York  
Housing -- New York (State) -- New York  
Mass media and minorities -- New York (State) -- New York  
Minorities -- New York (State) -- New York  
News agencies -- New York (State) -- New York

### **Geographic Names**

New York (N.Y.) -- Politics and government -- 1951-  
New York (N.Y.) -- Social conditions  
New York (N.Y.) -- Social life and customs

### **Names**

Community News Service (New York, N.Y.)

## Container List

### DAILY FILE

The Daily File which comprises the majority of the collection consists of a seven year run of daily Community Calendars and Files. The Calendars announce coming events of interest to the black community. The Files each consist of about four stories, whose subjects range from speeches, rallies, and cultural activities to crime and federal, state, and local legislation and programs. The stories emphasize New York City political subjects and events; however, a great many human interest stories are included. For the earlier years of the CNS operation, a Log consisting of abstracts of the File stories was also occasionally produced.

The Community Calendars, Logs, and Files are arranged in the above order in one chronological sequence. The sequence is almost complete; only occasional single issues are missing.

- r. 1 1969, Sept-1970, May 19
- r. 2 1970, May 20-Aug 15
- r. 3 1970, Aug 17-Nov 14
- r. 4 1970, Nov 16-1971, Feb 27
- r. 5 1971, Mar 1-May 29
- r. 6 1971, Jun 1-Aug 31
- r. 7 1971, Sept 1-Dec 31
- r. 8 1972, Jan 4-Apr 29
- r. 9 1972, May 1-Aug 15
- r. 10 1972, Aug 16-Dec 8
- r. 11 1972, Dec 9-1973, Mar 13
- r. 12 1973, Mar 14-Jun 15
- r. 13 1973, Jun 16-Sept 29
- r. 14 1973, Oct 1-1974, Jan 31
- r. 15 1974, Feb 1-May 15
- r. 16 1974, May 16-Aug 30
- r. 17 1974, Sept 3-Dec 31
- r. 18 1975, Jan 2-May 30
- r. 19 1975, Jun 2-Nov 25
- r. 20 1975, Dec 2-1976, May 28
- r. 21 1976, Jun 2-Aug 20

### r. 21 EDUCATION FILE

A smaller Education File, 1963- (1970-1975), follows the Daily File. Arranged by district except for the last citywide folder, this sequence contains educationally related clippings, announcements, press releases, and other printed material. The Citywide folder also includes minutes of school board and parent association meetings, budgets, progress reports, and projections.

- r. 21 Lower East Side 1963, Nov 8-1974, Feb 14
- r. 21 Lower West Side East Midtown 1970, May-1974, Feb 28
- r. 21 Upper West Side 1970, Aug 10-1974, Jun 13, n.d
- r. 21 East Harlem 1970, Nov 18-1975, Jan 7
- r. 21 Inwood-Washington Heights 1970, Jul 20-1974, Jun 27
- r. 21 South Bronx 1974, Feb 23-Apr 17

EDUCATION FILE (cont.)

- r. 21 Classon Point-Throgs Neck 1969, Oct 1-1974, Jul 8
- r. 21 Concourse 1970, Aug 14-1974, Sep 11
- r. 21 Fordham-Riverdale 1970, Sept 11-1974, May 31
- r. 22 Williamsbridge-North Bronx 1970, Sept 15-1974 Nov 7
- r. 22 Morrisania 1970, Dec 16-1971, Jul 8
- r. 22 Brooklyn Heights-Bedford Stuyvesant 1970, Aug-1971, May
- r. 22 Williamsburg-Green Point 1970, Aug 22-1974, Sept 6
- r. 22 Brooklyn-Park Slope 1970, Jan 21-1971, Apr 28
- r. 22 Bushwick-Ridgewood 1974, Mar 1-Sept 10
- r. 22 Crown Heights-Flatbush 1967, Apr 17-1974, Dec 5
- r. 22 Canarsie-East Flatbush 1970, Oct 19-1974, May 30
- r. 22 Bay Ridge-Bensonhurst 1971, Mar 9-12
- r. 22 Gravesend-Coney Island 1970, Jul 15-1974, Jul 9
- r. 22 Midwood-Sheepshead Bay 1971, Feb 4-9
- r. 22 Brownsville 1971, Mar 18-Apr 23
- r. 22 Maspeth-Middle Village 1970, Sept 11-1971, Jun
- r. 22 Flushing-College Point 1971, Apr 6-May 22
- r. 22 Bayside-Douglaston 1970, Sept 16-1974, Apr 3
- r. 22 Richmond Hills-Rockaway 1970, Sept 17-1971, Jul 6
- r. 22 Forest Hills-Jamaica 1970, Aug 19-1974, Dec 23
- r. 22 Queens Village-Springfield Gardens 1970, Aug 4-1971, Dec
- r. 22 Astoria-Woodside 1970, Sept 16-1974, May 7
- r. 22 Staten Island 1971, Jan 22
- r. 22 Schools-Citywide 1969, May 12-1974, Nov 13
- r. 23 MISCELLANEOUS NOTES 1970, May 14-1973, Feb, n.d

Miscellaneous Notes, 1970-1973, n.d., consists of clippings, press releases, correspondence, drafts of CNS articles, and occasional issues of daily files relating to a variety of subjects such as housing and neighborhood organizations.