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STANLEY, ARTHUR J. JR.: PAPERS, 1917-2003

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The Papers of Arthur Jehu Stanley Jr. (veteran of World War II and Justice of the United States District Court, District of Kansas, by appointment of President Dwight D. Eisenhower) were deposited in the Dwight D. Eisenhower Library in March 1993 by Mr. Stanley. In 2006 an accretion to the collection was turned over to the Library by Stanley's daughter, Carolyn Stanley Lane.

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| Linear feet: | 5.4 |
| Approximate number of pages: | 8,850 |
| Approximate number of documents: | 4,000 |

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

- 1901 Born March 21st on a farm in Lincoln County, Kansas
- 1917 Enlisted in Canadian Army and discharged two months later for being underage
- 1918-1919 U.S. Army
- 1921-1925 U.S. Navy
- 1928 Received law degree from the Kansas City School of Law
- 1928-1958 Practiced law in Kansas City, Kansas except for time in service
- 1935-1941 Served three terms as county attorney of Wyandotte County, Kansas
- 1940-1942 Kansas Senate
- 1941-1945 U.S. Army
- 1958-1961 Judge of the United States District Court, District of Kansas
- 1961-1971 Chief Judge of the United States District Court, District of Kansas
- 1971-19 Senior Judge of the United States District Court, District of Kansas
- 1975 President, Leavenworth County Historical Society
- 2001 Died January 27th, Leavenworth, Kansas

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection contains material related to many aspects of Arthur Stanley's career, particularly his military service; his service as the County Attorney for Wyandotte County, Kansas; his partial term in the Kansas Senate; and his career on the United States District Court for the District of Kansas. Only a small amount of material relates to family affairs, Stanley's law practice, his interest in politics other than the Kansas Senate, and his involvement in civic activities.

There are several subject files related to cases and investigations from the period Stanley was County Attorney. Many of the files are largely made up of clippings and memorabilia with the exception being the file on the activities of the Communist Party in Kansas where Stanley retained reports he received from an undercover agent.

Stanley's service in the Kansas Senate was short-lived as he resigned his seat in the fall of 1942 to enlist in the Army. The documentation for this period includes correspondence with lobbying organizations, constituents, and political leaders on various bills, though the quantity is not significant. The files for this period also contain printed copies of bills, memoranda, moves to amend legislation, and state publications.

The material related to Stanley's military service consists of correspondence, memorabilia, and routine military records. A sizeable quantity of the correspondence relates to when Stanley ran away from home to join the service during World War I and his father's endeavor to locate him. Another significant body of correspondence consists of letters Stanley wrote to his family, mainly wife and daughters, during World War II. Finally, there is a subject file related to the USS Pigeon, aboard which Stanley served in World War I. A large portion of this subject file consists of post-service correspondence with former shipmates.

Stanley was appointed Judge of the United States District Court for the District of Kansas in 1958. The documentation related to Stanley's service on the United States District Court consists mostly of correspondence supporting his selection and congratulatory correspondence on his appointment and retirement. The one exception is material on the trial of several Black Muslims incarcerated at the Federal prison in Fort Leavenworth.

This collection contains scrapbooks consisting largely of clippings although a small amount of correspondence and memorabilia is scattered throughout. Primarily, the scrapbooks document Stanley's professional career but his personal life and family life are also mentioned. The material on Stanley's career consists largely of the court cases he participated in while an attorney and a judge.

Photographs, taped interviews, transcripts and a published biography have been removed from the collection and transferred as appropriate to the Audio-Visual Department and the Printed Materials Collection.

CONTAINER LIST

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1 [Audio Tapes] [Interview with Arthur J. Stanley, Jr. (AJS) on March 19-20, 1983]

Biographical

Cavalry Museum at Fort Riley

County Attorney: Assorted Cases [Clippings]

County Attorney: Blevins Case [Clippings]

County Attorney: County Auditor

County Attorney: Cudahy Strike

County Attorney: Dr. Paul Rogers Murder 1934

County Attorney: Election Fraud Inquisition (1)-(3)

County Attorney: Ghost Vote Investigation (1)-(5)

County Attorney: Harrington Case 1938 [Clippings]

County Attorney: Howard Maxwell Case 1938 [Clippings]

County Attorney: Miscellaneous [Mostly clippings]

County Attorney: Miscellaneous Investigations (1)-(3) [Witness statements]

County Attorney: Moeller Murder 1938 [Clippings]

County Attorney: Park Department Inquisition

2 County Attorney: Quindaro Precinct – Duplicate Statements (1)-(4)

County Attorney: Quindaro Township John Carr Vote Fraud 1938

County Attorney: Radical Activities (1)-(4) [Communist activities in Kansas]

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- Kansas Senate: American Royal
- Kansas Senate: Applications
- Kansas Senate: Bills Introduced by Sen. Stanley
- Kansas Senate: Board of Public Utilities
- Kansas Senate: Chiropractors, H.B. 31
- Kansas Senate: City Bills
- Kansas Senate: City Pick and Shovel Bonds
- Kansas Senate: Committee on Military Affairs
- Kansas Senate: Congressional Redistricting
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- Kansas Senate: Miscellaneous (1)(2)
- Kansas Senate: Narcotics Bill
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Kansas Senate: Pictures

Kansas Senate: [Publications]

Kansas Senate: Resignation

Kansas Senate: Reporters, H.B. No. 20

Kansas Senate: Senator Stanley – Chairman Cities of First Class (1) (2) [Printed bills of the Senate and House]

Kansas Senate: Senator Stanley – Chairman Military Affairs

Kansas Senate: Special – Save

Landers, Ann

Law Practice (1)(2) [History of the law practice of Arthur J. Stanley, Jr. and that of his father]

Miscellaneous [Republican politics, Four Minute Men, family history, memorabilia, funeral service program for Ruth Stanley]

Oral History Interview Transcript (1)-(4) [Interview with Arthur J. Stanley, Jr. in 1990 and 1991 by Fredrick M. Spletstoser and later published as *Biographical Interview of The Honorable Arthur Jehu Stanley, Jr. Senior United States District Judge*]

4 Oral History Interview Transcript (5)-(9)

Photographs (1)-(3)

Politics: Anderson, John (1)(2) [Appointment to fill AJS's position on the USDC]

Politics: Election, 1934 [Clippings]

Politics: Election, 1938 (1)-(5)

5 Politics: Memorabilia

Published Papers (1)-(3)

- [Retirement] [Correspondence, obituaries, and funeral service program]
- Scrapbook, 1917-1957 (1)-(4)
- Scrapbook, 1958-1965 (1)-(11)
- Scrapbook, 1966-1971 (1)(2)
- 6 Scrapbook, 1966-1971 (3)-(7)
- Scrapbook, 1972-1981 (1)-(3)
- Scrapbook, 1982-1999 (1)(2)
- 7 Scrap Book, The Ideal
- 8 Scrap Book, The Ideal: Loose Items
- Scrapbook of Arthur J. Stanley, Sr.
- Scrapbook, Undated (1)-(4)
- [Stanley, Guy Edmund]
- [Stanley, Ruth]
- United States District Court: An Evening with Arthur J. Stanley, Jr.
- United States District Court: Congratulatory Messages and Acknowledgments Thereo (1)-(8)
- 9 United States District Court: Congratulatory Messages and Acknowledgments Thereo (9)-(23)
- United States District Court: Initiation Ceremonies (1)(2)
- 10 United States District Court: Judicial Appointment (1)-(7) [Correspondence in support of Stanley's appointment]
- United States District Court: Leavenworth Bros., etc. (1)-(4)

- United States District Court: Miscellaneous (1)-(3) [Retirement correspondence and memorabilia, letters from the public, and memorabilia]
- United States District Court: Muslims (1)(2)
- United States District Court: Muslims, Black (1)(2) [Orders issued by Stanley, other court records, notes related to testimony, and correspondence]
- 11 United States District Court: Muslims, Black (3)-(5) [Orders issued by Stanley, other court records, and notes related to testimony]
- United States District Court: Muslims—Correspondence, Notes, etc. (1)-(5)
- United States District Court: [Retirement] (1)-(3)
- USS Pigeon—Yangtze Patrol force (1)-(5) [Correspondence with former shipmates, especially Marshall Anderson, and Richard McKenna, author of The Sand Pebbles, a book and later a movie about Yangtze River gunboats]
- [Video Tapes]
- World War I (1)-(3)
- 12 World War I—Pre-Enlistment (1)-(6) [Correspondence]
- World War I—75th Anniversary
- World War II (1)-(3) [Correspondence, military records, and memorabilia]
- World War II—Home front
- World War II Letters (1)-(6) [Stanley's correspondence to his daughters and parents but mainly to his wife Ruth]
- World War II—Normandy Photographs

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