

City Attorney Papers

Collection Summary

Title: City Attorney Papers

Summary: Official documents, notes, correspondence, and court papers pertaining to the City Attorney between 1915 and 1963

Physical Description: 42 boxes; 18 linear feet

Language: English

Stack Location:

Repository: Metropolitan Government Archives of Nashville-Davidson County, 615 Church Street, Nashville, TN 37219

Scope and Contents of the Collection:

This collection consists of the papers belonging to the City Attorney between 1915 and 1963. The City Attorney Papers contain correspondence, notes, legal materials, and ephemera related to the work of several City Attorneys who served Nashville, largely including W.C. Cherry, Charles G. Blackard, Claude Callicott, and E.C. Yokley. The majority of the collection covers 1938-1963, and reflects the legal workings of Nashville under Mayor Thomas L. Cummings and Mayor Ben West. Correspondence with businesses and various departments and agencies within the City of Nashville make up a large portion of this collection. Also included are legal opinions, personal injury and property claims, correspondence and plans regarding city projects, case files from law suits, and city, state, and federal legislation.

Index Terms:

Subjects:

Nashville--History

Nashville (Tenn.)

Nashville (Tenn.)--Politics and government

Arrangement:

The collection is organized into nine series; materials are arranged alphabetically:

I. Businesses (Boxes 1-2)

- i. Banks, Miscellaneous
- ii. Bob Robinson Liquor Store
- iii. Buckley Amusement Co.
- iv. Bullet Plastics, Inc.
- v. Curb Market
- vi. Eisele & Co.
- vii. Evans Flag & Decorating Co.
- viii. Foster-Creighton

- ix. Harvey's Store
- x. Interurban Water Co.
- xi. Kerrigan Iron Works
- xii. Life & Casualty Insurance Co.
- xiii. Mason Supply Co.
- xiv. McMurray Structural Steel Co.
- xv. Michi Company, The
- xvi. Midwest Smokeless Fuel Co.
- xvii. Moore, John
- xviii. Nashville Coal Co.
- xix. Nashville Gas and Heating Co.
- xx. Nashville Machine and Supply Co.
- xxi. Nashville Water Co.
- xxii. Newspaper Publishing Corp
- xxiii. O.B. Suddarth
- xxiv. Peebles Chemical Co.
- xxv. Post Sign Co., Inc.
- xxvi. Prims Liquor Store
- xxvii. Research Products C.
- xxviii. Spur Distributin Co.
- xxix. Stone Auto Co.
- xxx. Werthan Bag Co.
- xxxi. White Hall Poultry Farms & Hatchery
- xxxii. William F. Bowe & Co.

II. Case Files (Boxes 3-8)

III. City Officials (Box 9)

- i. Building Inspector
- ii. City Clerk
- iii. Claims Agent
- iv. Clerk and Master
- v. Commissioner of Fire and Police
- vi. Commissioner of Fire and Public Works
- vii. Inspectors (various)

IV. Departments & Agencies (Boxes 9-32)

- i. Bituminous Coal Commission
- ii. Charity Solicitations Board
- iii. City Council
- iv. City Workhouse
- v. Civil Service
- vi. Community Services Commission

- vii. Criminal Court (indictments)
- viii. Education
- ix. Electrical Power Board
 - x. Engineering
 - xi. Finance
- xii. Fire Department
- xiii. First Suburban Water Utility District
- xiv. Health
 - xv. Hubbard Hospital
- xvi. Humane and Juvenile Court Commission
- xvii. Junior Chamber of Commerce
- xviii. Juvenile Aid Commission
- xix. Juvenile Court (closed to research)
- xx. Labor Relations
- xxi. Legal Department
- xxii. Magazine Censor Board
- xxiii. Municipal Children's Home
- xxiv. Municipal Defense Council
- xxv. Municipal Light and Power Plant
- xxvi. Nashville Electric Service
- xxvii. Nashville Freight Bureau
- xxviii. Nashville General Hospital
- xxix. Nashville Housing Authority
- xxx. Nashville Terminals
- xxxi. Parking Board
- xxxii. Parks
- xxxiii. Police
- xxxiv. Porters
- xxxv. Probate Court
- xxxvi. Property Committee
- xxxvii. Public Housing Authority
- xxxviii. Public Property
- xxxix. Public Works
 - xl. Purchasing
 - xli. Railroad and Public Utilities Commission
 - xl.ii. Smoke Regulation
 - xl.iii. Traffic Commission
 - xl. iv. Treasury
 - xl. v. Waterworks
 - xl. vi. Watkins Institute
 - xl. vii. Weights and Measures
- xl. viii. Welfare
- xl. ix. Zoning

- V. General Claims (Boxes 32-34)**

- VI. General Legislation (Boxes 34-37)**
 - i. City Government
 - ii. Federal Government
 - iii. State Government

- VII. Opinions (Boxes 37-38)**

- VIII. Organizations (Boxes 38-39)**
 - i. Baptist Sunday School Board
 - ii. Council of Jewish Women
 - iii. Disabled American Veterans
 - iv. Fannie Battle Day Home
 - v. Fanning Orphan School
 - vi. Humane Society
 - vii. Nashville Humane Association
 - viii. Nashville Laundry Owners Association
 - ix. National Association of Magazine Publishers
 - x. National Institute of Municipal Law Officers (NIMLO)
 - xi. TN Municipal League
 - xii. U.S. Conference of Mayors
 - xiii. Youth Incorporated

- IX. Projects (Boxes 39-42)**
 - i. 8th Ave. Widening
 - ii. 12th Ave. South
 - iii. Brightwood Ave. Sewer
 - iv. Broad St. Widening
 - v. Cherokee Park Underpass
 - vi. Church St. Viaduct
 - vii. City Incinerator
 - viii. Couchville Pike Right-of-Way
 - ix. Easement for Water Main at 4th and Houston
 - x. Fisk University Dormitory Building
 - xi. Holly St. Project
 - xii. Hospital Project
 - xiii. Improvement Bonds
 - xiv. Juvenile Farm Easement
 - xv. McGavock Pike Relocation
 - xvi. Minnesota Ave. Underpass
 - xvii. Monroe St. Grading

- xviii. Six Sewer Project
- xix. Streetcar Rails Removal
- xx. Watkins Institute Expansion
- xxi. West Nashville Reservoir
- xxii. Woodland St. Bridge Underpass

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