

**THOMPSON, HUGH, 1943-2006.**  
**Hugh Thompson and Lawrence**  
**Colburn collection, 1967-2006**

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**Descriptive Summary**

**Creator:** Thompson, Hugh, 1943-2006.  
**Title:** Hugh Thompson and Lawrence Colburn collection, 1967-2006  
**Call Number:** Manuscript Collection No. 1056  
**Extent:** 4 linear ft. (4 boxes) and AV Masters: .25 linear feet (1 box)  
**Abstract:** Materials relating to the life and careers of Hugh Thompson and Lawrence Colburn, United States Army soldiers during the Vietnam War, from 1967-2006.  
**Language:** Materials entirely in English.

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**Source**

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**Citation**

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**Processing**

Unprocessed collection.

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## **Collection Description**

### **Biographical Note**

Hugh Clowers Thompson, Jr. (1943-2006) and Lawrence M. Colburn were both soldiers in the United States Army during the Vietnam War and helped to rescue Vietnamese civilians during the My Lai massacre. Thompson, born April 15, 1943 in Atlanta, Georgia, was a helicopter pilot and served in the military from 1961-1983. He died in 2006. Colburn, born in Coulee City, Washington, joined the Army in 1966 and served as a door gunner in Vietnam. Both were awarded the Soldier's Medal in 1998.

### **Scope and Content Note**

The collection contains materials related to the life and careers of Hugh Thompson and Lawrence Colburn from 1967-2006. The majority of the collection consists of newspaper and magazine clippings collected by Thompson and Colburn from 1994-2004. The collection also contains awards and certificates received by Thompson from 1967-2004, including his bronze star and purple heart, an honorary degree from Emory University, a small amount of correspondence circa 1994-2004 mostly relating to interviews and newspaper articles, and a small number of photographs. There is almost no material related to the My Lai massacre apart from clippings, a file related to Thompson's efforts to alter his military record, and a small number of photocopied documents from the National Archives. A list of awards not retained is included in the collection file.

### **Arrangement Note**

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## Container List

Box	Folder	Content
1		Correspondence, 1994-2004
1		Personal files, 1994-2006
1		Photographs
1		Awards, 1967-2004
2		Newspaper and magazine clippings, 1994-2004
3		Newspaper and magazine clippings, 1994-2004
4		Newspaper and magazine clippings, 1994-2004
AV1	-	Interview with Hugh Thompson for REL330 class, taught by Dr. David Blumenthal (Emory University), no date [original: audio cassette] [Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id rq58t]

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