

EARL R. COX

SCRAPBOOKS, 1932-1948

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	5 bound volumes
COLLECTION DATES:	1932-1948
PROVENANCE:	Mrs. Ralph Smith, Indianapolis IN, 4 March 1983
RESTRICTIONS:	None
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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Earl Raymond Cox (1887-1956) was born in Indianapolis and graduated from Monticello High School. In 1908 he graduated from Indiana Law School. From 1908 to 1914 he was assistant prosecuting attorney for Marion County.

Cox served in World War I, attaining the rank of captain. He married Martha Blanche Cox in 1919. In 1922 he joined the law firm of Holmes, McAllister and Cox, but later he practiced on his own.

Cox was regularly involved in Democratic politics. In 1932, in the same election which brought Paul V. McNutt to the Indiana governorship, Cox was elected Circuit Court Judge. At the time this position carried with it a considerable amount of patronage. He served two terms in the office. By the time he came up for a third term, in 1946, most Marion County judicial positions were in Republican hands, and he failed to be reelected.

Cox's most important early case dealt with the failure of the Meyer-Kiser Bank in Indianapolis and the prosecution of some of its officers. He also dealt with two other bank failures, those of City Trust Company and of Washington Bank and Trust Company. Other cases ranged from the murder of a Kroger grocery clerk to a lady with seventy-seven dogs who was accused of disturbing the peace.

After retiring from the bench, Cox served in 1948-1950 as deputy state attorney-general. In 1953 he established a schedule of legal fees for the Indianapolis Bar Association.

Sources: Materials in collection
Indiana Biographical Series, Vol. 46 p. 70

SCOPE AND CONTENT

This collection consists of five bound volumes, scrapbooks containing clippings from the period of Earl R. Cox's tenure on the bench, 1932-1946, with a few items from 1947-1948. The clippings are mainly about cases in Cox's court, but some also deal with political matters in which he was interested, especially election fraud and taxation.

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