

ELLIS, ELMO ISRAEL.

Elmo Israel Ellis papers, 1947-1981

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Descriptive Summary

Creator:	Ellis, Elmo Israel.
Title:	Elmo Israel Ellis papers, 1947-1981
Call Number:	Manuscript Collection No. 616
Extent:	26 linear ft. (26 boxes), 1 oversized papers box (OP), and AV Masters: .5 linear feet (1 box)
Abstract:	Collection of the papers of Elmo Israel Ellis, a WSB radio broadcaster in Atlanta, including photographs, writings, and audiotapes.
Language:	Materials entirely in English.

Administrative Information

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Source

Gift, 1981, with subsequent additions.

Citation

[after identification of item(s)], Elmo Israel Ellis papers, Stuart A. Rose Manuscript, Archives, and Rare Book Library, Emory University.

Collection Description**Biographical Note**

Elmo Israel Ellis (1918-2005), author, retired executive and broadcast journalist, was born on November 11, 1918 in Birmingham, Alabama to Samuel B. and Bertha F. Seletz Israel. He graduated from the University of Alabama with a degree in journalism and then obtained his master degree in journalism from Emory University. He began his career in radio as director of public relations at WSB in Atlanta in 1940. During World War II, he joined the United States Air Force where he worked as a writer and producer for radio programs. After the war, he worked as a writer and producer of various radio shows in New York. In 1948, he returned to Atlanta and became production manager for the fledgling WSB-TV. But in 1952, he returned to radio to help revive WSB. By 1964, he was promoted to General Manager of WSB-AM and WSB-FM, a position he held until his retirement in 1982. During retirement, he wrote books and a newspaper column. He died on June 24, 2005 and is buried in Arlington Cemetery.

Scope and Content Note

The collection consists of papers of Elmo Israel Ellis from 1947-1981. The papers include correspondence (1947-1981) related to Ellis' career as broadcast executive and journalist, his writings including editorials, book manuscripts, radio scripts, and speeches; and audiotapes of his personal commentary broadcast, *Viewpoint* (ca. 1965-1975) and *Pro and Con* (1967-1981), made over WSB Radio in Atlanta. The collection also includes photographs, clippings, memorabilia, news releases, and awards.

Arrangement Note

Unprocessed collection.

Container List

Box	Folder	Content
1		Correspondence, 1947-April 1975
2		Correspondence, May 1975-1981 and not dated
3		Personal files; Writings: Editorials, <i>Viewpoint</i> , 1964-1970
4		Writings: Editorials, <i>Viewpoint</i> 1971-1981; <i>Pro and Con</i> , 1966-May 24, 1975
5		Writings: Editorials, <i>Pro and Con</i> , June 2, 1975-December 1981; rough drafts
6		Writings: Radio scripts, book manuscript
7		Writings: Speeches
8		Audiotapes: <i>Viewpoint</i> , c. 1965-1975
9		Audiotapes: <i>Pro and Con</i> , 1967-1968
10		Audiotapes: <i>Pro and Con</i> , 1968-1969
11		Audiotapes: <i>Pro and Con</i> , 1969-1970
12		Audiotapes: <i>Pro and Con</i> , 1970-1971
13		Audiotapes: <i>Pro and Con</i> , 1971-1973
14		Audiotapes: <i>Pro and Con</i> , 1973-1974
15		Audiotapes: <i>Pro and Con</i> , 1974-1977
16		Audiotapes: <i>Pro and Con</i> , 1977-1979
17		Audiotapes: <i>Pro and Con</i> , 1979-1981
18		Audiotapes: <i>Pro and Con</i> , n.d.
19		Audiotapes: <i>Dateline America</i>
20		Audiotapes: <i>Dateline America</i> ; Shining Light Award; miscellaneous speeches
21		Miscellaneous: audiotapes, memorabilia, awards
22		Personal commentary broadcasts, tapes 1-12 [inventory available in casefile]
23		Personal commentary broadcasts, tapes 13-24
24		Personal commentary broadcasts, tapes 25-36
25		Personal commentary broadcasts, tapes 37-39 and, videotape, memorabilia, certificate, and Nazi war criminals evidence [photocopy] (1942)
26		Audiotapes: <i>Pro and Con</i> , 1981-1982; clippings; Report: "Attitudes and Opinions toward Radio in the Atlanta Area"
OP1	1	Radio Code Board citation
AV1	-	Pro and Con, reel H, May 28, 1968 [original: open reel] [Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id b7mv4]
AV1	-	Pro and Con, reel S, February 6, 1969 [original: open reel] [Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id b7mw8]
AV1	-	Viewpoint '70, 1970 (What Do You Think About Tom Jefferson (7/5/1970); In Recent Days (7/12/70); John Glenn Is An (7/19/70); Ivan Allen Jr. Has Accepted (7/26/70); What Problems Are of (8/2/70); The Electric Power Companies (8/9/70); Many Educators Gloomily Predict (8/16/70); How Clean

- Is the Water (8/23/70); Winston Churchill Once (8/30/70); Who Will You Vote For (9/6/70); In the First Six Months (9/13/70) [original: open reel]
[Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id b7mxd]
- AV1 - Affirmation - Viet Nam, Atlanta Stadium, tape 1, Barry Sadler, 1966 February 12
[original: open reel]
- AV1 - Affirmation - Viet Nam, Atlanta Stadium, tape 2, National Anthem, 1966
February 12 [original: open reel]
- AV1 - Affirmation - Viet Nam, Atlanta Stadium, tape 3, Governor Sanders (2:00-2:20),
1966 February 12 [original: open reel]
- AV1 - Affirmation - Viet Nam, Atlanta Stadium, (2:20-2:40) 1966 February 12
[original: open reel]
- AV1 - Affirmation - Viet Nam, Atlanta Stadium, Rusk/Bryant (2:40-3:10) 1966
February 12 [original: open reel]
- AV1 - Shining Light Award, H. O. Smith, 1964 May 5 [original: open reel]
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