The Papers of Arthur Jehu Stanley Jr. (veteran of World War II and Justice of the United States District Court, District of Kansas, by appointment of President Dwight D. Eisenhower) were deposited in the Dwight D. Eisenhower Library in March 1993 by Mr. Stanley. In 2006 an accretion to the collection was turned over to the Library by Stanley’s daughter, Carolyn Stanley Lane.

Linear feet: 5.4
Approximate number of pages: 8,850
Approximate number of documents: 4,000

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

1901   Born March 21st on a farm in Lincoln County, Kansas
1917   Enlisted in Canadian Army and discharged two months later for being underage
1918-1919  U.S. Army
1921-1925  U.S. Navy
1928   Received law degree from the Kansas City School of Law
1928-1958  Practiced law in Kansas City, Kansas except for time in service
1935-1941  Served three terms as county attorney of Wyandotte County, Kansas
1940-1942  Kansas Senate
1941-1945  U.S. Army
1958-1961  Judge of the United States District Court, District of Kansas
1961-1971  Chief Judge of the United States District Court, District of Kansas
1971-19  Senior Judge of the United States District Court, District of Kansas
1975   President, Leavenworth County Historical Society
2001   Died January 27th, Leavenworth, Kansas
SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection contains material related to many aspects of Arthur Stanley’s career, particularly his military service; his service as the County Attorney for Wyandotte County, Kansas; his partial term in the Kansas Senate; and his career on the United States District Court for the District of Kansas. Only a small amount of material relates to family affairs, Stanley’s law practice, his interest in politics other than the Kansas Senate, and his involvement in civic activities.

There are several subject files related to cases and investigations from the period Stanley was County Attorney. Many of the files are largely made up of clippings and memorabilia with the exception being the file on the activities of the Communist Party in Kansas where Stanley retained reports he received from an undercover agent.

Stanley’s service in the Kansas Senate was short-lived as he resigned his seat in the fall of 1942 to enlist in the Army. The documentation for this period includes correspondence with lobbying organizations, constituents, and political leaders on various bills, though the quantity is not significant. The files for this period also contain printed copies of bills, memoranda, moves to amend legislation, and state publications.

The material related to Stanley’s military service consists of correspondence, memorabilia, and routine military records. A sizeable quantity of the correspondence relates to when Stanley ran away from home to join the service during World War I and his father’s endeavor to locate him. Another significant body of correspondence consists of letters Stanley wrote to his family, mainly wife and daughters, during World War II. Finally, there is a subject file related to the USS Pigeon, aboard which Stanley served in World War I. A large portion of this subject file consists of post-service correspondence with former shipmates.

Stanley was appointed Judge of the United States District Court for the District of Kansas in 1958. The documentation related to Stanley’s service on the United States District Court consists mostly of correspondence supporting his selection and congratulatory correspondence on his appointment and retirement. The one exception is material on the trial of several Black Muslims incarcerated at the Federal prison in Fort Leavenworth.

This collection contains scrapbooks consisting largely of clippings although a small amount of correspondence and memorabilia is scattered throughout. Primarily, the scrapbooks document Stanley’s professional career but his personal life and family life are also mentioned. The material on Stanley’s career consists largely of the court cases he participated in while an attorney and a judge.

Photographs, taped interviews, transcripts and a published biography have been removed from the collection and transferred as appropriate to the Audio-Visual Department and the Printed Materials Collection.
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