

# Guide to the Duncan Chaplin Lee and John Lee papers

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## Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** MS 2062

**CREATOR:** Lee, Duncan Chaplin, 1913-1988

**TITLE:** Duncan Chaplin Lee and John Lee Papers

**DATES:** 1896–2013

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 10.19 linear feet (25 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** The material is in English.

**SUMMARY:** The collection consists of the personal papers of Duncan Chaplin Lee and his son, John Lee. Materials include Duncan Chaplin Lee's correspondence, writings, photographs, and biographical material regarding his personal and work life. Key within these materials are documents that chronicle Lee's evolving interest in Marxism-Leninism in the 1930s, his military service, and the events that surfaced after he was accused of espionage in 1948. This material was then used by historian Mark A. Bradley in his book, *A Very Principled Boy: The Life of Duncan Lee, Red Spy and Cold Warrior*. The papers of John Lee contain correspondence and research materials related to Duncan Chaplin Lee and the controversy surrounding his life and legacy. Materials range from 1896 to 2011.

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of John L. Lee, 2016 and 2018.

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### Custodial History

The papers were inherited by John Lee who took custody of them upon his father's death. John Lee loaned the collection to historian Mark A. Bradley for an extended period sometime after 1998 to enable Bradley to conduct research for his book on Duncan Chaplin Lee. Bradley then returned the collection to John Lee who donated the papers to Yale University Library in 2016.

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### Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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### Related Materials

Related Material: Mark A. Bradley Collection on Duncan Chaplin Lee (MS 2063).

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## Biographical / Historical

### *Duncan Chaplin Lee*

Duncan Chaplin Lee was born on December 19, 1913 in Anqing, China. His parents, United States citizens, served as missionaries in China. The family, which included a brother, Armistead, and a sister, Priscilla, moved back to the United States in 1927 and settled in Chatham, Virginia, near Lee's father's family. He attended Yale University and graduated in 1935. He was awarded a Rhodes Scholarship and finished his education at Christ Church, Oxford University. He received a Bachelor of Arts in jurisprudence in 1937 and a Bachelor of Civil Law degree in 1938. He also was a Sterling Fellow at Yale Law School from 1938 to 1939.

Lee worked as a lawyer at Donovan, Leisure, Newton, and Irvine from 1939 to 1942. From there, he joined the newly created Office of Strategic Services (OSS), a predecessor to the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA). He was subsequently commissioned a First Lieutenant in the Army. Lee worked as an aid to the director,

General William "Wild Bill" Donovan and over time became the chief of the Secret Intelligence Branch. The OSS was disbanded in 1945 and Lee returned to practicing law. Immediately after working for OSS, he served as counsel for the formation of the Civil Air Transport, a CIA backed project that airlifted supplies and troops to China, Taiwan, and Korea.

As a student at Oxford, he became interested in the ideas of the Communist Party. He saw it as a party that could stop the spread of fascism and joined the party as a secret member in 1939. It is believed that the Soviet Union recruited him as a spy shortly after joining the OSS. Over a period of three years he passed on political secrets to the Soviet government. When the war was concluded, former Soviet courier and operations assistant Elizabeth Bentley defected to the United States and implicated a number of Americans who served as sources. One of the sources she named when she testified to the House Un-American Activities Committee (HUAC) on July 31, 1948 was Lee. Lee testified before HUAC denying the charges on August 10, 1948. He was believed due to a lack of written evidence to back up the charges, as well as his education and family background. When it was discovered in 1951 by the U.S. Army's Signal Intelligence Service's Venona Project that Lee was indeed a spy, the FBI was unable to press charges since the project materials were classified. Although he never faced any legal consequences, mounting questions about his trustworthiness from the accusations caused Lee to live outside of the United States after 1953. Lee died on April 15, 1988 in Toronto, Canada.

### *John Lee*

John Lightfoot Lee was born on November 15, 1943 in Washington, D.C. He graduated with a Bachelor of Arts from the University of North Carolina in 1966 and a juris doctor degree from Harvard Law School in 1969. He practiced law in New York state for decades.

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## Scope and Contents

The collection documents the life of Duncan Chaplin Lee. Chronological correspondence and biographical materials in Series I represent the more substantive parts of the collection. The chronological correspondence documents Chaplin Lee's high school and college years. Particularly of note is correspondence between Duncan Chaplin Lee and his mother, Lucy Lee, between 1935 and 1937, which convey his evolving interest in Marxism and his affiliation with the Communist Party. The alphabetical correspondence involves mostly routine personal and work-related matters. There is little mention of the investigation and accusations levied against Chaplin Lee during the 1940s. Most of the clippings date from 1948 and involve Lee's testimony before the House Un-American Activities Committee (HUAC). Lee's writings on family, religion, and his career are included, as are his unfinished memoirs. Of specific interest is Chaplin Lee's extended essay entitled, "The Elizabeth Bentley Matter," where he repeatedly emphasizes his innocence. Photographs of Lee's childhood in China, his trips to Southeast Asia and Bermuda, and family portraits are among the photographs.

Series II consists of correspondence and research materials gathered by John Lee and his relatives to clear Lee's name of charges that he was a Soviet spy. Much of Series II documents John Lee's efforts (and his family's) to grapple with scholarship that utilized newly released documentation from the Soviet archives and declassified government documents to argue that Chaplin Lee committed espionage. Folders in Series II contain FBI files received by requests submitted by John Lee, Mark Bradley, or Bruce Craig—a researcher hired by the Lee family—under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). There is also an abundance of published materials that John Lee collected in conducting his own research into his father, Chaplin Lee. Series II also includes correspondence between members of the Lee family and scholars and historians who argued that Chaplin Lee was either guilty or innocent of espionage.

Users will find some duplications of materials in Series I and Series II. Some of the documents also appear in the Mark A. Bradley Collection on Duncan Chaplin Lee (MS 2063). After Duncan Chaplin Lee's death, the entire collection was obtained by John Lee, who loaned the collection to Mark A. Bradley for an extended period after 1999. Bradley organized and added to the materials during the process of conducting research for his book on Duncan Chaplin Lee. Bradley's influence on the collection is therefore evident in both series. Researchers will find Bradley's typed notes, transcriptions, and comments on Chaplin Lee's correspondence. At times, Bradley transcribed entire letters and attached them to the original. Bradley also

made copies of Chaplin Lee's letters, FBI files on Chaplin Lee, and published materials and sent them to John Lee.

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## **Arrangement**

The papers are arranged in two series and two additions: I. Duncan Chaplin Lee Papers, 1927-2010 II. John Lee Papers, 1998-2011.

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## Collection Contents

### Series I: Duncan Chaplin Lee papers, 1922–2010

Series I comprises the papers of Duncan Chaplin Lee. The chronological correspondence is primarily between Chaplin Lee and his family members, and covers his high school and college years at Yale and Oxford. Correspondents include his father, Edmund Jennings Lee, his mother, Lucy Chaplin Lee, and wife from 1938 to 1959, Ishbel Lee. Also in chronological correspondence are letters received by Chaplin Lee after receiving a Rhodes scholarship in 1935, and correspondence between Ishbel and Lucy Lee which frequently mentions Chaplin Lee. Alphabetical correspondence documents Lee's career after he left the Operation of Strategic Services (OSS) and covers topics such as his travel and passport restrictions, work-related matters, and family history and affairs. The biographical materials offer a range of letters and memorabilia that chronicle his life over time. Also present are Chaplin Lee's writings, photographs, and clippings.

Materials are arranged chronologically and alphabetically therein.

#### Correspondence--Chronological

b. 1, f. 1	1928-1930	1928-1930
b. 1, f. 2	1931 English	1931
b. 1, f. 3	1932 English	1932
b. 1, f. 4	1933 English	1933
b. 1, f. 5	1934 English	1934
b. 1, f. 6	Rhodes scholarship	1935
b. 1, f. 7	1935 English	1935
b. 1, f. 8	1935–1936	1935–1936
b. 1, f. 9	1936 English	1936
b. 1, f. 10	1936–1937	1936–1937
b. 1, f. 11	Ishbel Lee to Lucy Lee	1936–1938
b. 2, f. 1	1937 English	1937
b. 2, f. 2	1938 English	1938
b. 2, f. 3	1939–1955	1939–1955
b. 2, f. 4	Annotated transcriptions of chronological correspondence from Mark Bradley	1931–1937

#### Correspondence--Alphabetical

## Correspondence--Alphabetical (continued)

b. 2, f. 5	Acheson, David	1954-2008
b. 2, f. 6	Adams, Philip	1957
b. 2, f. 7	Canada immigration	1973
b. 2, f. 8	Cassels, Hamilton	1973-1974
b. 2, f. 9	Celentano, Frank	1965
b. 2, f. 10	Clagett, Brice	1967
b. 2, f. 11	Corcoran, David	1982
b. 2, f. 12	Cox, Al (obituary)	1973
b. 2, f. 13	Davies, John	1943
b. 2, f. 14	Doering, Jr., Otto	1946
b. 2, f. 15	Globe and Mail--Editor	1977
b. 2, f. 16	Hartfield, Henry	1955
b. 2, f. 17	The Hemlock Society	1984
b. 2, f. 18	"Intrepid Dinner" English	1983
b. 2, f. 19	Irvine, Ralstone	1979
b. 2, f. 20	Leary, William M.	1980
b. 2, f. 21	Lee, Armistead	1968-1984
b. 2, f. 22	Lee, Ishbel	1977-1983
b. 2, f. 23	Leisure, George S.	1977
b. 2, f. 24	Levin, Alexandra Lee	1983-1985
b. 2, f. 25	Pratt, John H.	1985
b. 2, f. 26	"Prich Letter" English	1985
b. 2, f. 27	Smith, Arnold	1974
b. 2, f. 28	Stockmayer, Walter H.	1975
b. 2, f. 29	Tweedy, Mary Johnson	1976
b. 2, f. 30	Williams, Murat	1984
b. 2, f. 31	Winks, Robin	1985
b. 2, f. 32	Yorck, David	1977
b. 2, f. 33	Youngman, Jr., William	1955-1961



## Biographical Materials

b. 2, f. 34	"Anking Revolution and Evacuation"--Edmund Lee English	1927
b. 2, f. 35	Woodberry Forest and Yale University	1928-1938
b. 3, f. 1	Oxford University scrapbook	1937
b. 3A	Map of Oxford from scrapbook	1937
b. 3, f. 2	Engagement announcement	1938
b. 3, f. 3	Wedding announcement	1938
b. 3, f. 4	The Society of the Lees of Virginia	bulk 1939-1981
b. 3, f. 5	Military record and decoration	1940-1985
b. 3, f. 6	Photo identification for House Committee on Military Affairs	1941
b. 3, f. 7	Burma	1943
b. 3, f. 8	Medical exams and records	1945-1964
b. 3, f. 9	Eric Sevareid memoirs	1946
b. 3, f. 10	Employment	1946-1974
b. 3, f. 11	Will and deed of trust	1947-1954
b. 3, f. 12	House Un-American Affairs Committee	1948
b. 3, f. 13	Passports and travel documents	1949-1981
b. 3, f. 14	Lee family history Afar	1949-2004
b. 3, f. 15	United States Army Reserve Commission	1951
b. 3, f. 16	Passport clearance	1951-1954
b. 3, f. 17	Driver's licenses	1952-1967
b. 3, f. 18	Divorce papers	1958-1984
b. 3, f. 19	Addresses	1967
b. 3, f. 20	Insurance--Lee, McCarthy and DeRosa	1968-1970
b. 3, f. 21	"The Chat--An Appreciation of Lucy Chaplin Lee" English	1970
b. 3, f. 22	Lucy Lee's memoir	1970-1971
b. 3, f. 23	Application for permanent residence in Canada	1973
b. 3, f. 24	"Why Have You Burned My House?" --Alexandra Lee Levin English	1978

## Biographical Materials (continued)

b. 3, f. 25	Debt owed by children	circa 1984
b. 4, f. 1	Obituary and biographical sketch	1988
b. 4, f. 2	Armistead Lee memoirs	1990
b. 4, f. 3	"A Mishkid's Homecoming"--Armistead Lee English	undated
Writings		
b. 4, f. 4	"Christian Education" English	1978
b. 4, f. 5	Memoirs--incomplete	1979-1982
b. 4, f. 6	"Some Thoughts on Faith and Belief" English	1983
b. 4, f. 7	"The Elizabeth Bentley Matter" English  A copy of this material is available in digital form from Manuscripts and Archives. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at <a href="mailto:beinecke.library@yale.edu">beinecke.library@yale.edu</a> to request access to the digital copy.	1983
b. 4, f. 8	"My Family" English	1984
Photographs		
b. 4, f. 9	Family	1901-1948
b. 4, f. 10	Anking, China	1922-1923
b. 4, f. 11	Yale / Rhodes scholars	1935
b. 4, f. 12	Portraits	circa 1935 - 1965
b. 4, f. 13	OSS / military service / Burma	1943-1944
b. 4, f. 14	Employment / China	1948
b. 4, f. 15	Canton / Hong Kong / Kunming	1949
b. 4, f. 16	Bermuda	1953-1956
b. 4, f. 17	Rhodes reunion scrapbook	1983
b. 4A	Family photographs [computer files] 2017-m-0022-0002 <i>1 CD-R 4139520 bytes (4.14 Megabytes. This reflects the size of the carrier media, but may not accurately reflect the extent of digital files available for research.)</i>  Original born digital files, as well as preservation masters, may not be accessed due to their fragility. Researchers must consult use copies, or if none exist request that they be made. Born digital files cannot be accessed remotely. System requirements include a Manuscripts and Archives computer and file viewing software.	

## Clippings

b. 5, f. 1	General	1935–2013
b. 5, f. 2	HUAC testimony	1948
b. 5, f. 3	HUAC testimony--photocopies	1948
b. 5, f. 4	Soviet espionage--articles printed by Mark Bradley	1948–1953
b. 5, f. 5	Academic articles	1971–1974

## Series II: John Lee Papers, 1936–2011

Series II consists of the John Lee papers. The correspondence is arranged alphabetically and is predominantly email exchanges between John Lee and his family members on Duncan Chaplin Lee. Correspondents also include historians and scholars of Cold War espionage such as Nigel West, Brian Loring Villa, and Allen Weinstein. A sizable portion of Series II includes copies of FBI files on Duncan Chaplin Lee obtained by or given to John Lee by Mark Bradley or Bruce Craig. In addition to the FBI files, the research materials contain book reviews, academic essays, excerpts from books, magazine articles, and assorted published material that suggest Chaplin Lee was a spy for the Soviet Union.

Materials are arranged alphabetically.

Correspondence		
b. 6, f. 1	General	1999–2010
b. 6, f. 2	Bradley, Mark	1999
b. 6, f. 3	Craig, Bruce	1999
b. 6, f. 4	Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)	1999
b. 6, f. 5	H-Diplo letter and controversy	1999
b. 6, f. 6	Lee, Armistead	1990
b. 6, f. 7	Lee, Eleanore	1999
b. 6, f. 8	New York Times	1999
b. 6, f. 9	Smith, Arnold	1990
b. 6, f. 10	Villa, Brian Loring	1999
b. 6, f. 11	Weinstein, Allen	1999
b. 6, f. 12	West, Nigel	1999
Research Materials		
b. 6, f. 13	Documents from Mark Bradley--FBI files and Yale transcripts on Duncan Chaplin Lee	1935–2010
b. 6, f. 14	Copies and transcripts of Duncan Chaplin Lee letters	1936–1937
b. 6, f. 15	Notes and transcriptions by Mark Bradley on Duncan Chaplin Lee letters	1937–2010
b. 6, f. 16	Venona decrypts	1942–1999
b. 6, f. 17	Copies of correspondence with Yale University	1944
b. 6, f. 18	Biographical material and clippings on Duncan Chaplin Lee	1943–1951
b. 6, f. 19	FBI files--Elizabeth Bentley interview	1945–1946
b. 6, f. 20	Copies of grand jury transcripts	1947–1999
b. 7, f. 1-8	FBI Files on Duncan Chaplin Lee	1949–1956

## Research Materials (continued)

b. 8, f. 1	FBI Files on Duncan Chaplin Lee	1949–1956
b. 8, f. 2	Correspondence and FBI Files on Duncan Chaplin Lee (copies)	1949–1956
b. 8, f. 3	Elizabeth Bentley--Out of Bondage	1951
b. 8, f. 4	Documents on Duncan Chaplin Lee from Bruce Craig	1952–1999
b. 8, f. 5	Freedom of Information Act requests by Mark Bradley	1952–2011
b. 8, f. 6	Freedom of Information Act requests by John Lee	1955–2003
b. 8, f. 7	Venona cables and Eleanore Lee letter	1955–2000
b. 8, f. 8	Jefferson County Historical Society at Leeland	1998
b. 8, f. 9	Published materials on communism and Soviet espionage	1999
b. 8, f. 10	Accusations against Duncan Chaplin Lee	1999
b. 8, f. 11	Nigel West	1999
b. 8, f. 12	"Red Scare bibliography" English	circa 1999
b. 8, f. 13	Duncan Lee chronology	1999
b. 8, f. 14	Draft of chapter 2--"A Very Principled Boy"	2010

**Accession 2019-M-0004: Additional material, 1896–1999**

English

This accession contains the personal papers of Duncan Chaplin Lee and includes personal and family photographs and albums; correspondence to and between Duncan Chaplin Lee, family, friends, and colleagues; and clippings.

The accession is arranged in three groupings: Correspondence, Photographs, Clippings.

## Correspondence

b. 1, f. 1	Arnold Smith, Duncan Chaplin Lee file	1990
b. 1, f. 2	Condolence letters to Frances Lee regarding Duncan C. Lee	1988
b. 1, f. 3	Dear Kids (Letters to Lee children)	1965–1978
b. 1, f. 4	Family gifts	1959–1971
b. 1, f. 5	Graywood Manor	1978–1982
b. 1, f. 7	Kenfield, Catherine	1950–1960
b. 1, f. 8	Kenfield, Kathy	October 1965- July 1987
b. 2, f. 1	Kenfield, Kathy and John - Princeton House	1970–1986
	Lee, Duncan Chaplin	
b. 2, f. 2	1948–1983	1948–1983
b. 2, f. 3	1952–1957	1952–1957
b. 2, f. 4	1958–1959	1958–1959
b. 2, f. 5	1960–1969	1960–1969
b. 2, f. 6	1970–1975	1970–1975
b. 2, f. 7	1976–1979	1976–1979
b. 3, f. 1	1979–1985	1979–1985
b. 3, f. 2	1982–1986	1982–1986
b. 3, f. 3	1987–1988	1987–1988
b. 3, f. 4	Will of Duncan C. Lee	1967–1987
b. 4, f. 1	Lee family	1978–1988
b. 4, f. 2	Lee, Ishbel	1978–1987
b. 4, f. 3	Lee, Kathy	1959–1962
b. 4, f. 4	Lee, Kathy	1962-August 1965

## Correspondence (continued)

b. 4, f. 5	Lee, Lucy C., estate	1963-1972
b. 4, f. 6	Lee, Lucy C., sympathy letters	1971-1988
b. 4, f. 7	Letter from Arnold Jarath (?) to Duncan Chaplin Lee	April 14, 1957
b. 5, f. 1	Miscellaneous	1955-1956
b. 5, f. 2-3	Miscellaneous	1968-1973
b. 5, f. 4	Publishers Weekly interview with Allen Weinstein	January 18, 1999
b. 5, f. 5	Retirement	1974
b. 5, f. 6	60th birthday	1973
b. 6, f. 1	The Haunted Wood: Soviet Espionage - The Stalin Era	1999
b. 6, f. 2	Time Magazine "Inside KGB" - Baily on Lee	1990-1999
b. 6, f. 3	Wedding announcements and invitations	Undated
Photographs		
b. 7, f. 1	Achesons - Bass River, Cape Cod	1955
b. 7, f. 2	Achesons (Washington)	1954-1955
b. 7, f. 3	Armistad Lee and Edmund J. Lee III	1896
Bermuda		
b. 7, f. 4	1953-1959	1953-1959
b. 7, f. 5	Bainbridges	1957-1958
b. 7, f. 6	Christmas at the Blakes	1954
b. 7, f. 7	Christmas group Lee family	1956-1957
b. 7, f. 8	Clermont views	1953-1956
b. 7, f. 9	Company lunch at Rhodibecks	1956-1957
b. 7, f. 10	EJL's (Edmund J. Lee's) shepherds' townhouse	1953-1959
b. 7, f. 11	First flight to Bermuda	1953
b. 7, f. 12	Fred and Run Hamilton	1953-1959
b. 7, f. 13	Hilde Babin	1958
b. 7, f. 14	June Martin	1959
b. 7, f. 15-16	Miscellaneous friends, parties, et cetera	1953-1960
b. 8, f. 1	Miscellaneous family photographs	1953-1960
b. 8, f. 2	Royal visit, motorcade pairing Clermont	1953

## Photographs &gt; Bermuda (continued)

b. 8, f. 3	Summer at Newport, Rhode Island	1953-1959
b. 8, f. 4	Tise Lu family snapshots	1953-1959
b. 8, f. 5	Tom and Terry Fleming	1955
b. 8, f. 6	Tom Smith's visit	1953-1959
b. 8, f. 7	Warwich Camp, Gavin's military debut	1954-1955
b. 8, f. 8	Youngman family visit	1955
b. 8, f. 9	Bill and Priscilla Campbell	Undated
b. 8, f. 10	Canadian visits	1964-1974
b. 8, f. 11	Duncan Chaplin, Camp Dubley	1932
b. 8, f. 12	Duncan Chaplin Lee family in wartime	1940-1946
b. 8, f. 13	Duncan Chaplin Lee family in wartime, Chatham	1940-1946
b. 8, f. 14	Duncan Chaplin Lee family, Washington, post war	1946-1953
b. 8, f. 15	Duncan Chaplin Lee, Yale University and Oxford University	Undated
b. 8, f. 16	Edmund J. Lee senior	Undated
b. 8, f. 17	Gala graduation dinner - Chinese cooking class	Undated
b. 8, f. 18	Gibb, Katherine S.	Undated
b. 8, f. 19	Granddad's picture (Lawrence R. Lee)	April 1, 1909
b. 9, f. 1	Index to pre-Toronto prints	September 1, 1981
b. 9, f. 2	JSA - Herpners (Morristown)	1954-1955
b. 9, f. 3	JSA - Warren Smiths, Blue Ridge summit	1954-1955
b. 9, f. 4	Lee family reunion	1953, 1980, 1980
b. 9, f. 5	Lee, Ishbel	1954-1961
b. 9, f. 6	Mementos	1951-1957
b. 9, f. 7	Miscellaneous AIG pictures	Undated
b. 9, f. 8	Miscellaneous portraits	Undated
b. 9, f. 9	New York	1960-1964
b. 9, f. 10	New York	1964-1974
b. 9, f. 11	Oxford University, Bachelor of Arts	1940, 1967, 1967
b. 9, f. 12	Romanach retirement party	Undated
b. 9, f. 13	Round the world trip	1968



## Photographs (continued)

b. 9, f. 14	Selected negatives (Duncan C. Lee, family, and friends)	pre-1974
b. 9, f. 15	United Kingdom friends, Fleming, T. B. Smiths	Undated
b. 9, f. 16	Unidentified events attended by Duncan Chaplin Lee	Undated
b. 10, f. 1	Photographs from frames (Lee family events and portraits)	1931
b. 11, f. 1	Album of family photographs	1953
b. 11, f. 2	Album of family and vacation photographs	1955-1957
Clippings		
b. 12, f. 1	Duncan Chaplin Lee's clippings	1970-1989
b. 12, f. 2	Miscellaneous clippings	1954-1959

**Accession 2019-M-0024: Additional material , 1900–1998**

English

The accession consists of the personal papers of Duncan Chaplin Lee, including correspondence with his son John Lightfoot Lee and other family members, and biographical material of the Lee family, including written accounts by Duncan Chaplin Lee. The accession also contains a photograph album of Duncan Chaplin Lee's time in Burma during World War II.

The accession is arranged into three groupings: Correspondence, Biographical material, and Photograph album

Correspondence		
b. 1, f. 1-2	Lee, Edward	1972–1987
b. 1, f. 3	Lee family, executors to the estate of Duncan Chaplin Lee	1955–1988
b. 1, f. 4-5	Lee, John Lightfoot	1957–1985
Biographical material		
Lee, Armistead Mason		
b. 1, f. 6	Addresses of Armistead M. Lee to meetings of the Society of Lees of Virginia	1972–1989
b. 1, f. 7	Memorial pamphlet with funeral remarks	1998
Lee, Duncan Chaplin		
b. 1, f. 8	Death certificate and obituary	1988
b. 1, f. 9	Marital contract of Duncan Lee and Frances Lee	1983–1986
Memoranda written by Duncan Chaplin Lee		
b. 2, f. 1	Edward Jennings Lee biography	1974
b. 2, f. 2	The Elizabeth Bentley matter	1983
b. 2, f. 3	Memories of my parents	Circa 1980s
b. 2, f. 4	My family, a memorandum for my children and grandchildren	1984
b. 2, f. 5	Resolution of resignation as General Counsel of C.V. Starr & Co., Inc.	1972
b. 2, f. 6	Summary of Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) interview of Duncan Chaplin Lee and Ishbel Scott Gibb Lee	Circa 1940s
b. 2, f. 7	World War II photograph of Duncan Chaplin Lee in uniform	Circa 1940s
b. 2, f. 8	Lee family articles and biographies	1900–1992
Lee, John Lightfoot		
b. 2, f. 9	Resume	1980
b. 2, f. 10-11	School files and reports	1949–1968

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Photograph album

1943-1986

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## **Selected Search Terms**

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