

William H. Hornby Collection

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Summary Information

Repository	History Colorado. Stephen H. Hart Research Center
Creator	American Society of Newspaper Editors..
Creator	Denver post..
Creator	Hornby, William H., 1974-1995
Title	William H. Hornby Collection
Date	1972-1992
Extent	0.5 Linear feet
Language	English
Collection [Box]	.5 lf
Abstract	<p>The William H. Hornby collection contains material relevant to Hornby's career as a journalist, ranging from 1972 to 1992. The various letters, speeches, administrative documents and articles in the collection highlight some of the key issues in Hornby's career, showing the full extent of his accomplishments as a journalist. Involvement with FOIA legislation, Hornby's term as president of the American Society of Newspapers, freedom of speech gatherings with prominent organizations and politicians, and various Western regional subjects in Hornby's own Denver Post columns encompass many of the things that helped define Hornby as an influential and accomplished journalist in both Colorado and the nation at large.</p>

Preferred Citation note

Cite collection as: William H. Hornby Collection, Mss.02606 (accession 2013.51), History Colorado.

Biographical Note

William H. (Bill) Hornby was born on July 14, 1923 in Kalispell, Montana. After serving in the U.S. Army and in public relations for the Marshall Plan in Europe after World War II, Hornby started a long career in journalism for The Denver Post in 1957. Starting as a copyreader, he eventually went on to become the editor-in-chief and a columnist for the Post, producing articles and editorials in over 50 newspapers throughout the country. Hornby also worked extensively with Ed Murray in 1974 to successfully pass Freedom of Information Act legislation, and served as president of the American Society of Newspapers (ASNE) from 1979 to 1980.

Hornby has been heavily invested in Colorado and Western American history with his wife, Barbara Sudler Hornby, as well. Barbara served as director and president of the Colorado Historical Society, while William served as a trustee and board member for the Society. Barbara passed away in 2006. As of 2013, Hornby still serves as an Emeritus board member for the Colorado Historical Society.

Scope and Contents note

This collection includes documents pertaining to W.H. Hornby's involvement as Senior Editor of The Denver Post, member/president of the American Society of Newspaper Editors (ASNE), and member of the Freedom of Information (FOI) committee from the 1970s up to the early 1990s. Types of material include correspondence, speeches, and various ASNE documents and booklets, as well as newspaper clippings of Hornby's Denver Post articles on China in 1972 and columns from 1989 to 1992. A majority of the documents and correspondence encompass Hornby's administrative and political activities in the ASNE in the late 1970s and early 1980s.

Arrangement note

Many of the folders are organized in series pertaining to the type material included: correspondence, Speeches, and newspaper clippings. One series is organized by Hornby's involvement with the American Society of Newspaper Editors, which includes numerous types of material.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

History Colorado. Stephen H. Hart Research Center

Conditions Governing Access note

Open to researchers without restrictions.

Provenance Note

Material in this collection was donated by William and Suzanne Hornby September 2013. Much of the donated material was then sorted by History Colorado archival staff into two different collections, the William H. Hornby and Water Rights collections (MSS 02606 and 02607). Most of the material in this collection is organized by Hornby's involvement with the American Society of Newspapers (ASNE) and The Denver Post, specifically. The Water Rights collection is organized with material pertaining to various water issues and organizations in the 1990s, which Hornby was indirectly interested and involved in as a journalist.

Processing Information note

Processed by Kevin Smith, September 2013.

Related Materials

Related Archival Materials note

Also see Water Rights Collection (Mss.02607), which includes material organized from Hornby's donated material, and the Barbara Sudler Hornby Collection (Mss.03052).

Controlled Access Headings

Genre(s)

- Colorado--Newspapers.

Occupation(s)

- Journalists.

Personal Name(s)

- Hornby, William H., 1974-1995

Subject(s)

- American Society of Newspaper Editors.
- Denver post.
- FOIA
- Freedom of information.
- Freedom of speech.
- Journalism & Newspapers.

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Collection Inventory

Correspondence 1972, 1979

FF 1 Senator Mike Mansfield to W.H. Hornby, China-related matters. Mansfield's Report to President Nixon. Aug 18, 1972

FF 2 American Society of Newspaper Editors 1975, 1979

FF 3 American Society of Newspaper Editors 1979

FF 4 American Society of Newspaper Editors 1979

Speeches 1973, 1977-1979, 1984, 1991, ND

FF 5 W.H. Hornby to Subcommittee on Criminal Laws and Procedures, U.S. Senate Committee on the Judiciary June 8, 1973

FF 6 W.H. Hornby, ASNE Convention, Honolulu - Introduction of Senator Inouye, w/ related correspondence Apr 9, 13, 20, May 2, 1977

FF 7 W.H. Hornby, ASNE Convention, Washington, D.C. Hilton - Introduction of Sec. of State Cyrus Vance Apr. 10, 1978

FF 8 W.H. Hornby, ASNE Convention and Board Meeting, Lincoln Center Banquet May 2, 1979

American Society of Newspaper Editors Documents

FF 9 W.H. Hornby, ASNE Convention and Board Meeting NY Hilton, GOP Candidate Luncheon May 2, 1979

FF 10 W.H. Hornby, Greeley Exchange Club Nov 13, 1984

FF 11 W.H. Hornby, Rocky Mountain Writers Guild, Freedom of Speech Forum w/ related correspondence May 12, 1991, June 15, 1991

FF 12 W.H. Hornby, ASNE Panel Introduction, "The Future of the First Amendment" Apr 18, No year

American Society of Newspaper Editors Documents 1980, ND

FF 13 Organizational Documents - "Structures and Purpose - ASNE Report, 1980" 1980

FF 14 Organizational Documents - Magazine, incomplete ND

FF 15 Organizational Documents - Brochure ND

FF 16 "Reflections from a Chinese Surface," W.H. Hornby - China article reprints 1972

Newspaper Clippings 1989-1990, 1992

FF17 The Denver Post Jan. 1989

FF 18 The Denver Post Feb 1989

FF 19 The Denver Post Mar 1989

Newspaper Clippings

FF 20 The Denver Post Apr 1989

FF21 The Denver Post May 1989

FF 22 The Denver Post Jun 1989

FF 23 The Denver Post Jul 1989

FF 24 The Denver Post Aug 1989

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FF 43 The Denver Post Mar 1992

FF 44 The Denver Post Apr 1992

FF 45 The Denver Post May 1992

FF 46 The Denver Post Jun 1992

FF 47 The Denver Post Jul 1992

Newspaper Clippings

FF 48 The Denver Post Aug 1992

FF 49 The Denver Post Sep 1992

FF 50 The Denver Post Oct 1992

FF 51 The Denver Post Nov 1992

FF 52 The Denver Post Dec 1992