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Summary

Size.	3.5 linear feet
Geographic location.	New Iberia, La., Atlanta, Ga., Washington, D.C., Alabama, Mississippi, North Carolina, Virginia.
Inclusive dates.	1931-1974
Bulk dates.	1963-1973
Language.	English
Summary.	Personal and professional papers including correspondence and letters, financial papers, photographs, printed items, and writings especially relating to Romaine's involvement with the civil rights and anti-Vietnam War movements and political campaigns.
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Biographical/Historical Note

Howard M. Romaine (1942-) is an attorney born in New Iberia, La. He earned a B.A. degree from Southwestern (now Rhodes College) at Memphis, Tenn. in 1964 and an M.A. from the University of Virginia at Charlottesville in 1967. It was during this time that Romaine became involved in the civil rights movement organizing protests and in the anti-Vietnam War movement. He was a member of the NAACP, Students for a Democratic Society, Southern Student Organizing Committee, Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee, and Southern Conference Education Fund. These organizations sought to educate students and the general public about the problems of racial inequality and poverty, labor issues, and the unjustness of the Vietnam War through newsletters, protests, organizational pickets, and conferences.

In 1967, Romaine began working for the United States National Student Association (USNSA) in Charlottesville, Va., a group that studied issues such as civil rights and the Vietnam War that were important to students in higher education. Later that year, he moved to Atlanta, Ga. to direct the Southern Student Human Relations Project, part of the USNSA. By 1968 Romaine had helped begin *The Great Speckled Bird*, an alterative newspaper, and became involved in local Democratic Party politics. He worked for Eugene McCarthy's 1968 presidential campaign and on Julian Bond's successful election to the Georgia assembly. Romaine also began writing freelance articles on topics such as politics, race relations, the military-industrial complex, and the Vietnam War. He also submitted several book proposals on these topics that were never published

Romaine left the newspaper and founded the Institute for Southern Studies. He worked on George McGovern's 1972 presidential campaign and after its failure, moved to Washington, DC. Romaine was involved in a severe automobile accident on a trip back to Louisiana and spent several years recuperating. He earned a law degree at Louisiana State University in 1979, practiced law briefly in Baton Rouge, and returned to Atlanta permanently to practice law.

Romaine's parents were life-long residents of New Iberia, La. His father, Allie H. Romaine (1906-1970) was a guerilla fighter in the Philippines during World War II. He never completely recovered from illnesses contracted during the war and eventually died of cancer. His mother, Lucille Spencer Romaine, was a librarian. Romaine has a sister, Mary Lou, born in 1948. Romaine married the former Dorothy Anne (known as Anne) Cooke in 1965 and a daughter, Rita, was born shortly afterward.

Scope and Content Note

Collection divided into two subgroups: Subgroup 1. Romaine Family Papers and Subgroup 2. Howard Romaine Papers. Subgroup 1 consists of the following series: correspondence and letters, financial and legal papers, and printed items. Correspondence and letters consist of those between Howard Romaine and his parents and other family members and friends. Financial and legal papers consist of Allie H. Romaine's will, papers pertaining to oil leases on family property in Louisiana, and a power of attorney. Printed items consist of the hospital bill for Romaine's birth, Lucille Romaine's newsletters and newspaper clippings, and Allie H. Romaine's death notice.

Subgroup 2 consists of the following series: campaigns, correspondence and letters, financial and legal papers, photographs, printed items, topical files, and writings. Campaigns consist of sample ballots, press releases, flyers, notes, and brochures from local political campaigns in Georgia and the McCarthy and McGovern presidential campaigns of 1968 and 1972, respectively. Correspondence and letters consist of personal and business letters between Howard Romaine and his parents, other relatives, friends, and associates. Financial and legal papers consist of a class-action lawsuit filed in Georgia alleging improper care of patients in mental hospitals and a purchase agreement for Romaine's home in Atlanta. Photographs consist of Romaine's family photographs, photographs taken of Doug Kershaw and Johnny Cash during concerts, photographs of a folk music tour in which Romaine's wife Anne performed, and promotional photographs of Credence Clearwater Revival. Printed items consist of Howard Romaine's newsletters from civil rights and anti-Vietnam War organizations, magazine article reprints, newspaper clippings, *New York Times* article indexes, and anti-war and civil rights posters, study guides, and pamphlets. Topical files consist of groups of newspaper and magazine articles, notes, pamphlets, and writings about a specific event, activity or person. These files pertain to the National Democratic Party and political conventions; book proposals, civil rights, antiwar, and labor activities; and syllabi and writings for classes at the University of Virginia. Writings consist of addresses given by Gunnar Myrdal, articles and papers by Howard Romaine, an interview of Julian Bond by John Britton, and a history paper by Marion Symington.

List of Subgroups and Series

Subgroup 1. Romaine Family Papers

Series I. Correspondence and Letters, 1931-1971, undated (Box 1)

Series II. Financial and Legal Papers, 1971-1972 (Box 1)

Series III. Printed Items, 1942-1974 (Box 1)

Subgroup 2. Howard Romaine Papers

Series I. Campaigns, 1968, 1972 (Box 1)

Series II. Correspondence and Letters, 1965-1973 (Box 1)

Series III. Financial and Legal Papers, 1972 (Box 1)

Series IV. Photographs, undated (Box 4)

Series V. Printed Items, 1964-1972 (Box 1 and 2)

Series VI. Topical Files, 1964-1973, undated (Box 2 and 3)

Series VII. Writings, 1963-1971, undated (Box 3)

Series Descriptions

Subgroup 1. Romaine Family Papers

I. Correspondence and Letters, 1931-1971, undated

Letters between Lucille and Allie Romaine and family and friends about family matters and Allie Romaine's health; congratulations on Howard Romaine's birth; letters to and from Howard Romaine and Mary Lou Romaine and their parents; and letters of condolence on Allie Romaine's death.

II. Financial and Legal Papers, 1971-1972

Allie Romaine's will and legal bill for its execution; contracts, orders, and other papers relating to oil leases on family property; and a power of attorney.

III. Printed Items, 1942-1974, undated

Lucille Romaine's Girl Scout membership card, newspaper clippings about her family, newsletters from her sorority; various churches, the American Legion Auxiliary, and LSU; hospital bill for Howard Romaine's birth; Howard and Anne Romaine's marriage announcement; a pamphlet on the Vietnam War; and Allie H. Romaine's death notice.

Subgroup 2. Howard Romaine Papers

I. Campaigns, 1968-1972, undated

Materials related to Eugene McCarthy's presidential campaign including speeches, articles, pamphlets, newsletters, instructions for campaign workers, and notes. Materials related to presidential candidate George McGovern's campaign are also present and include press releases, invoices, letters about fund raising and election strategy, newsletters, a report on Georgia delegates to the 1972 Democratic Convention, and other items related to a challenge to Georgia's delegates

II. Correspondence and Letters, 1965-1973

Personal letters between Howard and Anne Romaine, and between them and his parents, sister, and friends; professional letters regarding interviews, the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party, Students for a Democratic Society, and the Southern Folk Cultural Revival Project; and book proposals.

III. Financial and Legal Papers, 1972

Class-action lawsuit alleging substandard treatment for patients in Georgia mental hospitals and a purchase agreement for Howard Romaine's home in Atlanta.

IV. Photographs, n.d

Photographs and negatives of Romaine's family, concerts attended including Johnny Cash and Doug Kershaw, and promotional photographs of Credence Clearwater Revival.

V. Printed Items, 1964-1973, undated

Study guides and reports on civil rights and the Vietnam War; newsletters; *New York Times* article indexes, reprints of speeches, newspaper articles, editorial columns, and interviews on civil rights, the Vietnam War, and military spending with special emphasis on Lockheed; advertisements, an organizer's manual, and instructions for participating in the Vietnam Summer Project; statements from the New University Conference; basketball schedule for Southwestern at Memphis, an election guide; ballot; a legal brief challenging the appointment of an Alabama delegate to the National Democratic Convention; and *Paint Creek Miner*, a book of labor songs.

VI. Topical Files, 1964-1973, undated

Consist of files that may contain correspondence, printed items, writings, and/or notes on a particular topic. Arranged alphabetically by topic.

VII. Writings, 1963-1971, undated

Consists of addresses, articles, book reviews, and papers written by Gunnar Myrdal, Howard Romaine, and Marion Symington. Arranged alphabetically by author.

Index Terms

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Bond, Julian, 1940-

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Braden, Carl, 1914-1975

Subgroup 2, Series II, V, VI

Civil rights—United States

Subgroup 1, Series I; Subgroup 2, Series I, II, II, V, VI, VII

Civil rights demonstrations—United States

Subgroup 2, Series II, V, VI

Civil rights movements—United States

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Civil rights workers—United States

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Democratic National Committee (U.S.)

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Elections—United States

Subgroup 2, Series I, II, V, VI

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Institute for Southern Studies

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Presidents—United States—Election--1972

Subgroup 2, Series I, II, V, VI, VII

Southern Christian Leadership Conference

Subgroup 2, Series V

Southern Conference Education Fund

Subgroup 2, Series V, VI

Southern Folk Cultural Revival Project, Inc.

Subgroup 1, Series I; Subgroup 2, Series II, V

Southern Regional Council

Subgroup 2, Series V

Southern Student Organizing Committee (Nashville, Tenn.)

Subgroup 2, Series II, V, VI

Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (U.S.)

Subgroup 2, Series V, VI

Students for a Democratic Society (U.S.)

Subgroup 2, Series II, V, VI

Textile Workers Union of America

Subgroup 2, Series V, VI

Vietnam Conflict, 1961-1975—United States

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	2	6		1970: Georgia Democratic Primary election guide and voting rules
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	3	14	Vietnam Study Guide: undated
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