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OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION

Title: Norman F. Arterburn Collection

Collection Date(s): 1940 - 1979

Extent and Forms of Material: 2 boxes

Creator:

Biographical or Historical Sketch: Norman F. Arterburn, Judge of the Supreme Court of Indiana.

He was a practicing attorney in Vincennes for more than 25 years.

He graduated from Indiana University in 1923 and received his law degree from the University of Chicago in 1926. Active in Indiana State Bar affairs, he served on the Board of Managers of the Association, as well as on the State Board of Law Examiners. During 1949 and 1953-54 he was a visiting professor in the law school at Indiana University at Bloomington. He served as president of the Vincennes Chamber of Commerce, Vincennes Kiwanis Club, and Good Samaritan Hospital Board.

He served as law professor at Washburn College School of Law his first year after law school. He then joined the Vincennes law firm of Kessing, Hill & Arterburn until his appointment to the bench. In 1928 he was elected to one term as Knox County prosecutor.

He was first appointed to the Indiana Supreme Court in 1955 by Governor George Craig. He was re-elected three times in 1958, 1962 and 1968. He became chief justice at a time when the title rotated among the five justices of the Court. When the Indiana Constitution was amended to change that system in 1970, Judge Arterburn became the Court's first permanent Chief Justice.

He was re-elected in 1974, but resigned that same month as Chief Justice, remaining on the Court as a justice.

From 1938 to 1944 Judge Arterburn was a member and president of the State Board of Law Examiners. His other memberships included the Knox County, Indiana State Board of Managers (1940-42) and American Bar Associations.

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INFORMATION FOR USERS OF THE COLLECTION

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IN-DEPTH INFORMATION ABOUT THE COLLECTION

Administrative/Biographical History:

Scope and Content: The collection includes/comprises/consists of correspondence, news releases, awards and certificates, programs, clippings, photos and miscellaneous.

System of Arrangement: Collection is arranged by dates and topics.

Acquisition Information: Donor and donation dates of collection is unknown.

Related Archival Materials:

Access Points:

Subject/Names: Norman Arterburn

Subject/Topical: Indiana Supreme Court, Republican Party, judicial behavior, Indiana High School Athletic Association case, bar association, Indiana Governor Otis Bowen

Geographical: Indiana

Form/Genre: Letters, news releases, newspaper clippings, programs

Container List:

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Contents</u>
1	1	Norman F. Arterburn Collection – Correspondence to 1940; two

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		letters from The Lincoln National Life Insurance Company dated August 1934 inviting Arterburn to visit the museum.
1	2	Norman F. Arterburn Collection – Correspondence 1940-1959; file includes but not restricted to the following - resolution concerning death of Clarence B. Kessingers; legal papers; letters from Indiana Republican State Central Committee; letters concerning Arterburn candidacy for office and his victory in election; resolution proposed by Arterburn concerning U.S. Supreme Court case 1957; letters related to the resolution; Article of Amendment to the Constitution of the United States creating a Court Of Final Report; letter from American Bar Association Journal 1958.
1	3	Norman F. Arterburn Collection – Correspondence 1960-61 – file includes but not restricted to the following – letters referring to Nixon and Kennedy and strength of Republican Party; letters of thanks from Arterburn concerning his election to office; letters referring to recent court decision on obscene printed matter; letter concerning Vincennes University and its wrongfully being deprived of its endowment of school lands by the State of Indiana.
1	4	Norman F. Arterburn Collection – Correspondence January 1 – June 30, 1962 – file includes but not restricted to the following - news release concerning Arterburn’s candidacy to Republican State Convention; letters referencing Kennedy’s stand on the tariff; letters mentioning Arterburn’s letter to the Indianapolis Star 1962; letter from William E. Miller of the Republican National Committee concerning Kennedy and tariff; letter from Donald C. Bruce commenting on Arterburn’s opinions of foreign aid; letter to Earl Wilson concerning importation of Italian shoes is ruining manufacture of shoes in a number of plants in southern Indiana; letter from Joseph O’Meara to C. Ben Dutton lodging a formal complaint against Arterburn for unjudicial and unprofessional conduct 1962.
1	5	Norman F. Arterburn Collection – Correspondence July 1 – December 31, 1962- file includes but not restricted to the following – Arterburn response to O’Meara letter; letter referencing reorganization of the Court; news article for U.S. News and World Report, 7 October 1968 titled “Good Behavior of Judges – Who Defines It?” by David Lawrence; news release concerning court reorganization proposed by Arterburn; editorial “A Good State Supreme Court”; Arterburn news release commenting on Kennedy and free trade bill; congratulatory messages concerning election to

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1	6	Norman F. Arterburn Collection – Correspondence 1963-64 – file includes but not restricted to the following – letter from Carol Lou Herbert asking about Arterburn’s life and office; Arterburn’s response to Carol Lou Herbert; letter to Governor George N. Caraig with comments about Senator Barry Goldwater; letter to the editor of the Indianapolis Star 1964 concerning Supreme Court.
1	7	Norman F. Arterburn Collection – Correspondence 1965-67 – file includes but not restricted to the following – letter to Inez Bryant Henderson his third grade teacher; letter concerning salaries of bank employees; letters with comments about court decisions; letter to and from Justice James J. Robinson in Kingdom of Libya; letter of the editor of Indianapolis Star 1966 concerning decisions of the Supreme Court; several letters from and to Maurice H. Burke concerning interpretation of auto licensing law; letters concerning speech to Muncie Bar Association meeting and comments on the Supreme Court.
1	8	Norman F. Arterburn Collection – Correspondence 1968-70 – file includes but not restricted to the following – letter from William D. Ruckelshaus concerning 1968 election and Indiana; letter to Indianapolis Star; letters concerning Arterburn’s election to court; letters concerning Buena Chaney’s appointment to US Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit; letter notifying Arterburn that he is commissioned a Kentucky Colonel; assorted letters.
1	9	Norman F. Arterburn Collection – Correspondence 1971 – file includes but not restricted to the following – letters concerning case of the Indiana High School Athletic Association decision; Supreme Court of Indiana progress report 4/1/70 – 3/31/71; news release concerning overhauling of processes under which lawyers are disciplined; news of Arterburn’s marriage to Loretta Vieck; letters concerning Arterburn’s selection as first permanent Chief Justice of the Indiana Supreme Court.
1	10	Norman F. Arterburn Collection – Correspondence 1972 – file includes but not restricted to the following – congratulatory letters concerning Arterburn’s appointment as Chief Justice of the Indiana Supreme Court; letter to US Chief Justice Warren Burger and Burger’s response; letter to Senator Harry F. Byrd, Jr. concerning proposed review of life tenure federal judges and Byrd’s response; letters concerning court ruling on boys and girls mixed athletic

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		programs.
1	11	Norman F. Arterburn Collection – Correspondence 1973 – file includes but not restricted to the following – letters referring to article “U.S. Court Soft on Criminals” printed in Indianapolis News 2/7/1973; letters concerning Arterburn’s address to joint session of Indiana state legislature in 1973 on the state of the judiciary; letter from Mrs. Robert Fitzgerald concerning abortion; letter from 7-year old John Strobel concerning abortion; 1973 speech to newly admitted members of the Indiana State Bar; assorted letters.
1	12	Norman F. Arterburn Collection – Correspondence 1974-1979 – file includes but not restricted to the following – progress report for the Indiana justices 1/1/1974 – 9/30/1974; Arterburn’s remarks before the House of Delegates of the Indiana State Bar Association; Arterburn’s letter to Governor Otis Bowen tender his resignation as Chief Justice of Indiana 11/12/1974; letter from Chief Justice Burger; assorted letters.
1	13	Norman F. Arterburn Collection – Awards and certificates – Doctor of Laws from Vincennes University 1971; National Center for State Courts appreciation for devoted and effective service; Knox County Bar Association Certificate of Merit 4/1974; appointment as prosecuting attorney 12 th judicial circuit 11/1928; In memoriam Indiana Judges Association on passing of Arterburn 2/1979; For his efforts in creation of the Judicial Conference of Indiana.
1	14	Norman F. Arterburn Collection – Programs – Directory of Washburn College 1926-1927; Indiana University Commencement 1923; University of Chicago convocation 1926; Washburn College Summer School 1927; Washburn College Bulletin School of Law 1917-28; The Knox County Bar Association 1927; Indiana University Bulletin School of Law 1954-55; Indiana University Bulletin School of Law 1950-51; Institute on Legal Aspects of Hospital Administration 1954; “Look At This and See Why...” – Republican campaign booklet for 1956 election; American Bar Association Annual Dinner 1957.
1	15	Norman F. Arterburn Collection- Miscellaneous – Inaugural Ball for Governor Otis Bowen 1973; Inauguration Ceremony for Governor Otis Bowen 1973; Sixth Judicial Conference of Indiana 1972; reprint from the Indianapolis News 1972 “The People vs. Justice”; the Investiture of John W. Ryan and 14 th President of Indiana University 1972; list of candidates to be voted on at the

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		general election 1962; Asbury Chapel News May 1972.
1	16	Norman F. Arterburn Collection – Photos.
2	1	Norman F. Arterburn – Clippings – includes Arterburn’s obituary and photocopies of newspaper stories reporting his death, his retirement and his tenure on the court.
2	2	Norman F. Arterburn – Clippings – photocopies of stories concerning Arterburn’s career and decisions on the court.
2	3	Norman F. Arterburn – Clippings – photocopies and original articles concerning Arterburn’s career and decisions.
2	4	Norman F. Arterburn – Clippings – photocopies of articles concerning Arterburn’s career.
2	5	Norman F. Arterburn – Clippings – photocopies of articles concerning Arterburn’s career.
2	6	Norman F. Arterburn – Clippings – photocopies of articles and letters.
2	7	Norman F. Arterburn – Clippings – photocopies of articles about Arterburn’s career and decisions.
2	8	Norman F. Arterburn – Clippings – photocopies and original articles about Arterburn’s career and decisions.
2	9	Norman F. Arterburn – Clippings - photocopies of articles about Arterburn’s career and decisions.
2	10	Arterburn, Norman – Biographical Notes – photocopy of typed manuscript “Biographical Notes.”
2	11	Arterburn, Norman – Legal Cases & Opinions – Arterburn’s decisions and list of his opinions from May 27, 1955 to May 13, 1977.
2	12	Arterburn, Norman – Speeches & Resolutions 1940 – 1973.
2	13	Arterburn, Norman – Speeches & Resolutions 1974 – 1978 – also contains Memorial Resolutions in honor of Arterburn (1979).
2	14	Judge Norman Arterburn, Indiana Supreme Court Justice – miscellaneous – contains letters about Arterburn papers being donated to Lewis Historical Library; letters concerning donation of “Cassius Clay” book to Lewis Library by Mrs. Arterburn; newspaper article concerning the Clay book; <i>The Indianapolis</i>

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		<p><i>News</i> November 9, 1915; <i>The Sunday Record-Herald</i> Chicago January 11, 1914; article from <i>The Courier Journal Magazine</i> June 13, 1954 concerning Cassius Clay; cards; letters; Sunday school program for Methodist Sunday School of Sullivan, Indiana; Service and Lesson Leaf for Berean Services 1922 at Cincinnati.</p>
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