NELSON, JACK, 1929-2009.
Jack Nelson papers, circa 1960-2009

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Title: Jack Nelson papers, circa 1960-2009
Call Number: Manuscript Collection No. 1237
Extent: 20 linear feet (24 boxes), 1 oversized papers box and 1 oversized papers folder (OP), 1 oversized bound volume (OBV), 185MB of born digital material (124 files), and AV Masters: .5 linear feet (1 box)
Abstract: Papers of Pulitzer Prize winning southern journalist Jack Nelson, including subject files, writings, printed material, correspondence, photographs, sound and video recordings, and born digital materials.
Language: Materials entirely in English.

Administrative Information

Restrictions on Access
Special restrictions apply: In-process collection. As of February 2019, paper and undigitized audiovisual material are closed for processing.
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Processing
A small number of born digital materials processed by Dorothy Waugh, June 2016. The born digital materials currently available to researchers were transferred from six CDs. Files were scanned for viruses using McAfee's anti-virus software. For the most part, files remain in their original format. However, a handful of files have been migrated from Macintosh Picture Image files to PDF. All files retain their original file names and dates. Researchers may also view an archived copy of the memorial website set up by family and friends of Nelson following his death.

The remainder of the collection is unprocessed.

Collection Description

Biographical Note
Jack Nelson (1929-2009), Pulitzer Prize winning investigative journalist, was the Los Angeles Times Washington, D.C., bureau chief from 1975-1996, and the paper's chief Washington correspondent until his retirement in 2001. His first job as a reporter was for the Biloxi Daily Herald in the late 1940s. Throughout the 1950s and 1960s, Nelson reported on news all over the South and became known for breaking exclusive stories. In 1960, while working for the Atlanta Constitution, he won the Pulitzer Prize for uncovering abuse at a Milledgeville mental hospital. In 1964, the editor of the Los Angeles Times recruited Nelson to open the paper's Atlanta bureau. He is best known for his coverage of the murder of Viola Liuzzo, the Orangeburg Massacre, the F.B.I.’s use of agents provocateurs in Meridian, Mississippi, and the Watergate scandal.


Scope and Content Note
The collection consists of the papers of Jack Nelson, including subject files, writings, printed material, correspondence, photographs and sound and video recordings. Born digital materials include roughly 100 digital photos (many of which were gathered together for Nelson's memorial service), a number of FBI files released as part of the Freedom of Information Act and relating to the Deacons for Defense of Justice, a handful of clippings related to the Deacons' confrontation with the Ku Klux Klan in Bogalusa in 1965, and an archived copy of the memorial website set up by the family and friends of Nelson following his death. The site collects together documents relating to Nelson and his work and features tributes and memories contributed by friends and relatives.

Arrangement Note
Processed born digital material arranged by record type.

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### Audio recordings

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