

Jean Fritz Papers 1927-2020

Preliminary Finding Aid

Creator: Jean Fritz

Extent: 8.25 linear feet, 2GB digital

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Administrative Information

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Processing Information: This collection is unprocessed. Information in the preliminary finding aid was gathered through an initial inventory. Preliminary finding aid created in 2023.

Biographical History

Jean Galbraith Brown was born on April 13, 1918, to parents Arthur Galbraith Brown and Agnes Scott Kinloch in Evanston, Illinois. In 1930, she moved to the Edgewater neighborhood of Chicago and attended Sullivan Junior High School and Senn High School. In 1938, Jean married Marvin Fritz, and the two moved to Des Plaines, Illinois in 1940 where they raised their three daughters. She was a stay-at-home mother and worked with her husband at his auto shop franchise as their children got older.

Jean Fritz was one of the jurors of the Chicago Seven conspiracy trial in 1969-1970. The trial investigated seven defendants with charges from the federal government related to their involvement in antiwar protests surrounding the 1968 Democratic National Convention in Chicago. The trial is also referred to as the Chicago Eight because the case against defendant Bobby Seale was declared a mistrial when he was bound and gagged to his chair after requesting to represent himself, leaving seven defendants in the conspiracy trial.

On February 18, 1970, the jury found the defendants not guilty on all conspiracy charges and found five of the seven defendants guilty of traveling across state lines with intent to incite a riot. The trial was a microcosm of the larger cultural clashes of the 1960s in the United States, where

the seven defendants represented the antiwar counterculture going up against the status quo of the state. It remains one of the most publicized trials in United States history.

Following the trial, Jean Fritz was often in communication with journalists, documentarians, and authors, sharing her experiences as a juror. Fritz died at the age of 99 on January 23, 2018.

Scope and Content

The Jean Fritz papers consist of 8.25 linear feet of material and span the years 1927-2020. The materials consist of photographs, slides, scrapbooks, newspapers, publications, exhibit materials, books, correspondence, and journals. Strengths of the collection include Jean Fritz's handwritten journals she kept during the trial and exhibit material from a 2019 exhibition about Fritz at the Edgewater Historical Society.

Subjects:

Chicago Seven Trial (Chicago, Illinois: 1969-1970)
Democratic National Convention
Criminal courts
Criminal courts
Political activists

Box	Folder	Title	Dates
1	1	[Green Family Photo Album]	1974-1976
1	2	[Brown Family Photo Album]	1969-1971
1	3	[Green Family Photo Album]	1982-1983
1	4	[Red Family Photo Album]	1972-1974
1	5	[Brown Family Photo Album]	1983-1986
1	6	Album - Marvin & Jean Fritz [Orange Photo Album], September & October	1979
1	7	[Jean Fritz news clippings]	2018
2	1	[Brown Family Photo Album]	1967-1968, undated
2	2	[Brown Family Photo Album]	1977,1979-1980
2	3	[Brown Family Photo Album]	1981
2	4	[Green Family Photo Album]	1995-1997
2	5	[Green Family Photo Album]	1997-1999
2	6	[Brown Family Photo Album]	undated
3	1	[Framed photograph of Jean Fritz and unidentified man]	undated
3	2	Photo Album [green]	1960-1965
3	3	[Oval framed photograph of unidentified older man]	undated
3	4	[Framed photograph of unidentified soldier]	undated

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4	1	The Chicago Conspiracy Trial: One Juror's Ordeal [Edgewater Historical Society (EHS) Exhibit Materials]	2018
4	2	Photo Album [Trip from Des Plaines to Oregon], August	1981
4	3	Kodak Carousel Slide Tray	1960-1961
4	4	Kodak Carousel Slide Tray	1961-1963
4	5	Kodak Carousel Slide Tray	1963-1965
4	6	Kodak Carousel Slide Tray	1965
4	7	Kodak Carousel Slide Tray	1965-1966
4	8	Kodak Carousel Slide Tray – Survey - Kentucky Lake, Wisconsin - Home, December 26	1978
4	9	Kodak Carousel Slide Tray	1973-1978
5	1	[Blue velvet jewelry case with four necklaces, three pairs of earrings]	undated
5	2	Maple Maulers '67 High Game '68 J. Fritz 276 [bowling trophy]	1968
5	3	Maple Maulers Last Place Champs 70-71 [bowling trophy]	1971
5	4	[Dolls in traditional Scottish clothing (6" tall)]	undated
6	1	A proclamation of the accomplishments of Marjorie Fritz-Birch, January	2020
6	2	[Jean Biographical: School Certificates]	1927, 1933
6	3	[Family photographs]	undated
6	4	Trial Aftermath [EHS exhibit, includes jury summons]	undated
6	5	[OS news clippings reproductions: EHS exhibit]	undated
6	6	Verdict [EHS exhibit]	1970, undated
6	7	[Copy enlarged: Jean Fritz's handwritten notes identifying people in court]	1970
7	1	[OS news clippings] trial, Jean, exhibit	1970
7	2	<i>Life</i> magazine, February 20	1970
7	3	<i>Life</i> magazine, December 6	1968
FF-12	1	[OS news clippings]	1970, undated
FF-12	2	[OS poster] You Can't Jail the Revolution; Stop the Trial; Free the Chicago 8	undated
8	1	[Jean biographical photo labels: EHS exhibit]	undated
8	2	[Flyer reproductions]	undated
8	3	[Letters to Jean, one to Judge Hoffman]	undated
8	4	[Mail: EHS exhibit]	1970
8	5	[69 CR 180 The Conspiracy 8 Trial]	1971
8	6	[EHS Exhibit program]	2018
8	7	[Handwritten notes: charges, juror, contact info?]	undated
8	8	[Miscellaneous news clippings]	1970, undated

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8	9	[Jean letter to <i>Sun Times</i>]	1970
8	10	[McCarthy pins (2), peace symbol medallion]	undated
8	11	[Uptown Theatre print]	undated
9	1	[Jean's small trial journal]	1969-1970
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9	2	[Photos: Jean Fritz and jury members]	undated
9	3	[Jean Fritz Jury Summons]	undated
9	4	Witnesses [Edgewater Historical Society (EHS) exhibit: labels and quotes from Jean's journal]	undated
9	5	Quotes from Jean's Journal [EHS exhibit]	1970, undated
9	6	[Original: Jean Fritz's handwritten notes identifying people in court]	1970
9	7	Defendants, Attorneys, Hoffman [EHS exhibit]	undated
9	8	Jury [EHS exhibit] [photo]	undated
9	9	<i>Disturbing the Universe</i> documentary – William Kunstler Jean Fritz interview [EHS exhibit]	undated
9	10	Political Groups at the Convention [EHS exhibit]	undated
9	11	[<i>Seed</i> (underground newspaper) reproductions and originals]	undated
9	12	[Festival of Life August – Chicago – 1969: Reproduction] Babylon Falling	undated
9	13	[<i>Ramparts: The Trial</i> -book by Tom Hayden]	1970
9	14	[News clipping and miscellaneous exhibit labels]	undated
9	15	[Letter to Tom (Hayden?) from Jean, amongst books]	1987
10	1	<i>Chicago Tribune Magazine – A Chicago Album</i> , April 27	1997
10	2	[Various publications about the trial]	1970, 1989, undated
10	3	<i>The Great Conspiracy Trial</i> by Jason Epstein [book] [includes letter to Jean from author]	1970
10	4	<i>My Life as a Radical Lawyer</i> by William Kunstler [audiocassette tapes]	1994
10	5	<i>No One Was Killed</i> by John Schultz [book] [written notes inside]	1998
10	6	<i>Pictures at a Prosecution: Drawings & Texts from the Chicago Conspiracy Trial</i> by Jules Feiffer [book]	1971
10	7	<i>Motion Will Be Denied: A New Report on the Chicago Conspiracy Trial</i> by John Schultz [book]	1972

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10	8	<i>Reunion: A Memoir</i> by Tom Hayden [to Jean from her daughters] [book]	1988
10	9	<i>The Barnyard Epithet and Other Obscenities: Notes on the Chicago Conspiracy Trial</i> by J. Anthony Lukas [2 copies] [book]	1970
10	10	<i>The Conspiracy: The Chicago 8 Speak Out!</i> [book]	1969
10	11	<i>The Tales of Hoffman</i> [book]	1970
10	12	<i>Revolution for the Hell of It by Free</i> [book]	1969
10	13	<i>Rights in Conflict: The Chicago Police Riot: The Official Report to the National Commission on the Causes and Prevention of Violence</i> [book]	1968
10	14	<i>William Kunstler: Disturbing the Universe</i> [DVD]	2009
10	15	<i>Contempt: Transcript of the Contempt Citations, Sentences, and Responses of the Chicago Conspiracy 10</i> [book]	1970
10	16	<i>Conspiracy in the Streets: The Extraordinary Trial of the Chicago Eight</i> [book]	2006
10	17	<i>The Emerging Police State</i> by William M. Kunstler [book]	2004
10	18	<i>Ramparts: the trial book</i> by Tom Hayden [book]	1970