Overview of the Collection

**Creator** Gerber, Sidney, -1965

**Title** Sidney Gerber papers

**Dates** 1932-1966 (inclusive)
1932 1966

**Quantity** 7.76 cubic feet

**Collection Number** 0503

**Summary** Personal papers consisting of correspondence, a diary, scrapbook, clippings, drafts of speeches and writings, financial papers, and investment and real estate documents, along with correspondence, minutes, case files, and other records relative to a variety of civil-rights oriented agencies and organizations with which Gerber was associated.

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**Languages** English

Biographical Note

Civil rights activists; state official

Gerber's career as an active civil rights worker particularly emphasized the area of housing and vocational opportunities. He worked through a number of different organizations: the Washington State Board Against Discrimination (he was appointed by Governor Rosellini and chaired the State Board from 1957 until his resignation in 1962); the Fair Employment Practices Committee, of which he was treasurer; the Washington State Committee for Human Rights; American Friends Service Committee (regarding Seattle CAMP Program); American Technion Society; National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (Housing Committee); National Citizens Political Action Committee; Washington Citizen's Committee for Civil Rights Legislation; Washington Independents for Wallace; and the Washington State Committee for Human Rights. He also established some organizations to deal with the problem of fair housing such as the Fair Housing Listing Service and Harmony Homes.

Sidney Gerber was a champion of civil rights in Seattle, and notably was the founder of the Fair Housing Listing Service, which worked on the issue of minority housing in the Seattle area. He chaired
the Washington State Board Against Discrimination. In 1961 he was awarded the Seattle Lodge 503 B'Nai B'rith "Man of the Year" award for his civil rights leadership. He died in 1965 in a plane crash, along with passengers Wing Luke and Kay LaDue.

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Administrative Information

Arrangement

Organized into 2 accessions.

Accession No. 0503-001, Sidney Gerber papers, 1955-1965
Accession No. 0503-002, Sidney Gerber papers, 1932-1966

Detailed Description of the Collection

Accession No. 0503-001: Sidney Gerber papers, 1955-1965

6.42 cubic ft (16 boxes)
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View inventory/container list for this accession

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Accession No. 0503-002: Sidney Gerber papers, 1932-1966

1.34 cubic ft (2 boxes)
Scope and Content: Contains a scrapbook, correspondence, and clippings from Sidney Gerber.

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Names and Subjects

Subject Terms:
Civic leaders--Washington (State)

Personal Names:
Gerber, Sidney, -1965--Archives

Other Creators:
Personal Names:
Wallace, Henry Campbell (creator)

Corporate Names:
American Friends Service Committee (creator)
American Society for Technion, Israel Institute of Technology (creator)
Anderson and Thompson Ski Co., Inc

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