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Collection Summary

Title: Learned Hand Trial Summaries  
Span Dates: 1909-1924  
ID No.: MSS24760  
Creator: Hand, Learned, 1872-1961  
Extent: 30 items ; 7 containers ; 2.8 linear feet  
Language: Collection material in English  
Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.  
Summary: Jurist. Summaries of trials in civil, criminal, and admiralty courts presided over by Hand as judge of the United States District Court, Southern District of New York.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library’s online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

People  

Organizations  
United States. District Court (New York : Southern District)

Subjects  
Courts--United States,  
District courts--New York (State),  
Trials--New York (State)

Occupations  
Jurists.

Administrative Information

Provenance  
The trial summaries of Learned Hand, jurist, were given to the Library of Congress by Hand in 1955.

Processing History  
The trial summaries of Learned Hand were arranged and described in 1955. The finding aid was revised in 2010.

Other Repositories  
Other Learned Hand papers can be found in the Harvard Law School Library, Cambridge, Mass.

Copyright Status  
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Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, Learned Hand Trial Summaries, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Biographical Note

Date               Event
1872, Jan. 27      Born, Albany, N.Y.
1896-1909          Practiced law in Albany, N.Y. and New York, N.Y.
1902               Married Frances Fincke
1909-1924          Judge, United States District Court, Southern District of New York
1913               Unsuccessful Progressive Party candidate for chief judge of the New York Court of Appeals
1924               Appointed to United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit
1939-1951          Senior circuit judge (later retitled chief judge), United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit
1952               Published The Spirit of Liberty. New York: Alfred A. Knopf
1961, Aug. 18      Died, New York, N.Y.

Scope and Content Note

The trial summaries of Billings Learned Hand (1872-1961) span the years 1909-1924 and consist of summaries of trials in civil, criminal, and admiralty courts presided over by Hand as judge of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged chronologically.
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