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Douglas Valentine Collection  
Finding aid

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**Summary Information**

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**Title:** Douglas Valentine Collection

**Donated by:** Douglas Valentine, Richard Warner

**Size:** 10 boxes (6.5 linear feet)

**Access:** Available by appointment arranged in advance in the Lloyd Sealy Library, Special Collections Reading Room. 524 West 57th Street, New York, NY 10019 (212) 237 1164, [libspcoll@jjay.cuny.edu](mailto:libspcoll@jjay.cuny.edu)

**Historical Background of Collection:**

This collection is mainly comprised of the papers of Anthony Magiaracina also known as ‘Tony Grapes’. The materials were collected by Magiaracina during his career as a drug enforcement agent and enforcer with several Federal narcotics control agencies; he was stationed in Rome in 1959, NYC in 1961 and was with the BDAC in 1966 and the BNDD after 1968. The papers focus particularly on Italian Mafia crime organizations and figures active in drug trafficking in

the United States and abroad with materials dating as early as 1934 and as late as 1979, but most dating to the 1960s.

The papers document the work of Magiaracina and others working on narcotics investigation and enforcement in several federal agencies, including: FBN (The Federal Bureau of Narcotics, U.S. Department of the Treasury), 1966-1968 BDAC (Bureau of Drug Abuse Control, Food and Drug Administration) after 1968 BNDD (The Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs, U.S. Department of Justice) and after 1973, DEA (Drug Enforcement Administration, U.S. Department of Justice). All of these and other acronyms appear in the collection, but the bulk of the documents appear to date to activities of the BDAC, FBN and BNDD in the 1960s.

#### **Scope and Content Notes:**

The papers of this collection document the specialized narcotic investigations of Magiaracina during his time in several agencies. The papers reflect the extensive work and knowledge needed to investigate crime families and enforce safety from crime and narcotics. The papers include various administrative records such as case reports, memos that describe witness fees and trials, trial transcripts, receipts and invoices, and maps and biographies of persons of interest.

Additionally, the papers include personal records from Magiaracina such as correspondence, licenses to carry firearm, and diaries. Some of the collection, including a [Metropolitan Dade County Public Safety Department Bulletin](#) and [charts](#) used to organize the hierarchy in crime families [have been digitized](#).

This finding aid has been updated to reflect the most recent contents of the collection. While the original acquisition consisted of 5 boxes, 3 boxes were added to the collection in 2017 and 2 were added in 2021. Because the collection was donated in parts between 2012 and 2021, the series listings will reflect the acquisition of the records by year. Since the first acquisition was received by two sources, the first two series are arranged to reflect that. The third series reflects the second acquisition that took place in 2017, and the fourth, which also includes files from Douglas Valentine, reflects the acquisition that took place on 2021. It is likely the entire collection was once together and originally belonged to Magiaracina.

**References:** These materials were collected by Douglas Valentine as a result of and to support research on two books. In addition to many other resources on the history of drug trafficking and enforcement in the United States and abroad, more information can be found by reading these books:

Valentine, Douglas

2010 *The Strength of the Pack: The Politics, Personalities and Espionage Intrigues That Shaped the DEA*. (Walterville, OR: Trine Day) Stacks HV5825 .V24 2009

2004 *The strength of the wolf: the secret history of America's war on drugs*. (London, New York: Verso) Stacks - HV5825 .V25 2004.

**Series:**

The series established for this collection relate to the time of acquisition of each of these parts of the collection.

*Series 1: Anthony Magiaracina Papers (Acquired 2012)*

*Series 2: Oversized materials and Publications (Acquired 2012)*

*Series 3: Anthony Magiaracina Papers (Acquired 2017)*

*Series 4: Files from Douglas Valentine (Acquired 2021)*

## **Box Listing**

### **Box 1: Documents**

*Folder 1:* Correspondence, Memoranda, Reports, Charts, Map of Mafia in US, Organized crime charts of South Florida, Genealogies and hierarchies of Crime Families and figures (Gambino, Castellano, Badalamente-D'Anna-Sollena),

*Folder 2:* Biographies and histories of Crime figures (Magliocco, Miranda, Morici, Polizzi, Profaci)

*Folder 3:* Report NK 92-4872 regarding gambling, organized crime, waterfront activities, unions, Colucci arrest and Licata wedding on Sept. 22, 1973

*Folder 4:* Manual on the investigation and prosecution of Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organization (RICO) 1978

*Folder 5:* Memoranda re: LeFranc (1965), Brooklyn Elite Social Club (1945), news clippings re: Sindona (1979),

*Folder 6:* Bruno Family, Philadelphia

*Folder 7:* Suffolk County organized crime

*Folder 8: The Illicit Interstate Narcotic Traffic from New York City throughout the Eastern Seaboard of the United States. no date (1960s?)*

**Box 2: Documents**

*Folder 1: Biographies and histories of crime figures 1961-1962 (Alex, Angelica, Biondo, Civella, Civello, Cucchiara, DeCarlo, Eboli)*

*Folder 2: Photocopy book of pictures and criminal information on crime figures, alphabetically arranged (similar to that published as Mafia : the government's secret file on organized crime Reference: HV6785 .M292 2007)*

*Folder 3: Memoranda re: Genovese organization (1966), DiGregorio Organization (1966,) Night Hawk club E119 St. and Pleasant Ave., Vasile, Nicholas Organized crime in New Jersey: A Survey Report. 1977)*

*Folder 4: Hierarchies of Bonanno, Antonio-Caponigro, Colombo organizations, Boldrinia Conspiracy. A Tactical Assessment of a Major Organized Crime System in Bergen County, NJ.*

*Folder 5: Biographies and histories of crime figures and hierarchies of Gambino organization, Report in Italian by the Prosecutor's Office at the Court of Palermo (on Heroin trafficking, no date), The Illicit Interstate Narcotic Traffic from Chicago throughout the Midwestern and Southwestern United States*

*Folder 6: Charts and information regarding international narcotics trafficking and organized crime (1970s).*

### **Box 3: Photographs 1930s-1970s**

*Folder 1:* US Treasury Department, Bureau of Narcotics Form 170, Identification Cards attached to 'mug-shot' and identification photographs 1950s-1960s

*Folders 2-4:* Scrapbooks of 'mug shot' and identification photographs from many jurisdictions, the bulk from the US Treasury, Narcotics Bureau and NYPD, including French and Italian police photos (3 folders) 1939-1967

*Folders 5-6:* Identification and mug-shot photos of crime figures, of all jurisdictions including European 1934-1979 attached to information sheets, composite photos hierarchically arranged by crime families.

#### *Series 2: Oversized materials and Publications (Acquired 2012)*

### **Box 4: Publications**

Mainly GPO publications on various narcotics laws and congressional hearings related to narcotics and organized crime. Notations and inserts added by Magiaracina and others.

One folder of news clippings on organized crime and narcotics trafficking.

### **Box 5: (in Special Collections oversized drawer)**

*Roll 1:* Hierarchical charts of crime families/organizations

*Roll 2:* Chart tracking trafficking of heroin sources from France

*Roll 3:* Appears to be original of roll 2 with paper inserts glued onto large sheet (now detaching, too fragile to unroll)

*In folder.* Photocopy and taped chart of Mafia and drug connections, in Italian

Oversized diptych: Hierarchical lists of Gambino and Genovese crime families.

#### *Series 3: Anthony Magiaracina Papers (Acquired 2017)*

### **Box 6**

*Folder 1:* Valentine Collection George Magiaracina Papers donation letter

*Folder 2:* Memos and case reports 1963

*Folder 3:* Correspondence to and from Magiaracina 1967-1970 (Letters of promotion, gratitude, receipts, directories, etc.)

*Folder 4:* Papers 1970-1981

*Folder 5:* “Fifty Years of Mafia, Copy of Agent A. Magiaracina”, photographs of narcotics and men, chapters about termination of enrollment and family status

*Folder 6:* Court of Appeals – Samuel Monastersky, Appellant’s Brief

*Folder 7:* Notebook and Mangiaracina’s Federal Narcotics Agents certifications and identification

*Folder 8:* Article titled “The Mafia” published in the March 1, 1964 issue of L’Europeo “196 Trials: No Convictions”

*Folder 9:* Map, biography, notes about individuals, and copies of excerpts about the mafia

**Box 7**

*Folder 1:* The Pizza Connection Trial, Needed information list by South Brunswick Township Police Department for Permit to Carry a Pistol, Oath of Office - Special Deputation signed by Anthony Magiaracina, Anthony Magiaracina CV, Letter of denied application for Permit to Carry Pistol, Letter of Restricted Access for Permit to Carry Pistol, Memorandum regarding expert witness fees, trials, etc. US Treasury Department Law Enforcement Officers Training School Certification, Trial transcript, Professional Software invoice, Social Security Summary Statement of Earnings, Photos of presumed narcotics in boxes

*Folder 2:* Photos of presumed narcotics being weighed and analyzed, affirmation in support to experience qualifications, application for Private Detective License (includes personal information such as SSNs and addresses of references), letter referring to certification of NJ Private Detective License, Renewal of Private Detective License, Power of Attorney Judith E Chamberlain, license renewal invoice, letter regarding Employee Fingerprint Fees, Letter informing the surrendering of Private Detective License, Power of Attorney Thomas S. Van Syckel

*Folder 3:* Various receipts, money orders, and invoices

*Folder 4:* Memorandum Report: Bureau of Narcotics case files and reports, photographs

*Folder 5:* Memorandum Report: Bureau of Narcotics case files and reports, photographs of Rome with written inscriptions, small arms certificate, judicial comic, Road Test Examiner's certificate, letter to Senator detailing automobile accident in government vehicle, typed article with handwritten edits

## **Box 8**

Diaries and yearbooks

*Series 4: Files from Douglas Valentine (Acquired 2021)*

## **Box 9**

Folders containing memorandums on specific individuals, interviews drug enforcement agents, investigations, and photographs

## **Box 10**

Court transcripts