

John S. Robinson papers, 1878-1996

Overview of the Collection

Creator	Robinson, John S., 1921-2003
Title	John S. Robinson papers
Dates	1878-1996 (inclusive) 1878 1996
Quantity	ca. 65.76 cubic ft
Collection Number	5319
Summary	Diaries, correspondence, reporter's notebooks, legal case files, campaign files, subject series, photos, and other series of Olympia freelance author and attorney
Repository	University of Washington Libraries, Special Collections Special Collections University of Washington Libraries Box 352900 Seattle, WA 98195-2900 Telephone: 206-543-1929 Fax: 206-543-1931 speccoll@uw.edu
Access Restrictions	Consult the restrictions governing access for each of the accessions listed below. Material stored offsite; advance notice required for use.
Languages	English

Biographical Note

John S. Robinson (1921-2003) was a freelance author and attorney who spent much of his working and social life in the Seattle area. Robinson grew up in Seattle, graduating from Garfield High School in 1938. He attended Stanford University and completed his undergraduate degree at the University of Washington. During World War II he translated Japanese for the Navy. He graduated from Yale University Law School in 1949.

Although he worked for law firms and for the State Attorney General's office, mainly in Seattle, his prime interest was in writing. He researched and wrote articles for travel and Seattle and regional magazines, including the *Argus*, the *Seattle Post-Intelligencer*, *Pacific Search*, *Northwest Arts*, and *Seattle Weekly*. He traveled extensively in Africa in the early 1960s and was expelled from South Africa. He wrote a long manuscript about it but failed to get it published because of his reluctance to edit it. A lifelong bachelor, Robinson lived in his parents' Olympia home with his mother and then alone after her death. He died in Olympia in March 2003.

Content Description

Consult the scope and content information for each of the accessions listed below.

Use of the Collection

Restrictions on Use

Consult the restrictions governing reproduction and use for each of the accessions listed below.

Administrative Information

Arrangement

Organized into 2 accessions.

Accession No. 5319-001, John S. Robinson papers, 1878-1996

Accession No. 5319-002, John S. Robinson papers, 1907-1993

Separated Materials

Material Described Separately:

[John S. Robinson Photograph Collection \(PH2016-082\)](#)

Detailed Description of the Collection

Accession No. 5319-001: John S. Robinson papers, 1878-1996

62.55 cu. ft. (62 boxes)

Scope and Content: Diaries, correspondence, ca1936-ca1990, reporter's notebooks, article drafts, legal case files, campaign files, subject series, photos, and other series of Robinson, his parents, John S. Robinson and Edith Lind Robinson, his brothers Sam and Irving (Rob). Dates of parents' materials is earlier than those of John Jr.; 1878-1996 (bulk ca1930-ca1980).

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Restrictions on Access: Closed until processed. Thereafter, open to all users.

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Acquisition Info: Robinson Estate, 2003-06-06

Description

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Accession No. 5319-002: John S. Robinson papers, 1907-1993

.21 cu. ft. (1 box)

Scope and Content: Letters, clippings, writings.

Restrictions on Access: Closed until processed. Thereafter open to all users.

Some material stored offsite; advance notice required for use.

Restrictions on Use: Some restrictions exist on copying, quotation or publication. Contact Repository for details.

Acquisition Info: Kathryn and Linda Robinson, 2003-09-26

Description

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Names and Subjects

Personal Names :

Miller, John, 1938 May 23-

Robinson, John S., 1921-2003--Archives

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Other Creators :

Personal Names :

Legg, Herbert Hugh, 1921-
(creator)

Robinson, Edith Lind
(creator)

Robinson, John S. (John Sherman), 1880-1952
(creator)

Names and Subjects

Subject Terms :

Personal Papers/Corporate Records (University of Washington)

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