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Collection Summary

Title: Anthony Lewis Papers

Span Dates: 1941-1975

Bulk Dates: (bulk 1963-1974)

ID No.: MSS75856

Creator: Lewis, Anthony, 1927-2013

Extent: 5,100 items ; 21 containers ; 8.2 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Summary: Newspaper columnist and author. Chiefly drafts and research files for two of Lewis's books, *Gideon's Trumpet* (1964), an analysis of the Supreme Court's decision in *Gideon v. Wainwright*, and *Portrait of a Decade* (1964), an examination of the civil rights movement from 1954 to 1964. Also includes letters from readers of his *New York Times* column.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

People

Fortas, Abe--Correspondence.

Gideon, Clarence Earl--Correspondence.

Gideon, Clarence Earl--Trials, litigation, etc.

Ginsberg, Allen, 1926-1997--Correspondence.

Halberstam, David--Correspondence.

Humphrey, Hubert H. (Hubert Horatio), 1911-1978--Correspondence.

Landon, Alfred M. (Alfred Mossman), 1887-1987--Correspondence.

Le Carré, John, 1931- --Correspondence.

Lewis, Anthony, 1927-2013.

Lewis, Anthony, 1927-2013. *Gideon's trumpet*. 1964.

Lewis, Anthony, 1927-2013. *Portrait of a decade; the second American revolution*. 1964.

Moynihan, Daniel P. (Daniel Patrick), 1927-2003--Correspondence.

Mumford, Lewis, 1895-1990--Correspondence.

Spock, Benjamin, 1903-1998--Correspondence.

Wainwright, Louie L.--Trials, litigation, etc.

Wofford, Harris--Correspondence.

Organizations

United States. Supreme Court.

Subjects

African Americans--Civil rights.

Busing for school integration--United States.

Civil rights--United States.

Crime--United States.

Drug abuse and crime--United States.

Journalism--United States--20th century.

Medical care--United States.

Medicine--United States.

Political corruption--United States.

Right to counsel--United States.

School integration--United States.

Student movements--United States.

Students--United States--Political activity.

Vietnam War, 1961-1975.
Watergate Affair, 1972-1974.

Places

United States--Politics and government--1945-1989.
United States--Social conditions--1960-1980.

Titles

New York times.

Occupations

Authors.
Journalists.

Administrative Information

Provenance

The papers of Anthony Lewis, newspaper columnist and author, were deposited in the Library of Congress by Lewis in 1979. Drafts and research files from two of Lewis's books, *Gideon's Trumpet* and *Portrait of a Decade*, were deposited by Harvard University in 1977.

Processing History

The papers of Anthony Lewis were processed in 1996. The finding aid was revised in 2012.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Anthony Lewis is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The papers of Anthony Lewis are open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, Anthony Lewis Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Biographical Note

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
1927, Mar. 27	Born, New York, N.Y.
1948	A.B., Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.
1948-1952	Deskman, Sunday Department, <i>New York Times</i>
1951	Married Linda Rannells (divorced)
1952	Staff, National Democratic Committee
1952-1955	Reporter, <i>Washington Daily News</i>

1955-1964	Reporter, Washington Bureau, <i>New York Times</i>
1955	Received the Heywood Broun Award and Pulitzer Prize for national reporting
1963	Received Pulitzer Prize for national reporting
1964	Published <i>Gideon's Trumpet</i> . New York: Random House Published <i>Portrait of a Decade: The Second American Revolution</i> . New York: Random House
1965-1972	Chief, London, England, Bureau, <i>New York Times</i>
1969-	Columnist, <i>New York Times</i>
1974-1989	Lecturer on law, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.
1983-	James Madison Visiting Professor, Columbia University, New York, N.Y.
1984	Married Margaret H. Marshall
1991	Published <i>Make No Law: The Sullivan Case and the First Amendment</i> . New York: Random House
2013, Mar. 25	Died, Cambridge, Mass.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Anthony Lewis (1927-2013) span the years 1941-1975, with the bulk of material dating from 1963 to 1974. The collection contains drafts, research files, and letters from readers of Lewis's *New York Times* column between 1969 and 1975. The papers are organized into three series: [Subject File](#), [Letters from Readers](#), and [Writings](#).

The [Letters from Readers](#) series comprises the largest part of the papers. Lewis's staff organized most of the letters he received between 1969 and July 1973 into a topical file and those received after July 1973 into a chronological file. The series provides insight into public opinion during a politically and socially turbulent era. Most of the letters were written by the general public and concern issues such as busing for racial integration of schools, medicine and health care, student protests, the Vietnam War, and Watergate. Prominent correspondents include Hubert H. Humphrey on busing; Allen Ginsberg on crime and drugs; general comments by David Halberstam and Daniel P. Moynihan; and Alfred M. Landon, John Le Carré, Lewis Mumford, and Benjamin Spock on Vietnam. Lewis's replies to these letters are included in the series.

The [Writings](#) series contains drafts and research files for two of Lewis's books. In *Gideon's Trumpet*, he explored the Supreme Court ruling in *Gideon v. Wainwright* that required states to provide indigent criminal defendants with free counsel. Research for the book includes copies of letters between Clarence Earl Gideon, Abe Fortas, and the court; correspondence and documents concerning amicus curiae briefs filed by various states; correspondence with lawyers representing Gideon in his second trial; and a survey of state public defender programs. In *Portrait of a Decade*, Lewis traced the civil rights movement from 1954 to 1964 largely through the *New York Times* reporting of these events. Although the research files consist primarily of clippings, they also contain correspondence and an unsigned letter from Harris Wofford concerning his role in arranging John F. Kennedy's phone call to Coretta Scott King in November 1960.

The collection also contains a small [Subject File](#) comprising research material for some of Lewis's articles.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged in three series:

- [Subject File, 1962-1973](#)

- Letters from Readers, 1969-1975
- Writings, 1941-1964

Description of Series

Container

Series

BOX 1-2

Subject File, 1962-1973

Clippings, correspondence, speeches, reports, press releases, notes, and photographs used in research for Lewis's newspaper columns.

Arranged alphabetically by topic.

BOX 2-16

Letters from Readers, 1969-1975

Letters from readers of Lewis's columns, accompanied in most cases by his replies.

Arranged in a chronological and a topical file.

BOX 16-21

Writings, 1941-1964

Drafts, correspondence, and research files for Gideon's Trumpet and Portrait of a Decade.

Arranged alphabetically by type of material under each title.

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BOX 1	Architecture, 1970
BOX 1	The arts, 1969
BOX 1	Biafra, 1969
BOX 1	Crime, British and American, 1969-1970
BOX 1	Defense and foreign policy, 1969-1970
BOX 1	Disarmament, 1969, undated
BOX 1	Housing, 1969-1970
BOX 1	Medicine, 1970-1973
BOX 1	Noise, 1970
BOX 1	Privacy, 1969
BOX 1	Salmon fishing, 1968-1970
BOX 2	"Surroundings," environmental issues, 1969-1972 (2 folders)
BOX 2	Youth and morals, 1969, undated
BOX 2-16	Letters from Readers, 1969-1975 Letters from readers of Lewis's columns, accompanied in most cases by his replies. Arranged in a chronological and a topical file.
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BOX 2	May 1970-Oct. 1972 (4 folders)
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BOX 4	Nov. 1973-Jan. 1974 (6 folders)
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BOX 6	Apr.-Aug. 1974 (7 folders)
BOX 7	Aug.-Nov. 1974 (6 folders)
BOX 8	Nov. 1974-Jan. 1975, undated (4 folders)
BOX 8	Topical file
BOX 8	Africa, 1970-1972
BOX 8	Agnew, Spiro T., 1970 (2 folders)
BOX 9	The arts, 1970-1971

Letters from Readers, 1969-1975

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BOX 9	Busing, 1972
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BOX 9	Crime and drugs, 1970-1973
BOX 9	Economic and monetary issues, 1970-1972
BOX 9	Elections, 1970-1972
BOX 9	England, 1969-1972
BOX 9	Environment
BOX 9	1969-1972
	(2 folders)
BOX 10	1972
BOX 10	Equality, 1972
BOX 10	Free speech, 1971
BOX 10	General comments, 1969-1973, undated
	(3 folders)
BOX 10	Gideon, Clarence Earl, 1972
BOX 10	Harlan, John Marshall, 1972-1973
BOX 10	Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass., 1969-1973
BOX 10	India and Pakistan, 1971-1972
BOX 10	Ireland, 1969-1973
	(2 folders)
BOX 10	The Jewish vote, 1972
BOX 10	Kennedy, John F., 1971
BOX 11	Kennedy, Robert F., 1969-1973
BOX 11	Law, 1970-1972
BOX 11	McGovern, George S., 1972
BOX 11	Medicine, 1970-1972
	(3 folders)
BOX 11	Miscellaneous
BOX 11	A-N, 1969-1973
	(3 folders)
BOX 12	P-Y, 1969-1973
	(2 folders)
BOX 12	Nixon, Richard M., 1971-1972
BOX 12	Noise, 1969-1971
BOX 12	Obscenity, 1970-1971
BOX 12	Privacy, 1969-1971
BOX 12	Soviet Union, 1971-1973
BOX 12	Supersonic airplanes, 1970-1971
BOX 12	Supreme Court, 1969-1972
BOX 12	Taxes, 1969
BOX 12	Vietnam
BOX 12	Oct. 1969-May 1970
	(2 folders)
BOX 13	July 1970-May 1972
	(7 folders)

Letters from Readers, 1969-1975

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BOX 14	June-Dec. 1972 (6 folders)
BOX 15	Jan.-July 1973 (4 folders)
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BOX 15	Watergate, 1973 (3 folders)
BOX 16	Wilson, Harold, 1971-1972
BOX 16	Young, Michael, 1971
BOX 16-21	Writings, 1941-1964 Drafts, correspondence, and research files for Gideon's Trumpet and Portrait of a Decade. Arranged alphabetically by type of material under each title.
	<i>Gideon's Trumpet</i>
BOX 16	Correspondence, 1963-1964
BOX 16	Draft, 1963 (3 folders)
BOX 16	Research
BOX 16	<i>Betts v. Brady</i> , 1941-1942, 1962
BOX 16	<i>Gideon v. Wainwright</i> , 1962-1963 (2 folders)
BOX 17	(1 folder)
BOX 17	Notes, 1963, undated (2 folders)
BOX 17	Public defender programs, 1963 (2 folders)
BOX 17	Second trial, 1963
BOX 17	Writings and speeches by Lewis and others, 1961-1963, undated (2 folders)
BOX 18	<i>Portrait of a Decade</i>
BOX 18	Draft, 1964 (5 folders)
BOX 18	Miscellany, 1963-1964, undated
BOX 18	Research
BOX 18	Chapter 1, 1944-1963, undated (2 folders)
BOX 19	Chapters 2-7, 1952-1964, undated (9 folders)
BOX 20	Chapters 8-12, 1956-1964, undated (10 folders)
BOX 21	Chapter 13, 1958-1964, undated (2 folders)