K0640
Albert L. Reeves, Sr. (1873-1971) Papers
1900-1971
2 cubic feet, one oversize scrapbook

Personal and professional papers depicting U.S. District Court Judge Reeves’ judicial career and family material. Includes manuscripts and family materials; photographs; speeches/addresses; cases; correspondence, clippings, and an oversize scrapbook. Also drafts of unpublished book by Reeves, Shame of a Great City.

BIOGRAPHY:

Albert L. Reeves, Sr. was born in Steelville, Missouri in 1873. He was admitted to the Missouri bar in 1899. In 1911, Reeves moved to Kansas City. He opened a law office and in 1918 ran unsuccessfully as a Republican for Congress. He served as a commissioner of the Missouri Supreme Court (1921-1923). In 1923, he was appointed judge of the United States District Court for the Western District of Missouri, by President Warren G. Harding. Judge Reeves convened a grand jury in 1936-37 to investigate ballot stuffing and “ghost voting” in Kansas City. The resulting conviction of over 200 Pendergast supporters for conspiracy and voting fraud ultimately brought to an end the Pendergast machine in Kansas City.

PROVENANCE:

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DESCRIPTION OF THE PAPERS:

The collection consists of personal and professional papers depicting Judge Reeves’ judicial career. Included are manuscripts and family materials; photographs; speeches/addresses; cases; correspondence, clippings, and an oversize scrapbook.

INVENTORY:

**BOX 001**

Folder 1.1 American Blue Book (Boswell) 1923, Includes Short Biography of Judge Reeves

Folder 1.2 Leaders in Our Town by Dick Fowler, Includes Biography of Judge Reeves

Folder 1.3 Shame of a Great City by Judge Reeves –Original

Folder 1.4 Shame of a Great City by Judge Reeves –Copy

Folder 1.5 Shame of a Great city by Judge Reeves –Original Draft

Folder 1.6 Castle Rock Farm by Judge Reeves –Final Manuscript

Folder 1.7 Castle Rock Farm Draft with Reeves’ editorial notes

On top 1.8 Oversized portraits of Judge and one with his wife, Mabel

**Box 002**

Biographical

Folder 2.1 Marriage to Martha Ferguson (1st) 1900

Folder 2.2 Blanche Ferguson Reeves (2nd) 1935-36

Folder 2.3 Marriage to Mabel Armstrong (3rd)
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Federal appointments
Folder 2.17  Letters, Newspaper clippings and telegrams 1922-23

Misc. Speeches and addresses
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Folder 2.20  South Central Business Association notice re: Reeves’ Speech in 1960, “What of the Future?”
Folder 2.21  Address re: Life Insurance, Apr./May  1906
Folder 2.22  Reeves’ Address to Westminster Congregational Church, 09-13-1936
Folder 2.23  Address to Masonic and Veterans’ Gathering, “What of America?”, 02-18-1937
Folder 2.25  Reeves’ Address to William Jewell College, 05-28-1940
Folder 2.26  Reeves’ Remarks on opening night of new Court Room of the New Federal Building in Jefferson City, Missouri, 04-16-1934
Folder 2.27  Albert J. Beveridge, address to Bunker Hill Dinner, Sons of the Revolution, June 18, 1923 (reprint)
**Correspondence**

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Folder 2.31  1950’s Misc.
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**Miscellaneous Files**

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Folder 2.35  “Order of the Coif” April 1954
Folder 2.36  E. Mont Reily, Governor of Puerto Rico- Correspondence
Folder 2.37  William Jewel College
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Folder 2.39  Misc. Articles and Quotes
Folder 2.40  Judge Charles E. Whittaker Swearing in as Federal Judge
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Folder 2.42  U.S. Treasury War Finance Comm.

**Cases**

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Folder 2.45  Affidavit- Ernest Joseph Evrard  10-28-1954
Folder 2.46  Notes: Mansfield Pardon, Reeves Probe, Trial Judge Otis
Folder 2.47  Brief Regarding Tenure of Office of Judges of US District Courts
Folder 2.48  US v. Arnold; Court’s comments/ sentencing –1937
Folder 2.49  Bradenton Bank Robbery Case – Articles
Folder 2.50  “Charge to the Grand Jury by Hon. Albert L. Reeves, December 21-1936”
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Folder 2.53  The Gift Tax

**Judith Coplon Spy Case**

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*Retirement*

Folder 2.58  Articles 1953+
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