

Guide to the John Lewis Gaddis Papers

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Collection Overview

REPOSITORY: Manuscripts and Archives
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CALL NUMBER: MS 2092

CREATOR: Gaddis, John Lewis, 1941-

TITLE: John Lewis Gaddis Papers

DATES: 1985-2012

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 1.9 linear feet (4 boxes)

LANGUAGE: The materials are in English.

SUMMARY: The collection contains the personal papers of John Lewis Gaddis.

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Requesting Instructions

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b. box
f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of John Lewis Gaddis, 2018

Conditions Governing Access

Access to the collection is restricted until 1 January 2050 by donor request.

Original born digital files, as well as preservation masters, may not be accessed due to their fragility. Researchers must consult use copies, or if none exist request that they be made. Born digital files cannot be accessed remotely. System requirements include a Manuscripts and Archives computer and file viewing software.

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Preferred Citation

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Biographical / Historical

John Lewis Gaddis was born in Cotulla, Texas in 1941. Gaddis received his B.A., M.A., and Ph.D. from the University of Texas, Austin in 1963, 1965, and 1968, respectively. After earning his Ph.D., Gaddis taught history at Ohio University for 28 years. In 1997, Gaddis became the Robert A. Lovett Professor of Military and Naval History at Yale University. His primary areas of scholarly research and teaching are the Cold War and grand strategy, subjects on which he has authored multiple books. His biography of United States diplomat George F. Kennan, *George F. Kennan: An American Life*, won the 2012 Pulitzer Prize for Biography or Autobiography.

Scope and Contents

The collection contains the personal diaries of John Lewis Gaddis. Subjects include his academic and publishing activities, events in his personal life, his transition to Yale University from Ohio University in the late 1990s, and the founding of the Brady-Johnson Program in Grand Strategy at Yale University. The majority of the diary entries are typed; some are handwritten.

Arrangement

The material is arranged chronologically.

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Diaries		1985–2012
b. 1, f. 1-7	1985-1991	
b. 2, f. 1-9	1992-2000	
b. 3, f. 1-12	2001-2012	
	Digital copies of diaries <i>7 Floppy Disks</i>	1988–1998
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b. 4	Backup record 2019-M-0010-0001 <i>1 3.5_floppy_disk</i>	1988
b. 4	Backup record 2019-M-0010-0002 <i>1 3.5_floppy_disk</i>	1989
b. 4	Backup record 2019-M-0010-0003 <i>1 3.5_floppy_disk</i>	1991
b. 4	Backup record 2019-M-0010-0004 <i>1 3.5_floppy_disk</i>	1992–1993
b. 4	Backup record 2019-M-0010-0005 <i>1 3.5_floppy_disk</i>	1996
b. 4	Backup record 2019-M-0010-0006 <i>1 3.5_floppy_disk</i>	1997
b. 4	Backup record 2019-M-0010-0007 <i>1 3.5_floppy_disk</i>	1998

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Subjects

Cold War
Gaddis, John Lewis
Grand strategy and statecraft
International relations -- Study and teaching
Yale University -- Faculty
Yale University -- Students

Occupations

Historians -- United States -- 20th Century