Summary

Creator: New York Times Company


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.


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

Related collections


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)

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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
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b.3 f.5  David, George B., 1969-1972
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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
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b.4 f.9  Farnsworth, Clyde, 1970
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b.4 f.11  Friendly, Alfred, Jr., 1970
b.4 f.12  Gaeta, Armeda, 1985
b.4 f.13  Gelb, Arthur, 1983
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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
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b.5 f.8  Grutzner, Charles, 1971
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b.5 f.10 Hegi, Edward, 1971
b.5 f.11 Hess, John, 1970
b.5 f.12 Hirschfeld, Al, 1983
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b.5 f.15 Jones, David R., 1983
b.6 f.1  Jackson, Nathan, 1972
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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
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b.7 f.2-3 Lissner, Will, 1974
b.7 f.4-7 Loeb, Louis M., 1972
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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
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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
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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
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- 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

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- 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
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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