

SITTON, CLAUDE.
Claude Sitton collection, 1958-2015, undated

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Descriptive Summary

Creator: Sitton, Claude.
Title: Claude Sitton collection, 1958-2015, undated
Call Number: Manuscript Collection No. 038
Extent: 0.40 linear ft. (1 box)
Abstract: Contains book reviews, enclosures, complimentary review copy cards, press releases, and other materials taken from the Claude Sitton book collection housed at the Oxford College Library.
Language: Materials entirely in English.

Administrative Information

Restrictions on Access

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Claude Fox Sitton papers, Stuart A. Rose Manuscript, Archives, and Rare Book Library, Emory University.

Citation

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Collection Description

Biographical Note

Born in Atlanta on December 4, 1925, Claude Fox Sitton was a Pulitzer Prize winning columnist and editor for *The News and Observer* in Raleigh, North Carolina. He is widely known for his unwavering coverage of the civil rights movement while working for *The New York Times*, which was hailed as a benchmark of journalism in the 20th century. In previous years, Claude Sitton enlisted in maritime service and later in the United States Navy, where he saw military action in the South Pacific and the Philippine Islands during World War II. Following the war, Sitton enrolled in Emory-at-Oxford (now Oxford College of Emory University), then continued his college work at Emory University in Atlanta. Sitton studied primarily in the Department of Journalism, receiving his B.A. degree in 1949.

Claude Sitton left journalism in 1955 to become a press attaché for the United States Information Agency in Ghana, but returned to journalism two years later as a copy editor for the *New York Times*. Soon after he was assigned to the south where he was a reporter for the *New York Times* from 1958-1964; by the end of his six years covering the south, Sitton had written almost 900 articles, some analytical and steeped in his knowledge of the south, with most taken from his on-the-scene reporting. His articles recounted the strategies and decisions of civil rights leaders, delved into the political dynamics of race in statehouses and the White House, and his articles revealed to readers the level of violence that was encountered by those in the civil rights movement.

Claude Sitton died in Atlanta on March 10, 2015.

Biographical Source: Claude Sitton, 89, Acclaimed Civil Rights Reporter, Dies *The New York Times*, March 11, 2015.

Scope and Content Note

The Claude Sitton collection includes materials taken from his book collection, which is housed in the Oxford College Library at Emory University. Contents include book reviews, correspondence, various enclosures, complimentary review copy cards presented by book publishers, newsletters, press releases, and printed material.

Arrangement Note

Organized alphabetically by folder title.

Container List

Box	Folder	Content
1	1	Book Review: <i>Parting the Waters</i> by Taylor Branch, undated
1	2	Correspondence: Wilkinson, J. Harvie, <i>From Brown to Bakke</i> , 1979 June 4
1	3	Enclosure: bookmark from <i>The Mind of the South</i> , undated
1	4	Enclosure: fragments from <i>An American Dilemma</i> , undated
1	5	Enclosure: fragment from <i>Racial Crisis in America</i> , undated
1	6	Enclosure: fragment from <i>Seeds of Time</i> , undated
1	7	Enclosure: fragment from <i>The Days of Martin Luther King, Jr.</i> , undated
1	8	Enclosure: fragment from <i>The Southern Temper</i> , undated
1	9	Enclosure: holograph notes by Sitton from his book <i>The Origins of the Civil Rights Movement</i> , undated
1	10	Enclosure: memorial service program for Harold Curtis Fleming, taken from The Potomac Chronicle, 1992 October 18
1	11	Enclosure: newspaper clipping from <i>The Southern Heritage</i> , 1958
1	12	Enclosure: review copy card from <i>Eagles, Outside Agitator</i> , UNC Press, 1993
1	13	Enclosure: review copy card from <i>The Orangeburg Massacre</i> , 1970
1	14	Enclosure: review copy compliments, <i>Black Power, White Resistance</i> , 1967 July 6
1	15	Enclosure: review copy compliments, <i>Farewell to the South</i> , undated
1	16	Enclosure: review copy compliments, <i>Gomillion Versus Lightfoot</i> , McGraw-Hill Book Co., 1962 January 24
1	17	Enclosure: review copy compliments, <i>Speak Now Against the Day</i> , undated
1	18	Enclosure: review copy compliments, <i>The Impossible Revolution</i> , undated
1	19	Enclosure: speech, "The Hope of the South," by Mark Ethridge, from the book <i>The New South Creed</i> , undated
1	20	Newsletter, "Hearts and Minds," Seven Locks Press, 1988
1	21	Newsletter, "The Fiery Cross," Simon and Schuster, 1987
1	22	Newspaper: <i>New York Times</i> A section, 2015 March 11
1	23	Newspaper clipping, "A Stone of Hope," from <i>The News and Observer</i> , 2004 February 29
1	24	Press Release, <i>A Rage for Order</i> , Oxford Paperbacks, 1986 May 29
1	25	Press Release, <i>Lunch at the Five and Ten</i> by Miles Wolff, Jr., 1970
1	26	Press Release, <i>Of Long Memory</i> , Addison-Wesley, 1994
1	27	Press Release, <i>Protest at Selma</i> , Yale University Press, 1978
1	28	Press Release, <i>The American South: A History</i> , Alfred A. Knopf, 1990
1	29	Press Release, <i>The Future South</i> , University of Alabama press, 1991 April
1	30	Press Release, <i>The Two Party South</i> , Oxford University Press, 1984
1	31	Press Release, <i>Unlikely Heroes</i> , Simon and Schuster, 1981 June 15

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| 1 | 32 | Printed Material, <i>Daedalus - Slavery, Colonialism, and Racism</i> , Spring 1974 |
| 1 | 33 | Printed Material, <i>Michigan Journal of Race and Law</i> , Fall 1999 |
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