

ORME LEWIS COLLECTION-MSS 27

Records: 1930s-1980s

No. of Items, 12 Boxes. 12 cu. ft.

The papers of prominent Arizonan Orme Lewis contain business, political, personal, and miscellaneous correspondence as well as reports, financial records, case files, and printed matter. Lewis was born in Phoenix, Arizona on January 7, 1903, and earned his law degree from George Washington University in 1926. Admitted to the State Bar of Arizona in that same year, he began practicing law in Phoenix. During his active career he was involved in diverse activities, including business, politics, and public service. Through partnerships in various law firms as well as private practice, he established a solid reputation in the legal profession. In 1950 he became a partner in the prominent present-day firm of Lewis and Roca. He was also a member of the California State Bar and District of Columbia Bar. Lewis served in the Arizona State Legislature during 1929-1930 and was U. S. Department of Interior Assistant Secretary during the first Eisenhower Administration, 1953-1955. Along with others he helped establish the Republican Party as a viable force in Arizona politics. He served as Chairman of the Republican National Convention's Arizona delegation in 1948. He was an ardent supporter of Arizona's Barry Goldwater during the latter's campaigns for the U. S. Senate and Presidency.

Active in civic affairs, Orme Lewis was a past president of the Phoenix Chamber of Commerce and Phoenix Jaycees. He was also on the administrative boards of various organizations, among them the Phoenix Country Club and the Heard Museum. Orme Lewis died in Phoenix, Arizona in 1990. His papers were donated to the Arizona Historical Foundation by his son, Orme Lewis, Jr.

Personal Files

Box 1

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2	Biographical File (O. Lewis) 1950s-1980s
3	Business, 1953-1955
4	Carhart, Arthur H., 1964-1967
5	Correspondence and Memos, 1946-1949
6	Correspondence, 1948-1949
7	Correspondence 1950s (A)
8	Correspondence, 1950s (A cont'd)
9	Correspondence, 1950s (B)
10	Correspondence 1950s (C)
11	Correspondence, 1950s (C cont'd)
12	Correspondence, 1950s (D)
13	Correspondence, 1950s (E)
14	Correspondence, 1950s (F)
15	Correspondence, 1950s (G)

- 16 Correspondence, 1950s (H)
- 17 Correspondence, 1950s (I, J)
- 18 Correspondence, 1950s (K)
- 19 Correspondence, 1950s (L)
- 20 Correspondence, 1950s (L cont'd)
- 21 Correspondence, 1950s (M)

Box 2

- Folder 1 Correspondence, 1950s (M cont'd)
- 2 Correspondence, 1950s (Mc)
- 3 Correspondence, 1950s (N)
- 4 Correspondence, 1950s (O)
- 5 Correspondence, 1950s (P)
- 6 Correspondence, 1950s (Q, R)
- 7 Correspondence, 1950s (S)
- 8 Correspondence, 1950s (T,U,V)
- 9 Correspondence, 1950s (W,X,Y,Z)
- 10 Correspondence, 1952-1953
- 11 Correspondence, 1954-1955
- 12 Correspondence, 1955-1956 (1)
- 13 Correspondence, 1955-1956 (2)
- 14 Correspondence, 1955-1958 (A-G)
- 15 Correspondence, 1955-1958 (H-L)
- 16 Correspondence, 1955-1958 (M-P)
- 17 Correspondence, 1955-1958 (R-Z)
- 18 Correspondence, 1957
- 19 Correspondence, Re: Return to Phoenix, 1955 (1)
- 20 Correspondence, Re: Return to Phoenix, 1955 (2)

Box 3

- Folder 1 Diary (Appointment Book), 1986
- 2 Contributions, 1975 - 1982
- 3 Family Correspondence, 1971 -1975
- 4 Family Correspondence, 1976-1979
- 5 Family Correspondence, 1980-1983
- 6 Family Newspaper Index, 1872-1926
- 7 Home Furnishings, 1960s
- 8 Indian Affairs, 1955-1958
- 9 Indian Affairs, 1955-1959
- 10 Indian Affairs, 1960-1962
- 11 Indian Affairs - Kelly, (Wm.) File, 1957-1959
- 12 Indian Affairs, Phoenix Indian Center, 1956
- 13 Interior Department Correspondence, 1955-1956
- 14 Interior Department Correspondence, 1955- 1958 (I)
- 15 Interior Department Correspondence, 1955-1958 (2)
- 16 Interior Department - Multiple Use Mining Bill, 1955

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- 17 Interior Department - Parks, 1956
- 18 Interior Department - Strand (Wm.) File, 1953-1955
- 19 Interior Department - Unna (Warren) Series, 1956
- 20 Interior Department - Miscellany, 1953-1956
- 21 Interior Department - Miscellany, 1955-1956
- 22 Interior Department - Miscellany, 1956-1957

Box 4

- Folder 1 Lewis (Robert, M.) Estate, 1958-1959
- 2 Personal Associations, 1955-1958
- 3 St. Luke's Hospital, 1960-1984
- 4 Saturday Evening Post - Article, 1955-1956
- 5 Solar Energy File, 1955-1959
- 6 Stanford Pace Programs, 1961-1962
- 7 Strand, Wm. C., 1955-1962
- BX I Appointment Card File, 1953-1955
- BX 2 Name Card File, 1950s

Politics

Box 5

- Folder 1 Arizona General Election Manual, 1948-1952
- 2 Arizona General Election Manual, 1950-1952
- 3 Arizona General Election Manual, 1958
- 4 Contributions, 1975-1985
- 5 Contributions and Correspondence, 1986
- 6 Correspondence, 1955-1956
- 7 Correspondence, 1957-1958
- 8 Correspondence, 1959-1962
- 9 Correspondence, 1962-1964
- 10 Correspondence, 1963-1964
- 11 Correspondence, 1965
- 12 Correspondence, 1966-1967
- 13 Correspondence, 1968
- 14 Correspondence, 1969
- 15 Correspondence, 1972-1973
- 16 Correspondence, 1974-1976
- 17 Correspondence, 1977-1979

Box 6

- Folder 1 Correspondence, 1980
- 2 Correspondence, 1981
- 3 Correspondence, 1982
- 4 Correspondence, 1983
- 5 Correspondence, 1984
- 6 Correspondence, 1985

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- 7 Correspondence, 1986
- 8 Correspondence, 1987
- 9 Eisenhower Papers, 1955-1964
- 10 Goldwater File, 1959-1964
- 11 Goldwater for Senate Committee, 1980 -1981
- 12 Goldwater Senatorial Campaigns, 1952-1959
- 13 Hawley Campaign, 1962

Box 7

- Folder 1 Post-Convention Correspondence, 1948
- 2 Presidential Election, 1964
- 3 Republican Party Active Tax File, 1951
- 4 Republican Party Conventions, 1944, 1948
- 5 Republican Party Conventions, 1944-1952
- 6 Republican Party Counsel, 1944-1952
- 7 Republican Party Finance Committee, 1950-1952
- 8 Republican Party, Maricopa County Committee, 1948-1952
- 9 Republican Party, Miscellany and Corres., 1950-1952 (1)
- 10 Republican Party. Miscellany and Corres., 1950-1952 (2)
- 11 Republican Party Opinion File, 1942-1952
- 12 Republican Party Publicity, 1951
- 13 Republican Party Tax Matters, 1950s
- 14 Republican State Central Committee, 1940s (1)
- 15 Republican State Central Committee, 1940s (2)
- 16 Republican State Committee, 1930s-1940s
- 17 Republican State Committee, I 945-1947
- 18 Republican State Committee, (Special File), 1940s
- 19 Miscellany, 1950s

Investments/Financial

Box 8

- Folder 1 Journal Volume, Sept. 1935-Jan. 1940
- 2 Journal Volume, Feb. 1940-Dec. 1944
- 3 Journal Volume, 1944-1947
- 4 Journal Volume, Jan. 1948 -Feb. 1951
- 5 Marlette, 1950s-1960s
- 6 Mingus Park Subdivision, 1959-1970
- 7 Purple Camel Building, 1950s-1970s
- 8 Purple Camel Building - Income
- 9 Purple Camel Building - Income Tax, 1958-1963
- 10 Purple Camel Building - Income Tax, 1964-1969
- 11 Scottsdale & Thomas Service Station, 1952-1957
- 12 Scottsdale Strip, 1946-1949
- 13 Scottsdale Lots 13 & 14, Block 4, 1953-1955

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- 14 Selective Financial Corporation, 1961-1965
- 15 Stock - Hoagland & Dodge Drilling Co. 1960-1969
- 16 Triangle Property, 1959-1970
- 17 Wigwam Building, Scottsdale, 1956-1965
- 18 Miscellaneous Properties, etc. - 1950s (1)
- 19 Miscellaneous Properties, etc. - 1950s (2)
- 20 Miscellaneous Properties, etc. - 1950s (3)
- 21 Miscellaneous Properties, etc. - 1950s (4)
- 22 Miscellaneous Properties, etc. - 1950s (5)

Art Files

Box 9

- Folder 1 Appraisals, 1960-1963
- 2 Art- 1958
- 3 Art Lists, 1959-1970
- 4 Art Lists, 1966-1967
- 5 Art Lists, 1968-1969
- 6 Art Lists, 1970-1974
- 7 Art Lists, 1974-1977
- 8 Art & Literature, 1955-1958
- 9 Art & Literature, 1959-1960
- 10 Correspondence, 1959-1960
- 11 Correspondence. 1961-1962
- 12 Correspondence, 1963
- 13 Correspondence, 1964
- 14 Correspondence, 1965
- 15 Correspondence, 1966
- 16 Correspondence, 1967

Box 10

- Folder 1 Correspondence, 1968 (1)
- 2 Correspondence, 1968 (2)
- 3 Correspondence, 1969 (1)
- 4 Correspondence, 1969 (2)
- 5 Correspondence, 1970
- 6 Gifts, 1957-1958
- 7 Gifts, 1969
- 8 Lachaise Tour, 1962 - 1963
- 9 Lakeside Group, 1980-1982
- 10 Phoenix Art Museum Building Fund, 1957-1958
- 11 Miscellaneous - Correspondence & Invoices, etc., 1955-1956

Miscellany Files

Box 11

- Folder 1 American Bar Association - Insurance, 1954-1956
- 2 American Bar Association - Insurance, 1955-1961
- 3 Arizona Regional Medical Program Advisory Group, 1968-1970
- 4 Arizona Regional Medical Program Advisory Group, 1969
- 5 Committees, 1980-1981
- 6 Country Clubs, 1985-1986 (Ind. Bio. Info.)
- 7 Hospital Development Association, 1962-1963
- 8 Miscellaneous Correspondence, 1968
- 9 Miscellaneous Correspondence, 1969
- 10 Miscellaneous Correspondence, 1970
- 11 Miscellaneous Correspondence, 1971 (Jan.& June)
- 12 Miscellaneous Correspondence, 1971 (June-Dec.)
- 13 Miscellaneous Correspondence, 1972
- 14 Miscellaneous Correspondence, 1973 (Jan.-June)
- 15 Miscellaneous Correspondence, 1973 (July-Dec.)

Box 12

- Folder 1 Miscellaneous Correspondence, 1974 (Jan.-July)
- 2 Miscellaneous Correspondence, 1974 (Aug.-Dec.)
- 3 Miscellaneous Correspondence, 1975
- 4 Miscellaneous Correspondence, 1980 (July-Dec.)
- 5 Miscellaneous Correspondence, 1984 (Jan.-June)
- 6 Miscellaneous Correspondence, 1985 (Jan.-Mar.)
- 7 Miscellaneous Correspondence, 1985 (April-June)
- 8 Miscellaneous Correspondence, 1985 (July-Dec.)
- 10 Miscellaneous Correspondence, 1986 (Jan.-Feb.)
- 11 Papago Freeway Park Subcommittee, 1984
- 12 Trips, 1960s
- 13 Miscellaneous, 1932-1988

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ADDITIONS

SCOPE AND CONTENTS

BULK DATES: 1953 - 1987

The Orme Lewis Collection Additions consists of political scrapbooks regarding Lewis' career as Assistant Secretary of the Interior which highlights his achievements and related issues. The Correspondence Series components are: Miscellaneous correspondence relating to legal business, personal, and miscellaneous subjects. The Family correspondence relates to Lewis and his family.

Other areas represented are art donations/holdings and Associations Phoenix Growth Committee Finance Committee.

SERIES:

Political Scrap Books: Newspaper clippings and related materials relating to Lewis career as Assistant Secretary of the Interior
1953 - 1955.

Correspondence: Miscellaneous correspondence and related items of Lewis business career, art, Orme Lewis Sr., - Family Correspondence 1956-1958.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Orme Lewis, Sr. former Assistant Secretary of Interior for public lands, was born in Phoenix on January 7, 1903, and died June 28, 1990. Lewis's career was diverse both in politics and the legal profession. Lewis served as a member of the Arizona House of Representatives in 1929; delegate to the Republican party national conventions in 1944 and 1948; U.S. representative to the General Agreement of Tariffs and Trade meeting in 1955 and Eisenhower Administration from 1953-1955. After 1955 Lewis returned to private law practice.

Lewis attended George Washington University Law School in Washington D.C. and obtained his law degree in 1926. He practiced law along with his father, Earnest Williams Lewis in Phoenix. After the death of his father in 1927, Lewis continued the practice of law alone and formed the law firm Lewis and Roca in 1950 with partner Paul Roca. Lewis and Roca had a landmark case in the Miranda decision which led to a U.S. Supreme Court Ruling (1966) stating that defendants must be advised of their rights and allowed to consult an attorney.

Defining his professional character, Lewis once stated: the Law Firm of Lewis and Roca "would

never ask anybody that he would hire anything about either their religion or political leanings or philosophical leanings.” Lewis also stated that attorneys should “become public animals” and take active roles in service organizations.

Lewis family consisted of his wife, Margarethe Hilgard Tittmann Greene Lewis; a son, Orme Jr. of Phoenix; a brother Robert Porter Lewis of Sun City; and two grandchildren.

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FINDING AID

BOX 13

- Folder 1 Art Lists
- 2 1986 Christmas File
- 3 Lakeside Group Art
- 4 Loans & Gifts
- 5 Loans of various dates not converted to gifts-art-pictures, 1983-1985.
- 6 Miscellaneous Correspondence Orme Lewis Sr., March-October 1985.
- 7 Miscellaneous Correspondence Orme Lewis Sr., January - February 1985.
- 8 Miscellaneous Correspondence Orme Lewis Sr., October - November 1983

Box 14

- Folder 1 Miscellaneous Correspondence, July - September 1983
- 2 Miscellaneous Correspondence, May -June 1983
- 3 Miscellaneous Correspondence, March - April 1983
- 4 Miscellaneous Correspondence, January - February 1983,
November - December 1982
- 5 Miscellaneous Correspondence, August 1982 -January 1983
- 6 Miscellaneous Correspondence, September - December 1981
- 7 Miscellaneous Correspondence, July - December 1977

Box 15

- Folder 1 Miscellaneous Correspondence - Orme Lewis
- 2 Miscellaneous Correspondence January - February 1977
- 3 Orme Lewis Assets
- 4 Orme Lewis, Orme Lewis Jr. Correspondence, Miscellaneous, Etc.
- 5 Orme Lewis - Family Correspondence 1964 - 1970
- 6 Orme Lewis - Family Correspondence 1968
- 7 Orme Lewis - Family Correspondence, September - December 1967
- 8 Orme Lewis - Family Correspondence, January - August 1967
- 9 Orme Lewis - Family Correspondence, January - December 1967
- 10 Orme Lewis - Family Correspondence 1963 - 1965
- 11 Orme Lewis - Family Correspondence 1957 - 1962

Box 16

- Folder 1 Legal Writing - Correspondence
- 2 Legal Writing - Drafting Process and Articles
- 3 Legal Writing - Articles
- 4 Associations Phoenix Growth Committee Finance Committee
- 5 Associations Phoenix Growth Committee Finance Committee
Re: aviation, buildings, fire, library & Civic Center.
- 6 Associations Phoenix Growth Committee Finance Committee
Streets, Water, and Sewers.
- 7 1961 Phoenix Growth Committee Membership Roster
- 8 Phoenix Little Theater Building Correspondence
- 9 Return Receipt Post Cards Regarding Bond Issue Relating
to Phoenix Little Theater.

Box 17

- Folder 1 Orme Lewis Scrapbook 1954 - 1955
- 2 Orme Lewis Scrapbook Newspaper Clippings Regarding the Department of
Interior.
- 3 Orme Lewis Scrapbook Correspondence, Press Releases Relating to Orme Lewis.
- 4 Orme Lewis Newspaper Clippings 1954 - 1962 Photocopies
- 5 Orme Lewis Newspaper Clippings 1955 - 1956 Politics from 1940's - 1950's
Binder Photocopies.

Box 18/OV

- Folder 1 Orme Lewis Newspaper Clippings 1955 - 1956 Politics 1940's - 1950's Binder –
Original Clippings.
- 2 Orme Lewis Newspaper Clippings 1954 - 1962 Binder Original Clippings.