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Summary Information

Repository:	M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections & Archives
Title:	William Hyman Papers
ID:	apap258
Date [inclusive]:	Undated
Physical Description:	36.5 cubic ft.
Physical Location:	The materials are located onsite in the department.
Language of the Material:	English .
Mixed Materials [Collection]:	X
Abstract:	William Abramowitz Hyman was born on July 29, 1893 in Baltimore. Hyman was a partner of Hyman & Harris and served as special deputy attorney general of New York under Governor Alfred E. Smith. Hyman is best known for his legal theories on the use of space which he propounded in his 1961 book, <i>The Magna Carta of Space</i> . This collection contains records relating to his career in law and politics.

Preferred Citation

Preferred citation for this material is as follows: Identification of specific item, series, box, folder, William Hyman Papers, Undated. M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University at Albany, State University of New York (hereafter referred to as the Hyman Papers).

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Biographical Sketch

A partner of the law firm of Hyman & Harris, William Abramowitz Hyman was born on July 29, 1893 in Baltimore. Hyman spent his boyhood in Florida, attending St. Josephs Parochial School, Tampa, then working his way through Washington and Lee University and Columbia University School of Law. In 1916, Hyman went to work for Aetna Casualty & Surety Co., starting his own law firm in 1929. Under Governor Alfred E. Smith Hyman served as special deputy attorney general of New York. Hyman is best known for his legal theories on the use of space which he propounded in his 1961 book, *The Magna*

Carta of Space. In 1964 Hyman lead a legal crusade against the unauthorized use by physicians and scientists of elderly, indigent, and chronically ill people for experimental purposes without their consent. Patients had been injected with live cancer viruses. He argued the case before the State Court of Appeals. This fight won him the Certificate of Honor from the National Health Federation as a champion of human rights and defender of the dignity of man. Hyman died on July 10, 1966.

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Scope and Contents

This collection contains records relating to William Hyman's writings, subject files, correspondence, case files, scrapbooks, news clippings, photographs and other legal materials.

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Arrangement of Collection

The collection is unprocessed and is likely disorganized. Individual items may be difficult to find.

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Administrative Information

Publication Statement

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Processing Information

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Acquisition Information

William Hyman donated his papers to Syracuse University in 1967 through 1970. In 2006, the materials were transferred to the M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections and Archives.

Access

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Controlled Access Headings

- Hyman, William A.
- Politics and Politicians
- Lawyers--New York (State)--New York.