

Sid Yudain Papers
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Collection Summary

Title: Sid Yudain Papers

Span Dates: 1934-2014

Bulk Dates: 1946-2003

ID No.: MSS86314

Creator: Yudain, Sid

Extent: 3,500 items

Extent: 10 containers plus 2 oversize

Extent: 5 linear feet

Extent: 10 digital files (3.07 GB)

Language: Collection material in English.

Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

LC Catalog record: <https://lccn.loc.gov/mm2019086314>

Summary: Journalist and editor. Correspondence, writings, speeches, articles, clippings, notes, photographs, newspapers, and other papers relating primarily to Yudain's career as the founder and publisher of *Roll Call*.

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

Blackmun, Harry A. (Harry Andrew), 1908-1999.

Conte, Silvio O. (Silvio Ottavio), 1921-1991--Correspondence.

Dole, Robert J., 1923-2021--Correspondence.

Humphrey, Hubert H. (Hubert Horatio), 1911-1978--Correspondence.

Johnson, Lyndon B. (Lyndon Baines), 1908-1973--Correspondence.

Lopez, Vincent, 1894-1975--Correspondence.

Nixon, Richard M. (Richard Milhous), 1913-1994--Correspondence.

Perts, John, 1907-1999.

Randell, Ron, 1918-2005--Correspondence.

Russell, Mark, 1932-

Wallace, Irving, 1916-1990--Correspondence.

Winchell, Walter, 1897-1972.

Yudain family.

Yudain, Bernie, 1918-2010--Correspondence.

Yudain, Sid (Sidney Lawrence), 1923-2013.

Organizations

Congressional Staff Club.

Quorum Club.

United States. Army.

United States. Congress.

Subjects

American newspapers--Washington (D.C.)

Baseball--Washington (D.C.)

Journalism--California--Los Angeles.

Journalism--Washington (D.C.)

Motion pictures--Periodicals.

Music.

Places

Capitol Hill (Washington, D.C.)

Washington (D.C.)--Social life and customs--Periodicals.
Washington (D.C.)--Social life and customs.

Titles

Movie stars parade.
Roll call.
Screen guide.

Occupations

Editors.
Journalists.

Acquisition Information

The papers of Sid Yudain were given to the Library of Congress by Lael Yudain in 2019.

Processing History

The papers of Sid Yudain were arranged and described by Nate Scheible in 2019.

Transfers

Items have been transferred from the Manuscript Division to other custodial divisions of the Library. Sound discs and tape reels have been transferred to the Motion Picture, Broadcasting and Recorded Sound Division. Many photographs documenting Yudain's life, *Roll Call*, and the Washington, D.C. political and social scenes from the 1960s through the 1980s have been transferred to the Prints and Photographs Division. All transfers are identified in these divisions as part of the Sid Yudain Papers. Patrons are encouraged to contact these divisions in advance of a research visit.

Copyright Status

Copyright in the unpublished writings of Sid Yudain in these papers has been dedicated to the public.

Access and Restrictions

The papers of Sid Yudain 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.

Digital Files

Digital files were received as part of the Sid Yudain Papers on optical discs, each of which was assigned a unique digital ID number. Use the digital ID number to request access copies of the files. Access to digital content is available onsite only in the Manuscript Reading Room and requires advance notice. Consult reference staff in the Manuscript Division for more information.

Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container or Digital ID number, Sid Yudain Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Biographical Note

Date	Event
1923, May 6	Born, New Canaan, Conn.
1941	Graduate, New Canaan High School, New Canaan, Conn.
circa 1941-1946	Private, United States Army
1946-1950	Freelance journalist, Los Angeles, Calif.
1951-1958	Press secretary, United States Representative Albert P. Morano
1955	Founded <i>Roll Call</i>
1955-1986	Editor and publisher, <i>Roll Call</i>
1973	Married Lael Bairstow
1986	Sold <i>Roll Call</i>
1988	Retired from <i>Roll Call</i>
2013, Oct. 20	Died, Arlington, Va.

Scope and Content Note

The Sid Yudain Papers span the years 1934 to 2014, with the bulk of the material dating between 1946 and 2003. The collection focuses on Yudain's personal and professional life, prominently featuring his role as publisher and editor of *Roll Call*, a newspaper he founded in 1955 to cover the United States congressional community, focusing mostly on social life on Capitol Hill. The papers are in English. The collection is organized into five series: [Personal File](#), [Correspondence](#), [Roll Call Files](#), [Speeches and Writings](#), and [Oversize](#).

As received, the collection consisted mostly of loose items, so an arrangement was imposed for convenience of description and access. Furthermore, the files are not comprehensive and tend to focus only on individual documents retained by Yudain. As a result, some files feature only a few items on a particular topic or, in the case of more cohesive groupings of documents, contain gaps within the material. Although there is a [Roll Call Files](#) series, Yudain played such a significant role in the newspaper that his involvement is reflected throughout all series in the collection.

The collection's series are listed and briefly described below. A fuller description of each series and a list of its contents can be accessed in the series descriptions within the container list.

The [Personal File](#) series, 1934-2014, mostly documents Yudain's life outside of his career as the editor and publisher of *Roll Call*.

The [Correspondence](#) series, 1936-2012, documents Yudain's activities through incoming and outgoing letters with friends, family, colleagues, and United States presidents, senators, and representatives.

The [Roll Call Files](#) series, 1951-2011, documents various aspects of the newspaper's history through items personally collected by Yudain.

The [Speeches and Writings](#) series, 1946-2013, contains articles, editorials, and speeches written by Yudain, mostly pertaining to his career as editor of *Roll Call* and as a freelance journalist in Hollywood, California in the late 1940s.

The remaining series contains [Oversize](#) material

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged in five series:

- [Personal File, 1934-2014](#)
- [Correspondence, 1936-2012](#)
- [Roll Call Files, 1951-2011](#)
- [Speeches and Writings, 1946-2013](#)
- [Oversize, 1955-2005](#)

Description of Series

Container
BOX 1-4

Series
Personal File, 1934-2014

The Personal File series, 1934-2014, mostly documents Yudain's life outside of his career as the editor and publisher of *Roll Call*. This includes documentation of his childhood, education, family, wedding, retirement, and death. A short retrospective of Yudain's life is documented in the book "Sid at 80," prepared by Yudain's wife Lael for his eightieth birthday and comprising photocopies of select clippings, photographs, and letters. A digital copy of this book is included in the collection, as is a digital video of Yudain's memorial service at the National Press Club. The series also documents Yudain's friendship with Supreme Court Justice Harry A. Blackmun, based largely on their shared interest in music. Material types include correspondence, clippings, certificates, brochures, programs, photographs, obituaries, identification cards, passports, notes, invitations, and other printed matter. Digital materials include video files and a text file. Arranged alphabetically by subject or material type. The file structure of the digital content has been maintained as received.

BOX 4-6

Correspondence, 1936-2012

The Correspondence series, 1936-2012, documents Yudain's activities through incoming and outgoing letters with friends, family, colleagues, and United States presidents, senators, and representatives. The correspondence is modest in volume and mostly features what Yudain identified as "letters of interest." The earliest letters are mostly to and from family members and detail Yudain's time in the United States Army and experiences as a journalist in Los Angeles, California. Later correspondence is mostly addressed to Yudain in his capacity as editor of *Roll Call* and features letters addressing publication matters and offering congratulations on *Roll Call* milestones. Correspondents include Silvio Conte, Robert J. Dole, Hubert H. Humphrey, Lyndon B. Johnson, Vincent Lopez, Richard M. Nixon, Ron Randell, Irving Wallace, and Bernie Yudain. Material types include letters, invitations, greeting cards, memoranda, and attachments including clippings, photographs, and programs. Arranged alphabetically by subject, which includes a chronological file arranged by year.

BOX 6-8

Roll Call Files, 1951-2011

The *Roll Call* Files series, 1951-2011, documents various aspects of the newspaper's history through items personally collected by Yudain. This mostly spans *Roll Call*'s origins in 1955 to the sale of the newspaper in 1986 to Arthur Levitt and includes brief narratives on *Roll Call*'s history. Files document facets of the newspaper such as advertising, subscriptions, and style guidelines. Subjects include *Roll Call* anniversaries, the Congressional baseball game, Congressional Staff Club, and the Quorum Club. Individuals featured in the series include caricature artist John Pert, humorist Mark Russell, and columnist Walter Winchell. Material types include newspapers, articles, correspondence, newsletters, photographs, sketches, drawings, clippings, baseball scorecards, programs, scripts, financial documents, and other printed matter. Arranged alphabetically by subject or material type.

BOX 9-10

Speeches and Writings, 1946-2013

The Speeches and Writings series, 1946-2013, contains articles, editorials, and speeches written by Yudain, mostly pertaining to his role as editor of *Roll Call* and as a freelance journalist in Hollywood, California in the late 1940s. The articles mostly date from 1946 to 1950 when Yudain was an entertainment writer covering actors and films. In some cases complete copies of magazines such as *Screen Guide* and *Movie Stars Parade* featuring

Yudain's articles are present. The writings include a selection of Yudain's columns and editorials for *Roll Call* detailing social life on Capitol Hill, mostly from the 1980s. The series also contains song lyrics, usually parodies, written by Yudain as tributes to individuals or to mark special occasions. The speeches and remarks relate primarily to *Roll Call* and feature speaking engagements at award ceremonies, roasts, luncheons, and family events.

Material types include articles, editorials, magazines, lyrics, speeches, remarks, notes.

Arranged alphabetically by material type.

BOX OV 1-OV 2

Oversize, 1955-2005

Material types include newspapers, posters, programs, and artwork.

Arranged and described according to the series, containers, and folders from which the items were separated.

Container List

Container	Contents
BOX 1-4	<p>Personal File, 1934-2014</p> <p>The Personal File series, 1934-2014, mostly documents Yudain's life outside of his career as the editor and publisher of <i>Roll Call</i>. This includes documentation of his childhood, education, family, wedding, retirement, and death. A short retrospective of Yudain's life is documented in the book "Sid at 80," prepared by Yudain's wife Lael for his eightieth birthday and comprising photocopies of select clippings, photographs, and letters. A digital copy of this book is included in the collection, as is a digital video of Yudain's memorial service at the National Press Club. The series also documents Yudain's friendship with Supreme Court Justice Harry A. Blackmun, based largely on their shared interest in music. Material types include correspondence, clippings, certificates, brochures, programs, photographs, obituaries, identification cards, passports, notes, invitations, and other printed matter. Digital materials include video files and a text file.</p> <p>Arranged alphabetically by subject or material type. The file structure of the digital content has been maintained as received.</p>
BOX 1	Awards and honors, 1959, 1966, 1975-1988, 2009
BOX 1	Biographical sketches, 1983, 1995, undated
BOX 1	Blackmun, Harry A.; music at the Supreme Court, 1983-2001 (2 folders)
BOX 1	Breskin, Barnie; Saints and Sinners Club, 1974-1991
BOX 1	Business and identification cards, 1949-1954, 1976-1984, 1999-2000, undated
BOX 1	Clippings, 1948-2003 <i>See also Container 7, Clippings, Roll Call mentions in other publications</i>
BOX 1	Contact lists; parties, 1973-1995, undated (2 folders)
BOX 1	Death of Yudain, 2013-2014
DF	Death of Yudain, memorial service, 2013 Digital ID: mss86314_184_002
BOX 1	Early newspapers by Yudain
BOX 1	1935-1937
BOX 2	1935-1949 (3 folders)
BOX 2	Family
BOX 2	Other family members, 1935-1952, 1992-2008, undated
BOX 2	Photocopies of sound discs featuring the Yudain family, 1942, 1949, undated
BOX 2	Yudain, Bernie, 1945-2010
BOX 2	Yudain, Charlotte, 1942-1996
BOX 2	Yudain, Harold, 1942-2007
BOX 2	Holiday greeting cards from Yudain, circa 1950s
BOX 2	House and garden tour of Capitol Hill, 1968
BOX 2	Inauguration ceremonies, U.S. presidents, 1953-1961, 1969-1985
BOX 2	Luce, Claire Boothe, note, undated
BOX 2	Miscellany, 1936-2006, undated <i>See also Oversize, same heading</i>
BOX 2	New Canaan High School, New Canaan, Conn., 1937-1941, 1961, 1986-2003 (2 folders)

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BOX 3	Notes, circa 1948-circa 2010 (2 folders)
BOX 3	Passports, 1951-1965, 2002
BOX 3	Pedestal Club, 1966
BOX 3	Programs, 1959, 1986-1987
BOX 3	Retirement, 1988 <i>See also Oversize, same heading</i>
BOX 3	"Sid at 80," book, 2003 (4 folders)
DF	"Sid at 80," book, digital, 2003 Digital ID: mss86314_184_001
BOX 4	Travel
BOX 4	Brussels, Belgium, World's Fair, 1958
BOX 4	Cuba, 1951, 1958
BOX 4	Israel, 1965
BOX 4	Tributes to Yudain, 1976-1983, 2003-2013, undated
BOX 4	United States Army, circa 1946
BOX 4	Wedding, 1971-1973
BOX 4-6	Correspondence, 1936-2012 The Correspondence series, 1936-2012, documents Yudain's activities through incoming and outgoing letters with friends, family, colleagues, and United States presidents, senators, and representatives. The correspondence is modest in volume and mostly features what Yudain identified as "letters of interest." The earliest letters are mostly to and from family members and detail Yudain's time in the United States Army and experiences as a journalist in Los Angeles, California. Later correspondence is mostly addressed to Yudain in his capacity as editor of <i>Roll Call</i> and features letters addressing publication matters and offering congratulations on <i>Roll Call</i> milestones. Correspondents include Silvio Conte, Robert J. Dole, Hubert H. Humphrey, Lyndon B. Johnson, Vincent Lopez, Richard M. Nixon, Ron Randell, Irving Wallace, and Bernie Yudain. Material types include letters, invitations, greeting cards, memoranda, and attachments including clippings, photographs, and programs. Arranged alphabetically by subject, which includes a chronological file arranged by year.
BOX 4	Chronological file
BOX 4	1936-1961 (7 folders)
BOX 5	1962-1994 (12 folders)
BOX 6	1995-2012, undated (3 folders)
BOX 6	Holiday cards, circa 1970s-circa 1990s, undated (2 folders)
BOX 6	White House invitations, 1973-1976, 1995
BOX 6-8	Roll Call Files, 1951-2011 The <i>Roll Call</i> Files series, 1951-2011, documents various aspects of the newspaper's history through items personally collected by Yudain. This mostly spans <i>Roll Call</i> 's origins in 1955 to the sale of the newspaper in 1986 to Arthur Levitt and includes brief narratives on <i>Roll Call</i> 's history. Files document facets of the newspaper such as advertising, subscriptions, and style guidelines. Subjects include <i>Roll Call</i> anniversaries, the Congressional baseball

Roll Call Files, 1951-2011

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- BOX 6 Advertising, 1961-1982 *See also Oversize, same heading*
- BOX 6 Anniversaries
- BOX 6 20 year, 1975 *See also Oversize, same heading*
- BOX 6 25 year, 1980 *See also Oversize, same heading*
- BOX 6 30 year, 1985
- BOX OV 2 40 year, 1995 *See Oversize, same heading*
- BOX 6 50 year, 2005 *See also Oversize, same heading*
- BOX 6 Other years, 1956-1985 *See also Oversize, same heading*
- BOX 6 Article drafts, 1957-1979
- BOX 7 Clippings, *Roll Call* mentions in other publications, 1955-1988, undated *See also Container 1, Clippings*
(2 folders)
- BOX 7 Congress history and background, 1951-1960, 1972-1986, 2003, undated
- BOX 7 Congressional baseball game, 1957-2011 *See also Oversize, same heading*
(2 folders)
- BOX 7 Congressional Staff Club and Senate Staff Club, 1959-1988, undated
- BOX 7 Correspondence, 1956-1988
- BOX 7 Financial documents, 1955-1960, 1970, 1984-1987
- BOX 7 Graphics and art, 1974-1976, 1982, undated *See also Oversize, same heading*
- BOX 7 Holiday greetings, undated
- BOX 7 Humor, 1969-1995, undated
- BOX 8 Miscellany, 1958-1987, undated
- BOX 8 Offices, 1971-1986
- BOX 8 Operations, 1987, undated
- BOX 8 Perts, John, caricature artist, 1961-1962, 1972-1984, 1992, undated
(2 folders)
- BOX 8 Quorum Club; Bobby Baker scandal, 1963, 1971, 2000
- BOX 8 *Roll Call* congressional staff awards, 1971-1992
- BOX OV 2 *Roll Call* first issue, 1955, June 16 *See Oversize, same heading*
- BOX 8 *Roll Call* history and background, 1979-1985, undated
- BOX 8 Russell, Mark, 1959, 1969-2010
- BOX 8 Sale of *Roll Call*, 1986-1987 *See also Oversize, same heading*
(2 folders)
- BOX 8 Subscription to *Roll Call*, Richard M. Nixon, 1958
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- BOX 8 *Washington Times* inaugural reception, 1982

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BOX 9	Articles, 1946-1950, 1982-1983, undated (8 folders)
BOX 9	Articles, background notes, 1946-1949
BOX 9	Columns and editorials, <i>Roll Call</i>
BOX 9	"King of the Hill," 1987-1988
BOX 10	Miscellany, 1968-1998, undated
BOX 10	"Sid Bits," 1956-1986, undated
BOX 10	"Sid's Place," 1986-1987
BOX 10	Lyrics, 1973, 1985-1986, 1994-2013, undated (3 folders)
BOX 10	Speeches and remarks, 1968-1978, 1988-2013, undated (4 folders)
BOX OV 1-OV 2	Oversize, 1955-2005 Material types include newspapers, posters, programs, and artwork. Arranged and described according to the series, containers, and folders from which the items were separated. Personal file
BOX OV 2	Miscellany, poster, Yudain featured in <i>People Today</i> magazine, undated (Container 2, same heading)
BOX OV 1	Retirement, Posters of <i>Roll Call</i> front pages, signed, 1988 (Container 3 same heading)
BOX OV 2	<i>Roll Call</i> files Advertising, <i>Roll Call</i> advertising supplements, circa 1970, circa 1980 (Container 6, same heading) Anniversaries
BOX OV 2	20 year, <i>Roll Call</i> "Twentieth Anniversary Issue," 1975, July 10 (Container 6, same heading) 25 year (Container 6, same heading)
BOX OV 1	Painting of Yudain, signed, 1980
BOX OV 2	Press plate of <i>Roll Call</i> front page, 1980, June 19
BOX OV 2	<i>Roll Call</i> insert honoring Sid Yudain, 1980
BOX OV 2	<i>Roll Call</i> issue, "25 Years—How the Hill Has Changed," 1980, Oct. 2

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BOX OV 2	<i>Roll Call</i> issue, "25th Anniversary Salute," 1980, June 19
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	40 year, <i>Roll Call</i> inserts
BOX OV 2	"Forty Front Pages," 1995, Jan. 30
BOX OV 2	"Forty Years of Illustrations," 1995, Aug. 17
BOX OV 2	50 year, " <i>Roll Call</i> Turns 50!" issue, 2005, June 16 (Container 6, same heading)
BOX OV 2	Other years, <i>Roll Call</i> "Sixth Anniversary Issue," 1961, June 21 (Container 6, same heading)
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BOX OV 2	Graphics and art, sketches and comic panel, 1982, undated (Container 7, same heading)
BOX OV 2	<i>Roll Call</i> first issue, 1955, June 16
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