

Robert L. Carter Papers

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Collection Summary

Title: Robert L. Carter Papers

Span Dates: 1960-1993

ID No.: MSS81818

Creator: Carter, Robert L., 1917-

Extent: 420 items; 7 containers; 2.8 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

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

Abstract: Civil rights lawyer and judge. Correspondence, case files, hearing transcripts, and speeches and writings relating chiefly to Carter's work as a member of the New York State Special Commission on Attica and as general counsel of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

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.

Personal Names

Carter, Robert L., 1917-

Organizations

Attica Correctional Facility.

National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

New York (State). Special Commission on Attica.

Subjects

African Americans--Societies, etc.

Civil rights.

Correctional institutions--New York (State)--Attica.

Occupations

Jurists.

Lawyers.

Administrative Information

Provenance:

The papers of Robert L. Carter, civil rights lawyer and judge, were given to the Library of Congress by Carter in 1992 and 1993.

Processing History:

The papers of Robert L. Carter were arranged and described in 1995. The finding aid was revised in 2009.

Transfers:

Audiotapes have been transferred to the Motion Picture, Broadcasting, and Recorded Sound Division where they are identified as part of the Robert L. Carter Papers.

Related Material:

Related collections in the Manuscript Division include records of the [National Association for the Advancement of Colored People](#) and NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund.

Copyright Status:

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Robert L. Carter is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions:

Restrictions apply governing the use, photoduplication, or publication of items in this collection. Consult reference staff in the Manuscript Division for information concerning these restrictions. In addition, 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, Robert L. Carter Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Robert Lee Carter (1917-) span the years 1960-1993 and consist of correspondence, case files, hearing transcripts, speeches, and writings. The focus is on the hearings of the New York State Special Commission on Attica, to which Carter was appointed to investigate the riots at the state prison in Attica, New York. Correspondence and other material relate to his work as general counsel of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged alphabetically by type of material or subject.

Container List

<i>Container</i>	<i>Contents</i>
BOX 1	Biographical material, 1968-1993
BOX 1	Cases
BOX 1	Civilian Complaint Review Board of the Police Department of the City of New York, <i>Clarke against Ambrose</i>
BOX 1	Hearings, 1969 (2 folders)
BOX 1	Miscellaneous, 1969
BOX 1	Statements, 1969
BOX 1	Miscellaneous, 1968-1971
BOX 1	Correspondence
BOX 1	1965-1967
BOX 1	1968
BOX 1	Jan.-Sept.
BOX 2	Oct.-Nov. (2 folders)
BOX 2	1969-93
BOX 2	Subject file
BOX 2	Daisy Bates educational summit, Little Rock, Ark., 1991
BOX 2	"Decent Housing for All" campaign, New York, N. Y., 1966
BOX 2	NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, 1979
BOX 2	NAACP tribute to Carter, 1988
BOX 3	New York State Special Commission on Attica
BOX 3	Interviews, 1972 (2 vols.)
BOX 4	Public hearings, 1972
BOX 4	Apr. 12-17 (2 vols.)
BOX 5	Apr. 18-21 (2 vols.)
BOX 6	Apr. 24-27 (2 vols.)
BOX 7	Apr. 28-May 10 (2 vols.)
BOX 7	Report, 1972
BOX 7	Speeches and writings, circa 1960-1990, undated