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Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

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Biographical / Historical

Boris Irving Bittker was born on November 16, 1916, in Rochester, New York. He received his B.A. from Cornell University in 1938. Bittker attended Yale Law School and obtained his LL.B. in 1941. He clerked for Judge Jerome N. Frank on the U. S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.

Bittker worked as an attorney in the Office of Emergency Management, Foreign Economic Administration (Lend-Lease Administration) from 1942 until he was inducted into the Army. He served as an infantryman in Europe and was awarded a Purple Heart. In 1946, he returned to Yale Law School as an assistant professor and was thereafter promoted to the posts of Southmayd Professor (1951), Sterling Professor of Law (1970), and Professor Emeritus (1983). Bittker was a prolific author and renowned expert in taxation, as evidenced by his two most influential casebooks *Federal Income, Estate, and Gift Taxation* and *Federal Income Taxation of Corporations and Shareholders*.

Boris I. Bittker died on September 8, 2005, and was survived by his two children, Daniel Bittker and Susan Bittker.

Scope and Contents

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The Boris I. Bittker Papers were processed as a collaborative effort between Manuscripts and Archives and the Yale Law School to document the careers and accomplishments of Law School faculty and alumni.

Arrangement

Arranged in two series and two additions: I. Correspondence, 1939-2004, undated. II. Topical Files, 1939-2006, undated.

Collection Contents

Series I: Correspondence, 1939-2004, undated

There are two sets of correspondence. The first set is a series of folders arranged alphabetically by last name of correspondent.

The second set is a copy of numbered correspondence from 1980 to 1997 maintained in chronological order. At the beginning of each folder, there is a handwritten index indicating the name of each correspondent and the page number(s) for copies of letters to that individual. For example, the handwritten list for June 1980 to February 1981 indicates that letters to "Adams" will be found on pages 139, 155, and 195. There is no index for the period between July 1996 and November 1997.

Items outside the specified dates may appear in the folders. Researchers should check each folder for complete accuracy.

b. 1, f. 1	Abrahamson-Albertus Magnus College	1968-2000
b. 1, f. 2	Albrecht-American Bar Foundation	1966-2001
b. 1, f. 3	American Civil Liberties Union-American College of Tax Counsel	1955-2001
b. 1, f. 4	American Heart Association-Ayres	1983-2001
b. 1, f. 5	Aaron, Henry	1969-1989
b. 1, f. 6	American Law Institute	1961-1983
b. 1, f. 7	American Association of University Professors (AAUP)-Arkansas Act 10 Litigation Fund (AALS)	1960-1961
b. 1, f. 8	Arent, Albert E.	1946-1978
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b. 2, f. 10	Bachman-Beghe	1959-2002
b. 2, f. 11	Begleiter-Bhatia	1969-2004
b. 2, f. 12	Biale-Blumstein	1949-1998
b. 2, f. 13	Bobbit-Boyle	1969-2002
b. 2, f. 14	Braden-Brooks	1961-2004
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b. 3, f. 19	Chansue-Cochran	1969-2000
b. 3, f. 20	Coe-Connecticut	1971-2001
b. 3, f. 21	Conyers-Cutler	1982-2001

b. 3, f. 22	<i>Case for Black Reparations</i> (Toni Morrison) English	1971-1973
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b. 4, f. 27	<i>Commentary</i>	1990
b. 4, f. 28	Cone, Sidney	1961-1983
b. 4, f. 29	Commission on College Retirement	1984-1988
b. 4, f. 30	Cooley Lectures (University of Michigan)	1973-1974
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b. 4, f. 33	Dahl-Ditkof	1967-2003
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b. 5, f. 36	Easterbrook-Euro-Dutch	1972-2003
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b. 5, f. 39	Emory, Meade	1977-1995
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b. 6, f. 46-47	Frank, Estate of Jerome	1947-1997
b. 6, f. 48	Gaggini-George	1975-1998
b. 6, f. 49	Getman-Gnaizda	1962-2001
b. 6, f. 50	Gold-Gwynne	1946-2000
b. 6, f. 51	Ghana taxation	1962-1963
b. 6, f. 52	Griswold, Erwin N.	1951-1994
b. 7, f. 53	Haber-Hector	1956-1999
b. 7, f. 54	Heider-Hutton	1960-2000
b. 7, f. 55	Hamilton, Walton	1939-1989

b. 7, f. 56	Hawaii Tax Institute	1983-1984
b. 7, f. 57	Idleman-Isenbergh	1944-2004
	Internal Revenue Service	
b. 7, f. 58	General	1957-1994
b. 7, f. 59	<i>Commissioner v. Clay B. Brown</i> (Clay Brown)	1965
b. 7, f. 60	Jachino-Joseph	1957-2002
b. 7, f. 61	Kabaservice-Kezarian	1981-2001
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b. 8, f. 63	Kowitz-Kurz	1899-2004
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b. 8, f. 65	Klein, William A.	1975-1990
b. 8, f. 66	Labaton-Laurents	1968-2000
b. 8, f. 67	Lawrence-Lewis	1981-2003
b. 8, f. 68	Lieberman-Lytton	1980-2004
b. 8, f. 69	Little, Brown and Company	1983-1996
b. 8, f. 70	Lokken, Lawrence	1981-2001
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b. 9, f. 75	Mills-Musgrave	1975-1999
b. 9, f. 76	McAniff-McClure	1968-2000
b. 9, f. 77	McMahon-McNulty	1983-2001
b. 9, f. 78	MacDonald, William	1966-1994
b. 10, f. 79	Mueller, Addison	1951-1981
b. 10, f. 80	Nacev-Newman	1973-2002
b. 10, f. 81	New Mexico-Norton	1965-1997
b. 10, f. 82-83	National Resources Defense Council	1980-2003
b. 10, f. 84-85	New Haven Legal Assistance, Inc.	1982-2003
b. 10, f. 86	Oakes-Oxford	1972-2001
b. 10, f. 87	Ohio State Law Forum (Black Reparations)	1969-1972
b. 11, f. 88	Pacheco-Peat	1956-2002

b. 11, f. 89	Pechman-Pushaw	1977-2003
b. 11, f. 90	Pollack, Louis	1949-2000
b. 11, f. 91	Quigley-Quinnipiac	1990-1995
b. 11, f. 92	Rahdert-Ritter	1976-2002
b. 11, f. 93	Roberts-Rose	1946-2002
b. 11, f. 94	Rosen-Ruttenerg	1967-2004
b. 11, f. 95	Redlich, Norman	1951-2002
b. 12, f. 96-97	Rostow, Eugene	1940-2003
b. 12, f. 98	Rothman & Co., Fred B. (<i>Collected Legal Essays</i>)	1989-1990
b. 12, f. 99	Safire-Schlesinger	1975-2002
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b. 12, f. 103	Starcher-Swords	1946-2001
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b. 14, f. 114	Ture, Norman	1952-1991
b. 14, f. 115	Uelmen-Untermeyer	1975-1992
b. 14, f. 116	Vafai-Vorenberg	1976-1994
b. 14, f. 117	Wadsworth-Waters	1978-2001
b. 14, f. 118	Watt-Winter	1971-2001
b. 14, f. 119	Wisconsin-Wyzanski	1965-2001
b. 14, f. 120	Wallace, Gerald	1952-1990
b. 14, f. 121	Warren, Alvin	1975-1987

b. 14, f. 122	Warren, Gorham & Lamont	1991-1995
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b. 17, f. 150-151	June 1989-June 1990	1989-1990
b. 17, f. 152-153	July 1990-June 1991	1990-1991
b. 17, f. 154-155	July 1991-June 1992	1991-1992
b. 17, f. 156	September 1992-August 1993	1992-1993
b. 17, f. 157	September 1993-June 30, 1994	1993-1994
b. 17, f. 158-160	July 1994-June 1996	1994-1996
b. 17, f. 161-162	July 1996-November 1997	1996-1997

Series II: Topical files, 1939-2006, undated

This series includes correspondence, memorandums, newspaper clippings, publications, and other written materials from professional organizations that Boris I. Bittker was employed by, or subject files that he created. Arranged alphabetically by topic or organization name.

Bittker's participation in the prosecution of German saboteurs during World War II is documented in the folders titled *Ex Parte Quirin* and Office of Lend-Lease Administration. Bittker's interest in race relations and civil rights are shown in his mid-1960s research on black reparations and his 'Black Lawyer' seminar at Yale Law School.

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b. 19, f. 178	Multicultural society	1990-1991
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b. 20, f. 183	<i>Clay Brown</i> legislation English	1966
b. 20, f. 184-186	Exempt organization advertising	1963-1968
b. 20, f. 187	<i>U. S. v. Jackson, et. al.</i> (Smith Act case) English	1957-1958
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b. 20, f. 188	<i>Legal Affairs</i> magazine English	2002
b. 20, f. 189-190	<i>The Yale Survey of Current Legal Issues</i> English	1995-1996

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Seminars

b. 20, f. 191	Black lawyer	1966-1969
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Accession 2014-M-011: Additional material, 1941-1995*0.5 linear feet (1 box)*

This accession consists of correspondence, notes, and drafts of several unpublished manuscripts by Bittker.

b. 1, f. 1	Correspondence	1941-1995
b. 1, f. 2	Notes	Circa 1941
Manuscript drafts		
b. 1, f. 3	"A Functional Approach to Future Interests" English	Circa 1941
b. 1, f. 4	"Future Interests Restated: Tradition versus Clarification and Reform" English	Circa 1941
	"Legal and Equitable Future Interests: a Comparison"	1941
b. 1, f. 5	Manuscript	
b. 1, f. 6	Typescript	
b. 1, f. 7	"The Transmission of Wealth from Generation to Generation..." English	Circa 1941
b. 1, f. 8	Unidentified manuscript fragments	Circa 1941

Accession 2014-M-060: Additional material, 1938-1941

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Handwritten course notes of law courses taken by Bittker, with some Law School examinations (associated with the notes), and "canned briefs" of notes sold by law students.

b. 1, f. 1-13

Course notes

1938-1941

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

African Americans -- Civil rights
African Americans -- Legal status, laws, etc.
Compensation (Law) -- United States
Educators
Law teachers
Lawyers
Reparations for historical injustices
Restitution -- United States

Geographic Names

United States -- Claims

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