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Collection Summary

Title: John Spalding Flannery Papers
Span Dates: 1902-1953
Bulk Dates: (bulk 1902-1929)
ID No.: MSS83668
Creator: Flannery, John Spalding, 1870-1954
Extent: 500 items
Extent: 2 containers
Extent: .8 linear feet
Language: Collection material in English
Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.
LC Catalog record: https://lccn.loc.gov/mm96083668
Summary: Lawyer. Chiefly records from McKenney, Flannery & Craighill, the Washington, D.C. law firm in which Flannery was a principal partner.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the LC Catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically.

People
Flannery, John Spalding, 1870-1954.
Holmes, Oliver Wendell, Jr., 1841-1935.
Hughes, Charles Evans, 1862-1948.
Mischler, Wendell W., 1870-
Taft, Helen Herron, 1861-1943--Correspondence.
Taft, William H. (William Howard), 1857-1930--Correspondence.

Organizations

Subjects
Indians of North America--Claims.
Indians of North America--Legal status, laws, etc.
Law firms--Washington (D.C.)
Legal assistance to Indians.
Practice of law--Washington (D.C.)

Occupations
Lawyers.

Provenance

The papers of John Spalding Flannery, lawyer, were given to the Library of Congress by Mrs. G. Bowdoin Craighill, Jr., in 1995.

Processing History

The papers of John Spalding Flannery were arranged and described in 1997. The finding aid was revised in 2009.
Transfers

Items have been transferred from the Manuscript Division to other custodial divisions of the Library. Some photographs have been transferred to the Library's Prints and Photographs Division. One broadside has been transferred to the Rare Book and Special Collections Division. All transfers are identified in these divisions as part of the John Spalding Flannery Papers.

Copyright Status

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Preferred Citation

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Biographical Note

Date       Event
1870, 16 May Born, Baltimore, Md.
1894       LL.B., Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.
1895       LL.M., Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.
1895-      Practiced law, independently and as member of firm McKenney & Flannery (later McKenney, Flannery & Craighill), Washington, D.C.
1909       Married Isabel Gautier Gregory
1920-1926  General counsel to federal receiver of Red River Valley in boundary dispute, *Oklahoma v. Texas*
1938       Special master in lawsuit *Texas v. Florida*

Scope and Content Note

The papers of John Spalding Flannery (1870-1954) consist of records of McKenney, Flannery & Craighill, a Washington, D.C., law firm with which Flannery was associated, and span the dates 1902-1953, with the bulk of the items concentrated in the period 1902-1929. The principal partners of the firm, Frederick D. McKenney and Flannery, practiced before the United States Supreme Court and represented several American Indian tribes in legal actions against the federal government. The firm counted at least three sitting justices of the Supreme Court as clients. Records include Oliver Wendell Holmes's last wills and testaments and information regarding the design and construction of Charles Evans Hughes's Washington, D.C., residence. Records concerning President William H. Taft were given to the firm by the estate of his longtime secretary, Wendell W. Mischler, and include correspondence, notes, photographs, press clippings, schedules, and personal records regarding Mischler's service to Taft and Taft's terms as president of the United States and chief justice of the United States Supreme Court. Correspondents include both William H. Taft and his wife, Helen Herron Taft.
Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged alphabetically by topic and therein chronologically or by type of material.
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