

Learned Hand Trial Summaries
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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

Extent: 7 containers

Extent: 2.8 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

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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 LC Catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically.

People

Hand, Learned, 1872-1961.

Organizations

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

Subjects

Courts--United States.

District courts--New York (State)

Trials--New York (State)

Titles

Learned Hand papers

Occupations

Judges.

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

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Learned Hand is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The trial summaries of Learned Hand are open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

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.
1893	Graduated Harvard College, Cambridge, Mass.
1896	Graduated Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Mass.
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 <i>The Spirit of Liberty</i> . 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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BOX 7	No. 25, Mar.-Oct. 1924