

# COZZENS, WILLIAM E., JR.

## William E. Cozzens, Jr. papers 1965-2015

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### Descriptive Summary

**Creator:** Cozzens, William E., Jr.  
**Title:** William E. Cozzens, Jr. papers 1965-2015  
**Call Number:** Manuscript Collection No. 1474  
**Extent:** 30.75 linear feet (35 boxes) AV Masters: 1 linear foot (1 box)  
**Abstract:** Papers of activist and union leader William Cozzens from 1965-2015, including primarily photographs, but also subject files, correspondence, writings, and printed materials.  
**Language:** Materials entirely in English.

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### Administrative Information

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**Source**

Gift of Noreen D. Francis Cozzens, 2018

**Custodial History**

The Rose Library received the materials from Noreen D. Francis Cozzens, widow and executor of the William E. Cozzens, Jr. estate. Curator of Modern, Historical, and Political Collections for the Rose Library, Randy Gue, packed the materials and transported them to the Rose Library.

**Citation**

[after identification of item(s)], William E. Cozzens, Jr. papers, Stuart A. Rose Manuscript, Archives, and Rare Book Library, Emory University.

**Appraisal Note**

Acquired by Randy Gue, Curator of Modern Political and Historical Collections, as part of the Rose Library's holdings in Atlanta, Georgia, history and culture.

**Processing**

Processed by Laura Starratt, June 2019.

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**Collection Description****Biographical Note**

William E. Cozzens, Jr. (1947-2018) was a graduate of Tucker High School (Tucker, Georgia) and the University of Georgia (Athens). Bill Cozzens was a founding member of the Students for a Democratic Society, had a passion for civil and equal rights, and actively opposed the war in Vietnam. He was a member of the Martin Luther King March Committee and, as a member of the Friendship Force, visited China on three occasions. During his 41-year career at OFS (Norcross, Georgia), Bill Cozzens served in several union leadership roles in the Communication Workers of America (CWA) and as the Atlanta Labor Council executive board member. He marched in Cumming, Georgia, with Hosea Williams in the 1987 Brotherhood March and led marches for the first national Immigrant Worker Freedom rides and the Charleston 5.

**Scope and Content Note**

The collection includes the papers of William E. Cozzens, Jr. relating to his work as an activist and union leader as well as personal papers from his childhood through his time at the University of Georgia where he started his political activism. Personal papers include schoolwork and transcripts, as well as correspondence to his family and personal notes. Also included are a small amount of writings by Cozzens as well as others, including speeches and handwritten notes. There are also dates books from 1942-1971 and 2004-2005. The collection also contains subject files on topics, including his work with China and a trip there in the early 1970s; his work with unions, specifically the Communication Workers of America (CWA); folk music; and Martin Luther King, Jr. marches and the holiday. Subject files also include information on his time at the University of Georgia and government memoranda on his demonstrations with the Democratic Socialists, as well as his time in China. There are printed materials, news clippings and serials, primarily from the Friends of China, as well as other magazines: The U.S China Review, CWA Newsletter, and The Red and Black. The majority of the collections consists of

images, both photographs and slides, covering his work as an activist and documenting marches, meetings, and events from the 1980s-2011.

**Arrangement Note**

Arranged in alphabetical order by record type.

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## Container List

Box	Folder	Content
AV1	-	"#1 Tabitha," undated [original: audiocassette]
AV1	-	"#2 Tabitha," undated [original: audiocassette]
AV1	-	"Chinese," undated [original: audiocassette]
1	-	Correspondence, 1965-2015
AV1	-	"Dance, Cobb, Jokes, Wright," undated [original: microcassette]
3	-	Date books, 1942-1971, 2004-2005
AV1	-	Film, unidentified, undated
AV1	-	"Kowg Shien," undated [original: audiocassette]
35	-	Maps, circa 1970s-1980s
4	-	Maps, circa 1970s-1980s
5	-	Negatives and unaccompanied photograph envelopes, undated
6	-	News clippings, 1967-2011
AV1	-	"Orientation," 1977 March 3 [original: audiocassette]
1	-	Personal papers, 1953-2015
7	-	Photograph books, undated
8	-	Photograph books, undated
9	-	Photographs, 1920s-1987
10	-	Photographs, 1987-1991
11	-	Photographs, 1992-1994
12	-	Photographs, 1994-1995
13	-	Photographs, 1995-1997
14	-	Photographs, 1997-1999
15	-	Photographs, 1999-2000
16	-	Photographs, 2000
17	-	Photographs, 2001
18	-	Photographs, 2001-2005
19	-	Photographs, 2002-2006
20	-	Photographs, 2007-2011
21	-	Photographs, undated
4	-	Photographs, undated
22	-	Photographs, personal photographs, framed family photos, scrapbooks, circa 1950s-1970s
23	-	Photographs, personal photographs in labeled boxes, 1960s-1978
25	-	Photograph album, circa 1970s-1980s
6	-	Printed materials, 1969-2009
3	-	Promotional materials, fliers, programs, invitations, 1988-2018

- 24 - Scrapbooks, Watsonville, California, 1997 April 12-13
  - 27 - Scrapbooks, travel, 1979
  - AV1 - Segeg, Bob, Fire in the Café, 1980 February 8 [original: audiocassette]
  - 28 - Slides, undated
  - 29 - Slides, undated
  - 30 - Slides, undated
  - 31 - Slides, undated
  - 32 - Slides, undated
  - 33 - Slides, undated
  - 34 - Slides, undated
  - 4 - Slides, undated
  - AV1 - Speech, Bill Cozzens at the Martin Luther King, Jr. March and Rally, 1998  
January 19 [original: audiocassette]
  - AV1 - "Stewart and Bahr's speech," 1993 June [original: microcassette]
  - 2 - Subject files, circa 1968-2009
  - 35 - Subject files, circa 1968-2009
  - AV1 - "UFW," undated [original: microcassette]
  - AV1 - Unidentified, undated [original: audiocassette]
  - 3 - Writings and handwritten notes, circa 1960s-1970s
  - 26 - Yearbook, Killarney Elementary School, "Classroom Photographs, 1955-1956,"  
1956
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