

**COURTNEY, WIRT
(1891-1961)
PAPERS
1915-1936**

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INTRODUCTION

The Wirt Courtney Papers, 1915-1936, occupy .42 cubic feet of shelf space and numbers approximately 490 items.

Single photocopies of unpublished writings in the Wirt Courtney Papers may be made for purposes of scholarly research.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Courtney served as a city Judge for Franklin, Tennessee and later served as U.S. representative from the Sixth Congressional District. He was also director of the Motor Vehicle Department of the State Safety Department. Mr. Courtney also served as circuit judge, chancellor, and adjutant general under the administration of Governor Hill McAlister. In 1915 Courtney formed a law partnership with another Franklin attorney; Col. Tom Henderson; (Henderson's papers are also kept at the State Library and Archives; many references to Wirt Courtney can be found in this collection). Courtney served in the military serves in World War I; he served 20 months and rose to the rank of first lieutenant with the 117th Infantry, 30th division until he was wounded in action at Premont. He was later recommended for promotion to captain in the Army Reserve Corps. He then studied law at Faculte de Droit, Sorbonne in Paris. Courtney on two occasions managed the State campaigns of Governor McAlister and was associate campaign manager in 1924 for Senator L.D. Tyson.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The Wirt Courtney Papers, containing approximately 490 items, span the period 1915-1936, although the bulk is largely concentrated in the years 1925-1932.

The collection is composed mainly of correspondence relating to Wirt Courtney's legal practice in Franklin, Tennessee (all correspondence are indexed alphabetically according to specific cases), and his involvement in the Tennessee political world,(information arranged alphabetically by author). Other correspondence are Law Lists along with correspondence concerning Courtney's personal relationships and a legal record containing a slave marriage certification.

CONTAINER LIST

Box 1

1. Correspondence--Law List--Courtney, Wirt-Warner, H.A.--1928-1932
2. Correspondence--Legal--McCall, Thomas-McRaven, W.H.--1929-1932
3. Correspondence--Legal--Mangrum, Enoch-Murray, T.J.--1929-1933
4. Correspondence--Legal--National Fire Insurance Co.-Nolan, C. Powell--1929-1932
5. Correspondence--Legal--Padgett, Robert-Puckett, O.D.--1928-1933
6. Correspondence--Legal--Qeener, J.E.-Voorhies, H.D.--1927-1932
7. Correspondence--Legal--Wagner, M.E.-Wray, W.T.--1925-1933
8. Correspondence--Personal--J.L.H.(unknown)-Virginia (unknown)--
9. Correspondence--Political--Courtney, Wirt--1925-1931
10. Correspondence--Political--Akin, Robert-Waller, Hall--1925-1936
11. Legal Records--Slave Marriage Certification--n.d.