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SUMMARY: Correspondence, memoranda, legal documents, reports, minutes of meetings, speeches, printed matter, photographs and memorabilia of Thomas Day Thacher, judge and political figure in New York City. The papers include significant material relating to his activities as solicitor-general, to the New York City charter of 1936, and legal papers from his period on the New York Court of Appeals. There is also considerable documentation of his service on the boards of various professional and educational institutions. Correspondents include Dean Acheson, Thomas E. Dewey, Felix Frankfurter, Lloyd Garrison, Herbert Hoover, Fiorello La Guardia, Raymond Robbins, and Henry L. Stimson.

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b. box
f. folder

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Biographical / Historical

Thomas Day Thacher, son of Thomas and Sarah McCulloch (Green) Thacher, was born in Tenafly, New Jersey, September 10, 1881. Thacher's father, a prominent member of the New York bar, was the son of Thomas Anthony Thacher, a Yale University Professor of Latin. After attending Taft School, Watertown, Connecticut, and Phillips Academy, Andover, Thacher graduated from Yale in 1904. Upon the completion of two years of study at Yale Law School, he was admitted to the New York bar in 1906 and began practicing law with his father's firm, Simpson, Thacher, and Bartlett.

During 1907 and 1908 Thacher served under Henry L. Stimson as Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York. From 1909 to 1910 he continued to work for Stimson as a special assistant in the prosecution of customs and fraud cases. Returning to Simpson, Thacher, and Bartlett, Thacher became a partner of the firm in 1914. During World War I (1917-1918), he served as an American Red Cross major in Russia.

By 1925 Thacher's legal expertise had become widely recognized, and in that year President Coolidge appointed him U.S. District Judge for the Southern District of New York. After five years of service on the federal bench, Judge Thacher was appointed Solicitor General by President Hoover in April 1930. While in office Thacher argued a number of important cases before the Supreme Court. These included *U.S. v. McIntosh* (238 U.S. 605) and *U.S. v. Bland* (238 U.S. 636), which clarified the obligations of naturalized citizens to bear arms; *Cromwell v. Benson* (285 U.S. 22), involving the constitutionality of the longshoremen's and harbor worker's compensation act; and *U.S. v. Flores* (289 U.S. 137), involving entrapment as a defense to a criminal prosecution under a federal statute.

Among Thacher's other important activities as Solicitor General was an investigation of bankruptcy law and practice which resulted in recommendations for amending federal bankruptcy laws and provisions for railroad and corporate reorganization. Congress subsequently enacted these recommendations. Thacher

also drafted rules for the Supreme Court which were aimed at expediting proceedings in criminal cases. These rules were adopted with amendments.

After resigning as Solicitor General in May 1933, Thacher returned to Simpson, Thacher, and Bartlett in New York, where he became a leader of the Fusion movement which was instrumental in Fiorello La Guardia's mayoral victory of 1933. In 1935 Mayor La Guardia appointed Thacher chairman of the New York City Charter Revision Commission. Under Thacher's chairmanship the commission drafted a new charter which was adopted in November 1936. In January 1943, La Guardia appointed Thacher as the Corporation Counsel of New York City, and in May of the same year, Governor Thomas E. Dewey appointed him to the New York State Court of Appeals. Elected to a full term on the Court of Appeals in November of 1943, Thacher served on the bench until 1949 when he resumed his association with Simpson, Thacher, and Bartlett.

Among his other activities, Thacher was a Fellow of the Yale Corporation (1931-1949), a trustee of the Taft School and New York Public Library, a member of the Council of the American Law Institute, and a director of the Boyce Thompson Institute and the Commonwealth Fund.

Judge Thacher died on November 12, 1950, in New York City.

Scope and Contents

The Thomas Day Thacher Papers reflect Mr. Thacher's career as a lawyer and judge, as well as his participation in New York City politics and his activities as a director and trustee of a number of private and civic organizations. Unfortunately, the papers contain only a few items of substance relating to Thacher's service as Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York (1907-1908) and as a special assistant to Henry L. Stimson (1909-1910). Similarly, there are only a few items from the period in which Thacher served with the Red Cross in Russia and relatively little from the years 1925-1930, during which he was U.S. District Judge for the Southern District of New York.

In the main the papers are composed of materials relating to Thacher's service as U.S. District Judge for the Southern District of New York (1925-1930), as Solicitor General (1930-1933); his efforts on behalf of Fiorello La Guardia and the New York City charter revision campaign (1933-1943); and the period in which he served on the New York State Court of Appeals (1943-1949).

The papers are arranged in four series: CORRESPONDENCE, 1914-1950; SUBJECT FILES, 1919-1950; SPEECHES, 1925-1949; BIOGRAPHICAL MATERIALS AND MEMORABILIA, 1916-1950.

CORRESPONDENCE, contains approximately 10,000 letters, many of which are routine. The papers contain little correspondence before the late 1920's. There is no correspondence between Thacher and Henry L. Stimson between the years 1907 and 1910 when Thacher served as his assistant. The papers also contain little correspondence for the period in which Thacher served with the Red Cross in Russia. (For the few letters from this period see the W.A. Williams letter in Series I and the "Red Cross and WWI" file folder in Series IV.)

The papers contain no correspondence from Raymond Robins, the head of the American Red Cross mission in Russia, for the war years. They do, however, contain correspondence from Robins, his wife Margaret, and his sister Elizabeth written during the 1930's. Subjects discussed by the Robins include agricultural experiments in Florida, Raymond's role in Republican politics, Thacher's advocacy in the Supreme Court, and Raymond's mysterious eleven week disappearance.

Thacher's correspondence increased dramatically during the 1930's. Perhaps the most serious and thoughtful correspondence is that between Thacher and Felix Frankfurter during the years 1930-1934. In his letters, Frankfurter often ruminated on the state of the legal profession and discussed proposed changes in Supreme Court Procedures.

Frankfurter and Thacher had serious ideological disagreements over changes in the bankruptcy laws and the proposed reorganization of the railroads--disagreements which Frankfurter outlined in long letters. Other correspondents commented briefly on the proposed changes in bankruptcy laws, including Judge John Knox (1932), Morton Bogue (1932), Frank S. Bright (1932), and Lloyd Garrison (1932).

For comments on New York City politics, see especially the correspondence of Charles C. Burlingham, President of the Bar Association of New York City (1929-1931), and an inveterate political gossip. Burlingham wrote numerous letters to Thacher keeping him abreast of local Republican politics (1932, 1938-1941). Others who kept Thacher informed on various aspects of politics in the City during the 1930's and early 1940's include Fiorello La Guardia, William Chadbourne, James Sheffield, Keyes Winter, and Jerry Voorhees.

Thacher's papers contain relatively little correspondence of substance relating to his involvement in the 1936 New York City charter revision campaign. (For correspondence and other documents relating to specific details of the charter revision and New York City politics, see Series II, Section B.)

The papers contain little correspondence discussing State politics; what little exists relates to the Republican Party's search for judicial nominees. There is a substantial amount of correspondence between Thomas Dewey and Thacher; however, most of it is routine.

Several letters from Thacher's friends throughout the country contain comments on regional politics. Clarence Barnes, Attorney General of Massachusetts, described the condition of the G.O.P. in his state (1930-1934). J.D. Rogers, Dean of the University of Colorado Law School, described the political climate of that state (1934). Walter Newton of Minneapolis reported on the G.O.P. in Minnesota (1936), and R.L. Wilbur, President of Stanford University, gave his views on the New Deal from California (1933).

Thacher's correspondence after his appointment to the New York State Court of Appeals (1934) revolves around the administrative problems of a state judge. Few correspondents, though, discuss substantive legal issues.

Correspondents of note include:

- Charles C. Burlingham (150 letters from)
- Thomas E. Dewey (13 letters from)
- Felix Frankfurter (60 letters from)
- Lloyd Garrison (15 letters from)
- Herbert Hoover (7 letters from)
- Fiorella La Guardia (30 letters from)
- Elizabeth Robins (7 letters from)
- Raymond Robins (23 letters from)
- Henry L. Stimson (11 letters from)

NOTE: For further correspondence on specific topics see also Series II Subject Files. In cases where correspondents in Series I also appear in Series II, cross references have been made.

SUBJECT FILES, is divided into seven sections, (A-G):

Section A is composed of materials relating to Thacher's service as Solicitor General. Consisting mainly of notes, memoranda, and some correspondence involving Thacher's bankruptcy investigation, Section A also contains three clipping scrapbooks of articles discussing his activities as Solicitor General.

Section B contains materials relating to Thacher's involvement in New York City politics, including the Fusion Party and the charter revision of 1935-1936. Consisting primarily of memoranda, correspondence, and research data gathered in support of the new charter, Section B also contains three scrapbooks of clippings on the charter revision campaign and several folders of material relating to the Fusion leaders' split with La Guardia.

Section C is composed of materials from the period in which Thacher served on the New York State Court of Appeals--primarily requests for leave to appeal cases and memoranda and drafts of Thacher's decisions.

Section D contains committee memoranda, minutes of meetings, and routine correspondence from the various legal associations to which Thacher belonged. These include the New York City Bar Association, the New York State Bar Association, and the American Bar Association.

Section E contains minutes of meetings, memoranda, and routine correspondence relating to the institutions that Thacher was involved with as a trustee and director. These include Taft School, Yale University, the New York Public Library, the American Law Institute, and the Commonwealth Fund.

Section F is composed of memoranda and correspondence involving a variety of topics and personalities in which Thacher was interested or with which he had dealings. These include railroad reorganization (late 1940's), Felix Frankfurter (clippings and memorabilia), the Ellis Island Committee (1933-1934), Alex Gumberg (clippings and memorabilia), and the Bridges Bill (1940-1941).

SPEECHES, contains over ninety speeches that Thacher delivered between 1925 and 1949. Subjects include bankruptcy law revision, the Fusion Party, the New York City charter revision, and the Wilkes campaign.

BIOGRAPHICAL MATERIALS AND MEMORABILIA, is composed of materials which primarily relate to Thacher's private affairs: photographs, scrapbooks of biographical clippings, records of honorary degrees, and a few financial records. The series also contains Thacher's appointment books (1925-1943) and a few documents relating to his service with the Red Cross during World War I.

NOTE: Further materials on Thomas Day Thacher are located in the New York Public Library and at Columbia University.

Arrangement

Arranged in four series and one addition: I. Correspondence. II. Subject Files. III. Speeches. IV. Biographical Materials and Memorabilia.

Collection Contents

Series I: Correspondence, 1914-1915

7.5 linear feet (18 boxes)

Correspondence has been divided into two sections: incoming correspondence, arranged alphabetically by author, and outgoing correspondence, arranged chronologically.

	Incoming Correspondence	1914-1950
b. 1, f. 1	Aa - Ad	
b. 47, f. 598-599	Acheson, Dean See also: boxes 47, folders 598, 599	
b. 1, f. 2	Ae - Al	
b. 1, f. 3	Ama - Amz	
b. 1, f. 4	An - Az	
b. 50, f. 616-617	Angell, James Rowland, President, Yale University See also: box 50, folders 616, 617	
b. 1, f. 5	Baa - Ban	
b. 1, f. 6	Bao - Baz	
b. 1, f. 7	Bea - Bez	
b. 1, f. 8	Bi - Bn	
b. 1, f. 9	Boa - Bom	
b. 1, f. 10	Bon - Bre	
b. 2, f. 11	Bri - Bru	
b. 2, f. 12	Bu - By	
b. 47, f. 13-15	Burlingham, C.C. See also: Box 47, folder 597	
b. 2, f. 16	Caa - Caz	
b. 2, f. 17	Cea - Chan	
b. 2, f. 18	Chao - Che	
b. 2, f. 19	Chi - Ci	
b. 2, f. 20	Cl - Col	
b. 49, f. 607b. 49, f. 609b. 50, f. 616-617	Clark, Charles E., Dean of Yale Law School See also: box 49, folders 607, 609 See also: box 50, folders 616, 617	

Incoming Correspondence (continued)

b. 47, f. 597-599b. 50, f. 617	Coffin, Henry Sloan See also: box 47, folder 597-599 See also: box 50, folders 617
b. 3, f. 21	Com - Cor
b. 3, f. 22	Cos - Coy
b. 3, f. 23	Cr - Cu
b. 3, f. 24	Daa - Daz
b. 3, f. 25	Dbā - Der
b. 3, f. 26	Des - Diz
b. 3, f. 27	Doa - Dod
b. 3, f. 28	Doe - Dz
b. 3, f. 29	Ea - Ez
b. 4, f. 30	Fa - Fez
b. 4, f. 31	Fia - Fiz
b. 4, f. 32	Fl - Fz
b. 4, f. 33	Frankfurter, Felix See also: Box 58, folders 696-698
b. 4, f. 34	Ga - Gl
b. 4, f. 35	Go - Gra
b. 4, f. 36	Gre - Ez
b. 50, f. 619	Griswold, A. Whitney See also: box 50, folder 619
b. 58, f. 701-702	Gumberg, Alex See also: box 58, folders 701,702
b. 4, f. 37	Caa - Had
b. 4, f. 38	Had - Caz
b. 4, f. 38a	Hand, Augustus N.
b. 4, f. 38a	Hand, Learned
b. 5, f. 39	He - Hi
b. 5, f. 40	He - Hot
b. 5, f. 41	Hop - Hz
b. 5, f. 42	Ia - Ez

Incoming Correspondence (continued)

b. 5, f. 43	Ja - Jn
b. 5, f. 44	Jo - J
b. 5, f. 45	Ka - Ae
b. 5, f. 46	If - Ez
b. 5, f. 47	La - Caz
b. 5, f. 48	La Guardia, Fiorello H.
b. 6, f. 49	Lea - Lev
b. 6, f. 50	Lew - Ll
b. 6, f. 51	Lo - LZ
b. 6, f. 52	McA - Mc
b. 6, f. 53	Ma - Mars
b. 6, f. 54	Mart - Maz
b. 6, f. 55	Mb - Mez
b. 6, f. 56	Mia - Miz
b. 6, f. 57	Moa - Moz
b. 50, f. 619	Moses, Robert See also: box 50, folder 619
b. 6, f. 58	Mu - Mz
b. 6, f. 59	Na - Nd
b. 7, f. 60	Nea - New York Academy of Medicine
b. 7, f. 61	New York City, Association of the Bar of
b. 7, f. 62	New York - Appeals Court, New York - Young Republicans Club
b. 7, f. 63	New York - Board of Estimate, New York - State Bar Association
b. 7, f. 64	Nia - Nz
b. 7, f. 65	Oa - Ob
b. 7, f. 66	Oc - Oz
b. 7, f. 67	Paa - Paz
b. 7, f. 68	Pb - Pe
b. 7, f. 69	Pf - Pi
b. 7, f. 70	Pla - Pz

Incoming Correspondence (continued)

b. 8, f. 71	Pr - Pz
b. 8, f. 72	Q
b. 8, f. 73	Raa - Raz
b. 8, f. 74	Rea - Rez
b. 8, f. 75	Rh - Riz
b. 8, f. 76	Rj - Roe
b. 8, f. 77	Robins, Raymond, Margaret and Elizabeth
b. 8, f. 78	Rof - Rz
b. 8, f. 79	Sa - Scaz
b. 8, f. 80	Sch - Sd
b. 8, f. 81	Sea - Sh
b. 47, f. 597b. 47, f. 600b. 48, f. 602b. 49, f. 610-611b. 50, f. 615-619	Seymour, Charles See also: box 48, folders 600, 602 See also: box 49, folders 610-611 See also: box 50, folders 615-619
b. 9, f. 82	Si - Si
b. 9, f. 83	Sm - Soz
b. 9, f. 84	Sp - Ste
b. 9, f. 85	Sti - Str
b. 9, f. 86	Stu - Sz
b. 49, f. 608-611	Sturges, Wesley A., Dean of Yale Law School See also: box 49, folders 608-611
b. 9, f. 87	Ta - Tax
b. 9, f. 88	Tb - Thaz
b. 9, f. 89	Tho - Toz
b. 9, f. 90	Tr - Tz
b. 9, f. 91	U
b. 10, f. 92	Va - Vd
b. 61, f. 739	Vandenberg, Senator Arthur H. See also: box 61, folder 739
b. 10, f. 93	Ve - Vz
b. 10, f. 94	Wa - Wd

Incoming Correspondence (continued)

b. 10, f. 95	We - Wif	
b. 48, f. 600	Wiggin, Frederick H. See also: box 48, folder 600	
b. 10, f. 97	Wigh - Wn	
b. 10, f. 98	Wo - Wood	
b. 10, f. 99	Woof - Wz	
b. 10, f. 100	Yale University Alumni Association	
b. 11, f. 101	Yale University: Yale Club, Yale News, Yale Review	
b. 11, f. 102	Yar - Yz	
b. 11, f. 103	Za - Zz	
b. 11, f. 104-106	Unidentified correspondence	
<i>Outgoing Correspondence</i>		
b. 12, f. 107-109	1914 January - December	1914 January - December
b. 12, f. 110-113	1915 January - December	1915 January - December
b. 12, f. 114-116	1916 January - December	1916 January - December
b. 12, f. 117-121	1917 January - December	1917 January - December
b. 12, f. 122-126	1918 January - December	1918 January - December
b. 12, f. 127-137	1919 January - December	1919 January - December
b. 12, f. 138-143	1920 January - December	1920 January - December
b. 12, f. 144-147	1921 January - May	1921 January - May
b. 13, f. 148-150	1921 June - December	1921 June - December
b. 13, f. 151-160	1922 January - December	1922 January - December
b. 13, f. 161-172	1923 January - December	1923 January - December
b. 13, f. 173-184	1924 January - December	1924 January - December

Outgoing Correspondence (continued)

b. 14, f. 185-191	1925 January - December	1925 January - December
b. 14, f. 192-193	1927-1928	1927-1928
b. 14, f. 194-200	1929 January - December	1929 January - December
b. 14, f. 201-211	1930 January - December	1930 January - December
b. 14, f. 212-222	1931 January - December	1931 January - December
b. 14, f. 223-231	1932 January - November	1932 January - November
b. 15, f. 232	1932 December	1932 December
b. 15, f. 233-246	1933 January - December	1933 January - December
b. 15, f. 247-248	1934 January 1 - 29	1934 January 1 - 29
b. 15, f. 249-259	1934 February - December	1934 February - December
b. 15, f. 260-261	1935 January 4 - 29	1935 January 4 - 29
b. 15, f. 262-263	1935 February 1 - 28	1935 February 1 - 28
b. 15, f. 264	1935 March	1935 March
b. 16, f. 265-272	1935 April - December	1935 April - December
b. 16, f. 273-283	1936 January - December	1936 January - December
b. 16, f. 284-293	1937 January - December	1937 January - December
b. 16, f. 294-303	1938 January - December	1938 January - December
b. 16, f. 304	1939 January	1939 January
b. 17, f. 305-314	1939 February - December	1939 February - December
b. 17, f. 315-322	1940 January - December	1940 January - December
b. 17, f. 323-333	1941 January - December	1941 January - December

Outgoing Correspondence (continued)

b. 17, f. 334-343	1942 January - December	1942 January - December
b. 17, f. 344	1943 January	1943 January
b. 18, f. 345-352	1943 February - December	1943 February - December
b. 18, f. 353-355	1944 January - December	1944 January - December
b. 18, f. 356-358	1945 January - December	1945 January - December
b. 18, f. 359-362	1946 January - December	1946 January - December
b. 18, f. 363-365	1947 January - December	1947 January - December
b. 18, f. 366-370	1948 January - December	1948 January - December
b. 18, f. 371-376	1949 January - December	1949 January - December
b. 18, f. 377-379	1950 January - December	1950 January - December

Series II: Subject files, 1919-1950*17 linear feet (43 boxes)*

Subject files are arranged in seven sections according to subject:

- A. Solicitor General
- B. New York City Politics and Charter Revision
- C. New York State Court of Appeals
- D. Legal Associations
- E. Institutions which Thacher Served as Trustee or Director
- F. Clubs, Societies, and Service Organizations
- G. Miscellaneous Subject Files

The folders comprising each section are arranged alphabetically; materials within each folder are organized chronologically.

Section A. Solicitor General

b. 19, f. 380	Resume of Thomas Day Thacher's service as Solicitor General, clippings reporting Thacher's nomination	
	Congratulatory letters on Solicitor Generalship	
b. 19, f. 381	1930 February	1930 February
b. 19, f. 382	From family and friends	1930 February-April
b. 19, f. 383	1930 March-May	1930 March-May
b. 19, f. 384	Solicitor General: distribution of work, salaries, etc.	
b. 19, f. 385	Memorandum of amendments to the General Orders in Bankruptcy proposed by U.S. District Judges, Southern District of New York	1929
b. 19, f. 386	Memoranda to the Chief Justice on Bankruptcy Law Amendments by Thacher and Lloyd K. Garrison	1933
	Memoranda by Solicitor General Thacher	
b. 19, f. 387	1930-1931	1930-1931
b. 19, f. 388	1931 English	1931
b. 19, f. 389	1932 English	1932
b. 20, f. 390	1932 English	1932
b. 20, f. 391	1933 English	1933
b. 20, f. 392	Memorandum for Solicitor General from J. Edgar Hoover	1932
b. 20, f. 393	Solicitor General's staff resignations - correspondence	1931-1933

Section A. Solicitor General (continued)

b. 20, f. 394	Real Estate Bond Holders Reorganization Congressional Hearings Minutes	1935
b. 20, f. 395	Study of the Business of Federal Courts - Report on Criminal Cases	1933
b. 20, f. 396	Proposed rules governing practice and procedure in criminal cases	1933
b. 20, f. 397	Donovan report on Administration of Bankrupt Estates	1929
	Bankruptcy study data	
b. 20, f. 398	1929 English	1929
b. 21, f. 399	1929 English	1929
b. 21, f. 400	U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York - inquiry into bankruptcy abuses	1929
b. 21, f. 401	Bankruptcy research in British law	1929
b. 21, f. 402	Bankruptcy opinions	1931-1935
b. 21, f. 403	Bankruptcy Act amendment - memoranda by T.D. Thacher	
b. 21, f. 404-405	Bankruptcy investigation - data on railroads	
b. 21, f. 406	Bankruptcy forms	
b. 21, f. 407	Bankruptcy - Supreme Court orders - correspondence and memoranda	
b. 22, f. 408	Yale University Law School's bankruptcy investigation - correspondence	1929-1930
b. 22, f. 409	Corporate reorganization - memoranda	
b. 22, f. 410	Proposed changes in bankruptcy laws - memoranda and correspondence	1932-1940
b. 22, f. 411	Memorandum to Solicitor General on bankruptcy	1931
b. 22, f. 412	Annotations	1931
b. 22, f. 413	Appendix	1931
	Bankruptcy legislation	
b. 22, f. 414	House bills	
b. 23, f. 415	House bills	
b. 23, f. 416-417	Senate bills	
b. 23, f. 418	Bankruptcy investigation - Clarence, Sutherland correspondence	1932
	Bankruptcy bill	
b. 23, f. 419	Minutes of Senate Hearings	1932
b. 24, f. 420-421	General revisions	1931
b. 24, f. 422-423	As passed	1933

Section A. Solicitor General (continued)

Scrapbook - clippings, Solicitor General

b. 24, f. 424	1930-1933	1930-1933
b. 25, f. 425	1931-1932	1931-1932
b. 25, f. 426	1932-1933	1932-1933
<i>Section B. New York City Politics and Charter Revision</i>		
b. 26, f. 427	Proposed charter and report of charter revision commission	1936
b. 26, f. 428	Charter data and memoranda	1934
b. 26, f. 429	Charter Code Board of Statutory Consolidation - correspondence and memoranda	1936
b. 26, f. 430	Charter Revision Commission - correspondence re: appropriations and expenditures	1935-1937
b. 26, f. 431-432	Charter suit - correspondence and memoranda	1936
b. 27, f. 433-435	New York City charter suit, <i>Bowe v. Cohen</i> memoranda and correspondence	1937
b. 27, f. 436	New York City charter suit, <i>Mulville v. Cohen</i> - memoranda	1936
b. 28, f. 437	New York City charter suit, <i>Mooney v. Cohen</i> - memoranda	1936
b. 28, f. 438-439	New York City charter, proportional representation issue - correspondence and memoranda	
Charter Commission		
b. 28, f. 440-442	General correspondence	1939
b. 28, f. 443	Vouchers	
b. 29, f. 444	Vouchers	
b. 29, f. 445	Charter referendum - memoranda	1936
b. 29, f. 446-447	Charter campaign victory - letters of congratulations	1936
b. 29, f. 448	Charter victory dinner - correspondence and program	1936
b. 29, f. 449	Charter - petition for amendment	1940
Charter Revision Commission - clippings scrapbook		
b. 29, f. 450	Vol. I	1935
b. 29, f. 451	Vol. II	1936
b. 30, f. 452	Vol. III	1936
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