Collection Summary
Title: My Life in Court: Handwritten and typewritten draft
Span Dates: 1961
ID No.: MSS34827
Creator: Nizer, Louis, 1902-1994
Extent: 1 item
Extent: 5 containers
Extent: 1.8 linear feet
Language: Collection material in English
Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.
LC Catalog record: https://lccn.loc.gov/mm81034827
Summary: Louis Nizer, lawyer and author. Pencil and typewritten draft copies of his My Life in Court.

Selected Search Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the LC Catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically.

People

Subjects
Courts--United States.
Law--United States.
Trials--United States.

Titles
Louis Nizer papers

Occupations
Authors.
Lawyers.

Provenance
The draft of My Life in Court by Louis Nizer, lawyer and author, was given to the Library of Congress by Nizer via Lawrence S. Lesser in 1964.

Processing History
This collection was processed circa 1965. The finding aid was created in 2016.

Copyright Status
The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Louis Nizer is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions
The writings of Louis Nizer are open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.
Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, Louis Nizer, My Life in Court: handwritten and typewritten draft, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Biographical Note

Louis Nizer, born February 6, 1902, in London, England, was a lawyer and author noted for advising important people in politics, business, and entertainment, and for defending unpopular causes and individuals. He successfully represented Quentin Reynolds in his libel suit against columnist Westbrook Pegler and broadcaster John Henry Faulk in a suit hailed as a critical legal victory against blacklisting. Nizer also wrote several books, including the best-selling *My Life In Court* (Garden City, N.Y., 1961), and in 1964, he authored the foreword to the Warren Commission report that investigated the assassination of John F. Kennedy.


Scope and Content Note

The papers of Louis Nizer (1902-1994) consist of pencil and typewritten draft copies of Nizer's *My Life in Court*, a recounting of some of his most celebrated cases. Published in 1961, the book became a best seller.

Arrangement of the Papers

The papers are arranged by chapter.
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