

Guide to the William Dowdell Denson Papers

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CREATOR: Denson, William D. (William Dowdell)

TITLE: William Dowdell Denson papers

DATES: 1918-2004

BULK DATES: 1945-1948

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 14.1 linear feet (59 containers)

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: The collection includes correspondence, clippings, trial transcripts, notebooks, audiovisual materials, and other documents relating to four World War II war crimes trials in Germany and William Dowdell Denson, chief prosecutor at those trials.

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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 Constance Denson, 2003 and Joshua M. Greene, 2025.

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Separated Materials

The Flossenburg trial transcripts (box 14), "Records of the United States Army War Crimes Trials, United States of America v. Friedrich Becker et al., June 12, 1946-January 22, 1947 (Microfilm, National Archives and Records Administration, Record Group 338)," transferred to the Yale University Library, Microtext Collection.

Biographical / Historical

William Dowdell Denson was born into an old Southern family on May 31, 1913. His father was an established lawyer and politician in Birmingham, Alabama, where William Dowdell was born. His maternal grandfather had been on the Alabama Supreme Court and his great-grandfather was a colonel in the Confederate Army.

At his father's encouragement, Denson attended the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York. He graduated *cum laude* in 1934 with the degree of B.S. and was given a commission as second lieutenant in the Field Artillery of the United States Army. Denson resigned his commission in order to enter Harvard Law School and received the degree of LL.B. in 1937.

After law school, Denson returned to Birmingham, Alabama, to practice law with his father. He passed the bar examination for the state of Alabama in August 1937 and was admitted to that bar in October. He was admitted to practice in all of the Federal District Courts of Alabama in January 1938, and in October 1939, to the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. Between 1937 and 1942, he tried over three hundred cases.

In 1942, he was called to be captain in the United States Army. His assignment was to be an instructor in the department of law at West Point, where he taught a course in military justice. Denson was sent overseas in March 1945 to the Judge Advocate General's Department, Third United States Army. In September 1945, he was promoted to lieutenant colonel.

In October 1945, Denson became chief prosecutor of the war crimes trials to be held at the former concentration camp of Dachau in Germany. The first trial opened on November 13, 1945. Forty Nazis and collaborators were charged with participating in the atrocities committed at Dachau concentration camp. All defendants were convicted, thirty-six sentenced to death. In March 1946, Denson served in a similar capacity at the trial of sixty-one Nazis and collaborators from the Mauthausen concentration camp. Convicting all, with fifty-eight sentenced to death, Denson next took over the proceedings of Flossenbürg war crimes trial. Forty-one of the forty-five accused were convicted, with eighteen death sentences. Despite being exhausted from his trial work, Denson served as chief prosecutor against the thirty-one Nazis and collaborators from the Buchenwald concentration camp. The defendants included Ilse Koch, the wife of the commandant of the camp, infamous for her brutality to prisoners, and her alleged use of human skin in lampshades and photo albums. All were convicted, and twenty-two were sentenced to death.

Returning to the United States, Denson became head of litigation for the Atomic Energy Commission. In 1948, he read that the life imprisonment of Ilse Koch had been reduced to a mere four years, three of which had already been served. Outraged, Denson wrote to newspapers across the country and was invited to speaking engagements and interviews. A congressional committee eventually took the matter up and though her sentence could not be legally reinstated, she was tried by a German court and re-sentenced to life imprisonment. Denson began seeing Countess Constance von Francken-Sierstorpff (Huschi) again, whom he had met while in Europe. On December 31, 1949, the two were married. They raised three children: Yvonne, from Huschi's previous marriage, Olivia, and William, Jr.

For the next forty years, Denson remained quiet about his war crimes trial experiences. He worked as a lawyer at different firms, dealing especially with patents, trademarks, and copyright law. In the late 1980s, Denson became active in educating the public about Nazi atrocities and his role in bringing Nazis to justice. He continued to do so until his death on December 13, 1998.

Scope and Contents

The majority of the William Dowdell Denson Papers relate to the four war crimes trials in which Denson served as chief prosecutor. The Denson papers do not contain a significant amount of information about Denson's personal life. Transcripts of the war crimes trials duplicate materials held at the National Archives and therefore, the more interesting materials are the notebooks, correspondence, and photographs from the trials.

Author Joshua Greene used the Denson Papers in researching his book, *Justice at Dachau: The Trials of An American Prosecutor*, prior to their arrival in Manuscripts and Archives. In Series, I, II, and III, there are folders of materials collected by Greene, identified as such, for his research on Denson and the trials. There may also be materials, obtained by Greene, in other folders throughout the collection.

Arrangement

Arranged in six series: I. Personal, 1934-2004. II. Trials, 1945-2001. III. World War II, 1941-2001. IV. Books and Printed Materials by Others, 1934-2002. V. Audiovisual Materials, 1918-2004. VI. March 2025 Acquisition, 1945-1957.

Collection Contents

Series I: Personal, 1934-2004

The series is arranged alphabetically by type of material, with a copy of Joshua Greene's book about Denson's war crimes trial work, *Justice at Dachau: The Trials of An American Prosecutor*, at the beginning, and one folder of miscellaneous material at the end. Included in the series is a small amount of biographical information, clippings about Denson, interviews, research materials, materials relating to Denson's legal practice, and materials relating to the Yugoslav war crimes trials, in which Denson was personally interested.

There are four folders of correspondence and a significant amount of writings in the series. Correspondence is arranged alphabetically by correspondent and is both personal and professional in nature. Correspondence dates primarily to the period immediately following World War II and from 1990 to Denson's death in 1998. Writings comprise the majority of the series, and the majority of the writings are speeches. Speeches are arranged alphabetically by the organization or group to which Denson was speaking. Most folders include correspondence relating to the speaking engagement and the speech itself. Occasionally an outline or notes for the speech and other related materials are also included. Folders that do not contain the actual speech are noted. "'Justice in Germany.' Memories of the Chief Prosecutor" is particularly interesting because it documents Denson's sentiments and views about the trials in his own words.

b. 1, f. 1	Greene, Joshua, <i>Justice at Dachau: Trials of An American Prosecutor</i>	2003
	Biographical material	
b. 1, f. 2	General	1994, 1998, undated
b. 1, f. 3	Military	1934-1949
b. 1, f. 4	Joshua Greene research materials	1998-2004
b. 1, f. 5	Clippings [newspaper and magazine] about Denson	1948-1999
	Correspondence	
b. 1, f. 6	A-D	1935-1999
b. 1, f. 7	E-L	1947-1996
b. 1, f. 8	M-P	1945-1999
b. 1, f. 9	R-Z and unknown/illegible	1945-1995, undated
	Interviews	
b. 2, f. 10	Hansen, Horace [transcript and overview of interview]	1984 June 14, undated
b. 2, f. 11	Museum of Jewish Heritage [video project-correspondence and legal documents only]	1990
b. 2, f. 12	United States Holocaust Memorial Museum [notes and correspondence only]	1994

b. 2, f. 13	Legal practice [notes, messages, complaint, correspondence, and other documents relating to Denson's career]	1991-1995, undated
b. 2, f. 14	National Archives research [including correspondence, microfilm order forms, notes, and related documents]	1984-1998, undated
Writings		
b. 2, f. 15	"Judgment at Dachau" [proposed book, co-authored with Peter Ross Range, including correspondence and book proposal] English	1995
b. 2, f. 16	"Justice in Germany.' Memories of the Chief Prosecutor" [2 versions] English	1990, 1995
Speeches		
b. 2, f. 17	Allied Veterans Council [correspondence and copies of speech]	1949, undated
b. 2, f. 18	Barbara Meltzer's Organization of Jewish Women [outline of speech, no speech included]	undated
b. 2, f. 19	Drew Center for Holocaust Study [correspondence, speech, and other documents given to participants of conference]	1992-1995
b. 2, f. 20	"High School on Long Island" [outline and speech] English	1988 May
b. 2, f. 21	Hofstra University [correspondence, conference pamphlets, poster, and notes]	1996-1997
b. 2, f. 22	Meltzer, Lippe, Goldstein, Wolf, Schlissel & Sazer [correspondence, speech, and press release about award ceremony]	1995, undated
b. 2, f. 23	Nassau County Jewish Lawyers' Association [correspondence and speech]	1990-1991
b. 3, f. 24	National Jewish Law Students Conference [speech, outline of speech, correspondence, and documents given to participants of the conference]	1991, undated
b. 3, f. 25	North Shore Synagogue [speech, outlines of speeches, and correspondence]	1991-1995
b. 3, f. 26	Shelter Rock Jewish Center [notes, multiple versions of speech, and correspondence]	1990-1991, undated
b. 3, f. 27	Temple Beth-Am [speech and correspondence]	1990
b. 3, f. 28	Temple Judea [speech with outline, notes, and correspondence]	1990-1995
b. 3, f. 29	Touro Law College [multiple speeches, notes, outlines, correspondence, schedule of conference, and printed material]	1991-1998
b. 3, f. 30	United States Military Academy [multiple speeches, notes, correspondence, and publications]	1990-1995, undated
b. 3, f. 31	Young Israel of West Hempstead [two versions of speech, notes, correspondence]	1994, undated

Writings > Speeches (continued)

b. 3, f. 32 - 33	Unknown location [speeches and portions of speeches]	1946 August 9, undated
b. 3, f. 34	Yugoslav war crimes trials [articles, correspondence, and United Nations reports- most from Monroe Leigh]	1992-2000
b. 3, f. 35	Miscellaneous	undated

Series II: Trials, 1945-2001

Trials is arranged chronologically: one section for each of the war crimes trials in which Denson was chief prosecutor (Dachau, Mauthausen, Flossenbürg, and Buchenwald). The Dachau and Mauthausen trials are primarily documented through the trial transcripts. The pagination of the Dachau trial transcripts continually repeats itself, and has been given artificial part numbers I-VII to ease confusion. In addition to the transcripts, the Buchenwald materials include five folders, primarily consisting of correspondence and clippings, on the reduction of Ilse Koch's sentence from life to four years imprisonment. Within the Buchenwald trials, under "Aftermath," there are two personal letters to Denson from Edwin Katzen-Ellenbogen discussing the specifics of the case against him. These letters are of particular importance because of Denson's interest in convicting Katzen-Ellenbogen and because they are the only documentation in the papers of the sentiments of those whom Denson prosecuted. In addition to the microfilm version of the Flossenbürg trial transcripts, there are four notebooks, which were unlabeled and have been given the artificial titles of A, B, C, and D. These titles do not indicate any specific chronology or sequence. The contents have been removed from the notebooks and placed in folders. They appear to be notebooks used by the prosecution team during the trial. Notebooks B, C, and D contain information about each of the defendants (a similar notebook exists for the Buchenwald trial). Notebook A contains handwritten notes of a legal nature, apparently taken during the trial and perhaps by Denson.

Dachau

b. 4, f. 1	Camp images [photostats]	undated
b. 4, f. 2	Clippings [newspaper]	1945, undated
b. 4, f. 3	Correspondence A copy of this material is available in digital form from Manuscripts and Archives. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at beinecke.library@yale.edu to request access to the digital copy.	1945, 1947
b. 4, f. 4	Printed materials	1945-1972, undated
b. 4, f. 5	Witness testimony A copy of this material is available in digital form from Manuscripts and Archives. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at beinecke.library@yale.edu to request access to the digital copy.	1945 June 19
b. 4, f. 6	Writings about camp and trial by others A copy of this material is available in digital form from Manuscripts and Archives. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at beinecke.library@yale.edu to request access to the digital copy.	1945, undated
b. 4, f. 7	Greene, Joshua, research materials [notes, publications, print-outs from Internet, correspondence]	1996-2001
Trial transcripts		
b. 5, f. 8 - 19	[Part I], p. 1-[Part V], p. 104 English	1945
b. 6, f. 20 - 30	[Part V], p. 105-[Part VII], p. 354 [end of trial] English	1945

Mauthausen

Mauthausen (continued)

Aftermath		
b. 7, f. 31	Clippings [newspaper]	1946 May 12, 14
b. 7, f. 32	Printed materials and writings by others	1945, undated
b. 7, f. 33	Correspondence	1946 April 2, May 29
b. 7, f. 34	Sworn statements and trial summary	1945-1946, undated
b. 7, f. 35	Trial summary	1947
b. 7, f. 36	Greene, Joshua, research materials [notes, manuscripts, print-outs from Internet, clipping]	2000, undated
Trial transcripts		
b. 8, f. 37 - 39	Pages 1-323	1946
b. 9, f. 40 - 49	Pages 324-1293	1946
b. 10, f. 50 - 61	Pages 1294-2359	1946
b. 11, f. 62 - 73	Pages 2360-3395	1946
b. 12, f. 74 - 75	Pages 3396-3512	1946
Flossenbürg		
The Flossenburg trial transcripts (box 14), "Records of the United States Army War Crimes Trials, United States of America v. Friedrich Becker et al., June 12, 1946-January 22, 1947 (Microfilm, National Archives and Records Administration, Record Group 338)," transferred to the Yale University Library, Microtext Collection.		
b. 13, f. 76	Aftermath [general information]	1994
Court documents		
b. 13, f. 77	General [statements, notes, and official correspondence]	1946-1947, undated
b. 13, f. 78	Closing arguments [3 versions-all carbon copies]	[1946]
Trial notebooks		
b. 13, f. 79 - 81	A [with inserted notes, letters, and other documents]	1946
b. 13, f. 82	B [including official trial correspondence]	1946
b. 13, f. 83	C	undated
b. 13, f. 84 - 85	D [containing photographs of defendants]	undated
b. 13, f. 86	Greene, Joshua research materials [notes and print-outs from internet]	2000-2001, undated
Buchenwald		

Buchenwald (continued)

Aftermath		
b. 15, f. 87	Clippings [newspaper]	1945-1995
b. 15, f. 88	Correspondence to Denson	1947-1950
b. 15, f. 89	Official documents	1947 April
b. 15, f. 90	Printed material	1947 April 11, 1962, undated
b. 15, f. 91 - 92	Reduction of Koch sentence [including correspondence, clippings, and reports]	1947-1949, undated
b. 16, f. 93 - 95	Reduction of Koch sentence [including correspondence, clippings, and reports]	1947-1949, undated
b. 16, f. 96	Court documents [statements, testimony, notes, charge sheets, case analysis, and map]	1947, undated
Photographs		
b. 16, f. 97	Scrapbook [personalized photograph album with large photographs from the trial and descriptions]	[1947]
b. 16, f. 98	Loose photographs [mostly smaller versions of photographs found in scrapbook]	[1947]
b. 16, f. 99	Trial notebook [with accusations against defendants]	[1947]
b. 16, f. 100	Greene, Joshua, research materials [photocopies of testimony, photocopied information about defendants and case, photocopies of correspondence, a summary of the trial and notes from a phone interview with Harry Sandsberg]	2001, undated
Trial transcripts		
b. 17, f. 101 - 112	Pages 1-63, 231-780, 784-1075, 1077-1162	1947
b. 18, f. 113 - 123	Pages 1163-1843, 1866-2212	1947
b. 19, f. 124 - 133	Pages 2213-3051, 3053-3254	1947
b. 20, f. 134 - 144	Pages 3255-4335	1947
b. 21, f. 145 - 155	Pages 4337-5401	1947
b. 22, f. 156 - 159	Pages 5402-5560, 5562, 5564-5718	1947
General		
b. 22, f. 160	Greene, Joshua, research materials [print-outs from Internet, correspondence, phone interviews, manuscripts, and photocopies of an affidavit]	2000-2001, undated
b. 22, f. 161	Published legal documents	1946, 1950, 1982

Series III: World War II, 1944-2001

The series is arranged alphabetically by personal name, organization name, subject, or type of material and consists of items that relate neither to Denson personally nor to the trials in which he was chief prosecutor, but to World War II in general. At the end of the series is a box of Waffen-SS memorabilia collected by Denson.

b. 23, f. 1	Aftermath: Society for the Prevention of World War III [correspondence, reprints, and publications]	1947-1948, undated
b. 23, f. 2	American Association of Former Inmates of Concentration Camps and Other Victims of Nazi Persecution [correspondence with reprint]	[1948]
b. 23, f. 3	Archival collection inventories [Yeshiva University Archives inventories to Rescue Children, Inc. and Vaad Hatzala collections]	1985-1986
b. 23, f. 4	Correspondence of Denson to minister of war, The Hague [autograph draft of letter]	undated
b. 23, f. 5	Clippings [newspaper and magazine]	1944-2001
b. 23, f. 6	General information [WWII chronology, encyclopedia clipping, notes, and partially copied publication]	1993-2001, undated
Legal		
b. 23, f. 7	General [documents relating to the Nuremburg tribunal, refugee resettlement, "Statement of E. H.," and other documents]	1941-1995, undated
b. 23, f. 8	Malmedy case [testimony of Joachim Peiper]	[1946]
b. 23, f. 9	Nuss, Barbary (Murphy) [court secretary; correspondence, photographs, and phone interview with Joshua Greene]	1947-2000, undated
Waffen-SS memorabilia		
b. 24, f. 10 - 13	Arm cuffs (22)	
b. 24, f. 14	Armbands (3)	
b. 24, f. 15	Cloth sac (1)	
b. 24, f. 16	Cloth with Nazi insignia (1)	
b. 24, f. 17	Insignia (2)	
Patches		
b. 24, f. 18	Collar insignia, identified (5)	
b. 24, f. 19	Collar insignia, unidentified (4)	
b. 24, f. 20	Foreign volunteer armshields (4)	
b. 24, f. 21	Sleeve chevrons (2)	
b. 24, f. 22	Sleeve insignia (4)	
b. 24, f. 23	Shoulder boards (2)	

Series IV: Books and Printed Materials by Others, 1934-2002

The series is divided into books and printed materials. Within each group, the materials are arranged alphabetically by title. Some of the books were gifts to Denson and contain personal inscriptions (noted in brackets). At the end of the series are three yearbooks from West Point: 1934, Denson's graduation year; 1944, when Denson was an instructor; and 1984, marking the 50th anniversary of the Class of 1934, which contains a short biography of Denson.

Books

b. 25, f. 1	<i>The Buchenwald Report</i> [translated by David Hackett, with personal inscription and correspondence]	1995, 1997 December-1998 January
b. 25, f. 2	<i>Cimetière sans Tombeaux</i> [by Gilbert Debrise] English	1945
b. 26, f. 7	<i>Witness to Barbarism</i> [by Horace R. Hansen]	2002
b. 25, f. 3	<i>German Crimes in Poland</i> English	1946
b. 25, f. 4	<i>Medical Science Abused</i> English	1946
b. 25, f. 5	<i>Medicina Na Scest</i> [by František Bláha, with personal inscription] English A copy of this material is available in digital form from Manuscripts and Archives. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at beinecke.library@yale.edu to request access to the digital copy.	1946
b. 25, f. 6	<i>Praha Stovžatá</i> [by František Tvrz, with personal note and correspondence]	1946-1947

Printed materials

b. 26, f. 8	"Bayerisches Hochland" [with reprints of photographs of pre-war Germany]	undated
b. 26, f. 8	"Behind Barbed Wires" [photocopy of Polish publication, with Polish, English, and German writing and two sketches]	undated
b. 26, f. 8	<i>Dimensions: A Journal of Holocaust Studies</i> [serial-1 issue] English	1995
b. 26, f. 8	"The 'Dora'-Nordhausen War Crimes Trial" [booklet] English	1947 October
b. 27, f. 9	"In Memoriam: George S. Patton, Jr." English	1946 March
b. 27, f. 9	"Law for Liberation from National Socialism and Militarism" English	undated
b. 27, f. 9	Malerische Partien aus Alt-Nürnberg [by Otto Wiegk, reprints of paintings]	1922
b. 27, f. 10	"The Nazi Record" English	1945 November
b. 27, f. 10	"Organization Day. Third Anniversary. XX Corps" English	1945 September 5

Printed materials (continued)

b. 27, f. 10	"Patton's Wheels" English	undated
b. 27, f. 10	"Third Army: A Brief History of Operations in Europe" [identified as Denson's] English	undated
b. 27, f. 10	<i>U.S. News & World Report</i> [serial-1 issue]	1995 April 3
b. 27, f. 11 - 13	West Point yearbooks	1934, 1944, 1984

Series V: Audiovisual Materials, 1918-2004

The Audiovisual Materials series is arranged in three sections: Photographs, Videotapes, and Audiotapes.

Photographs span the entirety of Denson's life, but the majority are from 1945 to 1950 and are photographs of Denson, his colleagues and friends, concentration camps, witnesses, and defendants at the war crimes trials in Dachau, Germany. The first notebook, labeled "Reference file for publisher," contains low resolution duplicates of some of the photographs and descriptions corresponding to an artificially assigned photograph number. This notebook was put together by Joshua Greene, author of *Justice at Dachau: The Trials of An American Prosecutor*, and is a helpful guide in examining the original photographs, which are found in the first ten folders of Box 28. The other photographs are in their original eight notebooks, each with a label that roughly corresponds to its contents. Some of these photographs have descriptions.

The audiotapes and videotapes are arranged chronologically and are primarily interviews of Denson. Of the fourteen videotapes, seven are interviews. The audiotapes are all interviews conducted by Joshua Greene and used as research for his book.

Photographs

b. 28, f. 1 - 10	Original photographs with artificial numbers to correspond with "Reference file for publisher" See also: Series V. Audiovisual Materials, 1918-2004 Folder 22	1918-1998, undated
b. 28, f. 11 - 13	Nuremburg defendants	undated
b. 28, f. 14 - 19	Photocopies of army photographs	undated
b. 28, f. 20	Miscellaneous photographs	undated
b. 29, f. 21	Oversize photographs	[1934, 1945]
Notebooks		
b. 29, f. 22	"Reference file for publisher"	1918-1998
	"A Gentleman in the Devil's Court"	
b. 29, f. 23	"Personal"	1998, undated
b. 29, f. 24	"Dachau"	1945-1946, undated
b. 29, f. 25	"Mauthausen"	1946, undated
b. 29, f. 26	"Buchenwald"	1947, undated
b. 29, f. 27	"Press Photos"	1945, undated
b. 29, f. 28	"Dachau Photos"	[1945], undated
b. 29, f. 29	Flossenbürg Trial Photos	[1946], undated

Videotapes

Original audiovisual materials, as well as preservation and duplicating masters, may not be played. Researchers must consult use copies, or if none exist must pay for a use copy, which is retained by the repository. Researchers wishing to obtain an additional copy for their personal use should consult Copying Services information on the Manuscripts and Archives web site.

b. 30	<p>Cablenews 12 interview 1 Videocassette (VHS) 6:09:00 Duration (HH:MM:SS.mmm) [Aviary] mssams1832s05b030.u.mov</p> <p>As a preservation measure, original materials, as well as preservation and duplicating masters, may not be used. Digital access copies must be provided for use. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at beinecke.library@yale.edu to request access.</p>	1990 May 7
b. 31	<p>Museum of Jewish Heritage interview 1 Videocassette (VHS) 1:49:00 Duration (HH:MM:SS.mmm) [Aviary] mssams1832s05b031.u.mov</p> <p>As a preservation measure, original materials, as well as preservation and duplicating masters, may not be used. Digital access copies must be provided for use. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at beinecke.library@yale.edu to request access.</p>	1990 October 23
b. 32	<p>ABC interview 1 Videocassette (VHS) 0:24:08 Duration (HH:MM:SS.mmm) [Aviary] mssams1832s05b032.u.mov</p>	1991 January 24
Interview with Huschi Denson regarding William Denson		
b. 33	<p>Original 1 Videocassette (VHS) 0:18:27 Duration (HH:MM:SS.mmm) [Aviary] mssams1832s05b033.u.mov</p> <p>As a preservation measure, original materials, as well as preservation and duplicating masters, may not be used. Digital access copies must be provided for use. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at beinecke.library@yale.edu to request access.</p>	1992 March 12
b. 33D	<p>Duplicating master 1 Videocassette (VHS)</p>	1992 March 12
b. 33U	<p>Use copy 1 Videocassette (VHS)</p>	1992 March 12
b. 36, 35, 34	<p>United States Holocaust Memorial Museum interview 1 Videocassette (VHS) 2:24:42 Duration (HH:MM:SS.mmm) [Aviary] mssams1832s05b034.u.mov</p> <p>As a preservation measure, original materials, as well as preservation and duplicating masters, may not be used. Digital access copies must be provided for use. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at beinecke.library@yale.edu to request access.</p>	1994 August 25

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b. 38, 37	<p>"The Liberation of Dachau," Drew University Holocaust Study Conference 1 Videocassette (VHS) 3:18:00 Duration (HH:MM:SS.mmm) English [Aviary] mssams1832s05b037.u.mov</p> <p>As a preservation measure, original materials, as well as preservation and duplicating masters, may not be used. Digital access copies must be provided for use. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at beinecke.library@yale.edu to request access.</p>	1994 November 10
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b. 40	<p>Personal home video for Denson from his colleagues at the law office 1 Videocassette (VHS) 0:33:12 Duration (HH:MM:SS.mmm) [Aviary] mssams1832s05b040.u.mov</p> <p>As a preservation measure, original materials, as well as preservation and duplicating masters, may not be used. Digital access copies must be provided for use. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at beinecke.library@yale.edu to request access.</p>	1995 December 24
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