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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection consists of material collected by Richard Lawrence Miller, an independent scholar of Kansas City, Missouri, while working on a biography of Supreme Court Justice Charles E. Whittaker. Miller began work on the book about 1998. It was published in 2001 by Greenwood Publishers under the title Whittaker: Struggles of a Supreme Court Justice. Charles Whittaker, a native of Kansas, was a lawyer in Kansas City, Missouri for many years. In 1954 Dwight D. Eisenhower appointed him to the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Missouri. In 1956 Whittaker was promoted to the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals, and in 1957 he was appointed to the U.S. Supreme Court. Health problems led to his retirement from the Supreme Court in 1962. He later worked as a labor arbitrator for General Motors Corporation.

The material is divided into two series. The first series contains copies of documents, publications and interviews collected by Miller during his research. Most of the publications are newspaper and magazine articles, and legal reports. There are also two Master of Arts theses containing full biographies of Whittaker. The interviews are with lawyers who had worked with Whittaker at various times during his career. Of particular importance is an interview with Whittaker's son Kent that contains extensive comments on Whittaker's family life.

The second series contains two drafts of the book, which Miller had labeled "MS2" and "MS4." The series also contains a few letters from the publishers regarding the editing of the book.

CONTAINER LIST

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| 1 | Series I: Research Notes Interviews [Jesse Childers, Kansas City lawyer; Heywood Davis, law clerk; Bob Donnellan, Abe Margolin and Vincent E. Rawson, Kansas City lawyers] Interviews - Kent Whittaker [son; re family life, personal habits, legal practice] Miscellaneous Notes Miscellaneous Notes - Computer Disk (1)(2) [abstracts of major judicial decisions] Newspaper Articles (1)(2) Other Authors (1)-(3) [short articles re Whittaker, mostly from reference books & law journals; tributes; copy of confirmation hearings] Other Authors - Cole Thesis (1)-(3) [1972 MA thesis by Judith Cole; biography based on interviews with Whittaker] Other Authors - Smith Thesis (1) (2) [1997 MA thesis by Craig Smith; biography of Whittaker] |
| 2 | Photo File [copies of photos of Whittaker; samples of law firm stationery; copies of documents annotated by Whittaker] Whittaker as Author (1)-(3) [speeches and articles by Whittaker, 1959-73] Whittaker Cases (1)-(4) [articles re academic freedom case in Kansas City, 1948-53; law cases in which Whittaker was an attorney, 1928-54; Whittaker judicial decisions, 1955-58] Series II: Drafts Greenwood Publishing Group MS 2 (1)-(6) |
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