WALLER, WILLIAM
(1898-1995)
PAPERS - ADDITION
1941-1957

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INTRODUCTION

The William Waller Papers - Addition (1941-1957) was originally donated to the Tennessee State Library and Archives in June 1972 by Mr. William Waller, senior partner in the law firm of Waller, Lansden, and Dortch. This collection contains legal documents and supporting data pertaining to the following lawsuits: City of Nashville v. L&N-NC&StL Merger (1954-1957); J. C. Dale, Jr., Receiver of Apex Oil Corp. v. Thomas H. Temple Co. (1946); Nashville Trust Co. v. Morris Lubek (1952); and cases related to the Capitol Hill Redevelopment Project (1952-1954).

This collection occupies 5 cubic feet of shelf space, and numbers approximately 2,000 items.

In addition to these papers, further information about William Waller and the William Waller Collection can be found at location VII-F-2-6, VII-G-1-6, VII-H-1-6, VII-J-1-4, second level.

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

William Waller

1898  Born in Nashville, Tennessee, the son of Claude and Martha Armistead (Nelson) Waller

1911-1914  Student at Wallace University School, Nashville, Tennessee

1918  Received B.S. degree from Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee

1918-1919  Served as Second Lieutenant, C.A.C., United States of America

1922  Received LL.B. degree, magna cum laude, from Yale University

1922  Admitted to the Tennessee Bar

1922-1927  Assistant to general counsel of Nashville, Chattanooga, and Saint Louis Railroad

1924  Married Elizabeth Warner Estes; had one son, William

1924  Lecturer at School of Law, Vanderbilt University

1927  Took up the general practice of law as a member of Waller, Lansden & Dortch law firm

1935  Married Milbrey Warner; had one daughter, Mrs. Thomas G. Andrews

1950-1956  Resumed lecturing at School of Law, Vanderbilt University

1967  Became senior member of Waller, Lansden & Dortch law firm

1995  Died August 10, 1995 at the age of 96.

Trustee of the following:  Vanderbilt University, Harpeth Hall School (was chairman of the board, 1950-1956), Ladies Hermitage Association

Member of the following organizations:  American Law Institute, Tennessee Historical Commission, Order of the Coif, Phi Beta Kappa, Phi Delta Theta, Phi Delta Phi

Clubs:  Round Table, Belle Meade Country Club, Cumberland (Nashville, Tennessee)
SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The William Waller Papers contains the files of the law firm, Waller, Lansden and Dortch. William Waller was an attorney and senior member of the firm.

Founded in Nashville in 1905, Waller Lansden and Dortch is one of the oldest law firms headquartered in Nashville, Tennessee. Waller's clients included public and private corporations, government agencies, and business enterprises both large and small. Over the past thirty years the Waller firm has handled the legal affairs of some of the largest and most important corporations in Tennessee and the South. General items in this collection include correspondence, financial data, legal documents, and miscellaneous trial data - appeals, briefs, court opinions, decrees, depositions, exhibits, memoranda, orders, petitions, and testimonies - resulting from the following cases:

- **Nashville Trust Co., et al vs. Morris Lebeck, et al** (1951-1954) which involved a legal fight between two of the largest department stores in Tennessee, The Harvey Co. and Cain-Sloan Co., over the lease of a strategic building location in downtown Nashville;

- **J.C. Dale, Jr., Receiver of Apex Oil Corporation vs. Thomas H. Temple Company, et al** (1946) which include depositions of witnesses in this case;

- **City of Nashville vs. Louisville & Nashville-Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis Railroad Company Merger** (1954-1957), where Waller represented the City of Nashville in its opposition to the merger of these two railroad companies. The City of Nashville argued that the merger would stifle competition and result in unfair labor and pricing practices, and place Nashville in a competitive disadvantage over other cities in drawing new businesses to the city.

- and the **Capitol Hill Redevelopment Project** (1952-1954), which involved a dispute between local businesses and the City of Nashville over the government's right to redevelop 72 acres of land on the steep western and northwestern slopes of Capitol Hill. The Capitol Hill Redevelopment Project was the first postwar urban renewal program in the country, launched after passage of the Housing Act of 1949.
Prior to processing, this collection contained approximately 6.5 cubic feet of papers and related materials. During acquisition of this collection in 1985, papers related to the Cheever Estate were removed and destroyed at the request of the donor (see note on Accession Record). Additionally, during processing, 2.5 cubic feet of material was removed and destroyed due to excess duplication. Two more documents related to the lawsuit, Cotton States Oil Co. v. Ethyl Gasoline Corp. (1952), which were originally cited in the Acquisition Record as part of the collection, were removed because of their lack of informational, intrinsic, and evidential value.
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