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Guide to the

## **New York Times Company records. Oral History files**

1948-1986 (bulk 1969-1971)

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### **Summary**

**Creator:** New York Times Company

**Title:** New York Times Company records. Oral History files, 1948-1986 (bulk 1969-1971)

**Size:** 5.75 linear feet (14 boxes)

**Source:** The New York Times Company

**Abstract:** The New York Times Company records. Oral History files consist of transcripts of oral histories conducted with staff members from The New York Times, accompanying documents such as biographical articles, and a name and subject file. The collection is arranged in three series and spans the years 1948 to 1986.

**Access:** Apply to Manuscripts and Archives Division for access at <http://www.nypl.org/mssref>.

**Copyright information:** Copyright retained by any documents creator.

**Preferred citation:** New York Times Company records. Oral History files, Manuscripts and Archives Division, The New York Public Library.

**Processing note:** Folders sorted alphabetically. Some re-folding done on over-stuffed folders.

### **Related collections**

Iphigene Ochs Sulzberger Papers. Manuscripts and Archives Division, The New York Public Library.

The New York Times Company Records. Manuscripts and Archives Division, The New York Public Library.

### **Creator history**

The New York Times was founded in 1851 in New York City by Henry Jarvis Raymond and George Jones and was later owned by the Ochs and Sulzberger families. Chester M. Lewis, the director of the archives and the oral history program began interviewing staff members in 1969. In subsequent years, Frank Bailsinson, a city editor, along with Hal Faber and David Dempsey conducted the interviews. After a brief period during which interviewing had halted, Susan Dryfoos, a member of the Sulzberger family and the director of the New York Times History Project, started conducting oral histories with herself as the interviewer.

## **Scope and content note**

The New York Times Company records. Oral History files consist of transcripts of oral histories conducted with individuals who were associated with The New York Times, such as Sulzberger family members, reporters, editors, secretaries, and other workers. Some folders also contain accompanying documentation, for example background information about the individuals interviewed or articles written about them.

Series I contains transcripts of oral histories conducted by Frank Bailinson, Hal Faber, and David Dempsey and is arranged alphabetically by the interviewees' last name.

Series II is composed of transcripts of oral histories concerning the newspaper business and journalism. Interviews conducted in the 1980s were done by Susan Dryfoos. This series is arranged alphabetically by corporate name or topic.

A name and subject index card file is held in the last series. The cards have "see" and "see also" references.

## **Arrangement**

The New York Times Company records. Oral History files are organized into the following series:

Series I: Names, 1948-1986  
Series II: Subjects, 1969-1983  
Series III: Index Cards, undated

## **Key terms**

### **Subjects**

Journalism

### **Names**

Atkinson, Brooks, 1894-1984  
Barnes, Clive, 1927-2008  
New York Times Company  
Oakes, John  
Reston, James Barrett, 1909-1995  
Sulzberger, Iphigene Ochs  
Topping, Seymour, 1921-

### **Special formats**

Oral histories (document genres)

## Container list

### Series I: Names, 1948-1986 (11.5 boxes)

- b.1 f.1-2 Atkinson, Brooks, 1972, 1985
- b.1 f.3 Baker, Russell, 1984
- b.1 f.4 Barnes, Clive, 1970
- b.1 f.5 Behrens, Patricia, 1983
- b.1 f.6 Berger, Mayer, 1948
- b.1 f.7 Bernstein, Theodore, 1971
- b.1 f.8-10 Brown, Francis, 1969-1971
- b.1 f.11-12 Canaday, John, 1972, 1981-1983
- b.2 f.1-4 Catledge, Turner, 1979
- b.2 f.5 Chassange, Natasha, 1969
- b.2 f.6-7 Claiborne, Craig, 1962-1971
- b.2 f.8 Clarity, James F., 1970
- b.2 f.9 Curtis, Charlotte, 1983
- b.3 f.1-2 Daley, Arthur, 1973, 1986
- b.3 f.3-4 Daniel, Clifton, 1983
- b.3 f.5 David, George B., 1969-1972
- b.3 f.6 Doty, Robert, undated
- b.3 f.7-9 Drebinger, John, 1971-1974
- b.4 f.1-2 Durall, Helen, 1976-1981
- b.4 f.3 Durdin, Tillman, 1971
- b.4 f.4-5 Edwards, (James) Russell, 1972-1981
- b.4 f.6 Emerson, Gloria, ca. 1979
- b.4 f.7 Faber, Harold, 1971
- b.4 f.8 Falk, Max, 1971-1973
- b.4 f.9 Farnsworth, Clyde, 1970
- b.4 f.10 Feron, James, 1970
- b.4 f.11 Friendly, Alfred, Jr., 1970
- b.4 f.12 Gaeta, Armeda, 1985
- b.4 f.13 Gelb, Arthur, 1983
- b.4 f.14 Giniger, Harry, 1970
- b.4 f.15 Golden, Soma, 1987
- b.4 f.16 Goldstein, Nathan, 1983
- b.5 f.1-2 Goldstein, Nathan, 1983
- b.5 f.3 Goldstein, Nathan and Irv Taubkin, 1984
- b.5 f.4 Gram, Paul, 1971
- b.5 f.5 Green, Monroe, 1972
- b.5 f.6 Greenfield, Jim, 1985
- b.5 f.7 Gruson, Sydney, 1983

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- b.5 f.8 Grutzner, Charles, 1971
- b.5 f.9 Gwertzman, Bernard, 1970
- b.5 f.10 Hegi, Edward, 1971
- b.5 f.11 Hess, John, 1970
- b.5 f.12 Hirschfeld, Al, 1983
- b.5 f.13 Hoffman, Paul, 1970
- b.5 f.14 Huger, Louise, 1973-1976
- b.5 f.15 Jones, David R., 1983
- b.6 f.1 Jackson, Nathan, 1972
- b.6 f.2-4 Kerr, Walter, undated
- b.6 f.5-6 Kihiss, Peter, 1983
- b.6 f.7 Knowles, Clayton, 1971
- b.6 f.8 Komaretsky, Mariana, 1983
- b.6 f.9 Korman, Jerry, 1977
- b.6 f.10 Krock, Arthur, 1972
- b.6 f.11 Lee, John, 1970
- b.6 f.12 Lewis, Anthony, 1970
- b.6 f.13 Lidman, David, 1973
- b.7 f.1 Liebowitz, Mildred, 1971
- b.7 f.2-3 Lissner, Will, 1974
- b.7 f.4-7 Loeb, Louis M., 1972
- b.8 f.1-3 Markel, Lester, 1977
- b.8 f.4 McLaughlin, Kathleen, 1974
- b.8 f.5-9 Merz, Charles, 1972
- b.9 f.1 Middleton, Drew, 1970
- b.9 f.2 Moscow, Warren, 1971
- b.9 f.3 Murray, William L., 1971
- b.9 f.4 Newton, Marshall E., 1971
- b.9 f.5-7 Oakes, John, 1984
- b.9 f.8 Peck, Seymour, 1983
- b.9 f.9 Pope, Virginia, 1971
- b.9 f.10 Popham, John, 1983
- b.9 f.11 Prescott, Orville, 1983
- b.10 f.1-4 Raskin, Abraham Henry, 1977
- b.10 f.5-6 Reston, James B., 1983
- b.10 f.7 Reynolds, Patrick, 1971

**Series I: Names, 1948-1986** (cont.)

- b.10 f.8 Rigney, Pat, 1984
- b.11 f.1 Robertson, Nan, 1983
- b.11 f.2 Rotter, Clara, 1983
- b.11 f.3-5 Sanger, Elliott, 1971
- b.11 f.6 Schmidt, Dana Adams, 1970
- b.11 f.7 Schmitt, Julius H., 1972
- b.11 f.8 Schultz, Joseph W., 1971
- b.11 f.9 Schumach, 1983
- b.11 f.10 Schwartz, Daniel, 1969
- b.11 f.11 Sheehan, John J., 1971
- b.11 f.12 Shuster, Alvin, 1970
- b.11 f.13 Strang, Cortland J. (Commander), 1973
- b.12 f.1 Sulzberger, Iphigene Ochs, 1985
- b.12 f.2 Sulzberger, Cyrus L., 1970
- b.12 f.3 Sunshine, Lucille, 1983
- b.12 f.4 Tanner, Henry, 1970
- b.12 f.5 Tate, William, 1976
- b.12 f.6 Topping, Seymour, 1983
- b.12 f.7 Tupper, Fred, undated
- b.12 f.8-9 Veit, Ivan, 1972
- b.12 f.10 Whitman, Alden, 1984

**Series II: Subjects, 1969-1983** (1.5 boxes)

- b.12 f.11 Cambridge Book Company, 1971
- b.12 f.12 "Culture" at the *New York Times*, 1983
- b.12 f.13 *Family Circle*, 1971
- b.12 f.14 *Gainesville Sun*, 1971
- Journalism
  - b.12 f.15 Coverage of Congress, 1970
  - b.12 f.16 Crime News, 1970
  - b.12 f.17 Editorial Page, 1970
  - b.12 f.18 Education News, 1972
  - b.12 f.19 Environmental News, 1970
  - b.13 f.1 Financial News, 1971
  - b.13 f.2 Foreign News, 1969-1971
  - b.13 f.3 Interviewing Techniques, 1971
  - b.13 f.4 Metropolitan News, 1971

**Series II: Subjects, 1969-1983** (cont.)

Journalism (cont.)

- b.13 f.5           Minority News, 1971
- b.13 f.6           Narcotics Problems, 1969
- b.13 f.7           National News, 1971
- b.13 f.8           Neighborhood Coverage, 1970
- b.13 f.9           News Desk Operation, 1970
- b.13 f.10          News of Ideas, 1970
- b.13 f.11          Pentagon Papers, 1971
- b.13 f.12          Political News, 1971
- b.13 f.13          Religion News, 1972
- b.13 f.14          Science News, 1971
- b.13 f.15          Sports News, 1971
- b.13 f.16          Supreme Court, 1971
- b.13 f.17          Washington, D.C., 1971
- b.13 f.18          Women's News, 1970
- b.13 f.19          World Wildlife Fund, 1971
- b.13 f.20          *Lakeland Ledger*, 1971
- b.13 f.21          Modern Medicine, 1971
- b.13 f.22          *Ocala Star-Banner*, 1971
- b.13 f.23          Vietnam, 1970
- b.13 f.24          WREG-TV, 1971 (Memphis, Tennessee)

**Series III: Index Cards, undated** (1 box. 3x5 index cards)

- b.14           Name and Subject File, undated