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Abstract: Letters, writings, speeches, scrapbooks, etc., relating mainly to Adolphus Frederick St. Sure's career as attorney and judge in Alameda County, Calif. and U.S. District Judge of the Northern District of California, and to Joseph Paul St. Sure's career as attorney in Oakland, Calif. and as president of the Pacific Maritime Association.
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**Scope and Content**

The collection consists of papers of Judge Adolphus F. St. Sure, and of his son, Joseph Paul St. Sure.

Adolphus Frederick St. Sure was born in Wisconsin in 1869. The family moved to Oroville, California a few months later. His father died when he was about twelve and he was forced to leave school to support his mother and brother. He went to work for the Oroville Mercury, eventually becoming assistant editor. He also published an amateur newspaper called the Star. In 1891, St. Sure moved to Alameda, California, and became editor of the Alameda News. About 1893, while serving as City Recorder, he began to study law and was admitted to the bar on January 16, 1895. He practiced law and served as City Attorney in Alameda and, in 1918, was elected judge of the Alameda County Superior Court. In 1923, he was appointed an Associate Justice of the District Court of Appeals, and, in 1925, United States District Judge of the Northern District of California. Judge St. Sure retired from the bench in 1947 and died in 1949.

J. Paul St. Sure was born in Alameda, California in 1902. He was graduated from the University of California at Berkeley in 1922 and attended Harvard Law School before obtaining his law degree from the University of California School of Jurisprudence in 1924. He was admitted to the bar the same year and became Chief Deputy District Attorney of Alameda County. In 1929 he resigned from county service to go into private law practice, specializing from 1934 in labor relations. In 1952 he became president and chief negotiator for the Pacific Maritime Association and was elected chairman of the Board in 1965. He retired on September 1, 1966 and died on September 26.

The papers were given to The Bancroft Library in 1979 by Ellen St. Sure Lifschutz and Elizabeth St. Sure Birr, daughters of J. Paul St. Sure. Fragmentary in nature, they include material relating to the careers of both men. The key to arrangement describes them in greater detail.

**Box 1**

**Letters written by Adolphus F. St. Sure, 1931-1945.**

Additional Note

Mainly typed copies, arranged chronologically. Relating to personal matters. (1 folder)

**Letters written to Adolphus F. St. Sure**

Additional Note

Arranged alphabetically by name of person or organization. A partial list of correspondents follows the key to arrangement. Unlisted letters are in a miscellany at the beginning of the series.

**Box 2**

**Letters written by J. Paul St. Sure, 1952-1966**

Additional Note

Typed copies, arranged chronologically. Relating primarily to his career with the Pacific Maritime Association.

**Box 3**

**Letters written to J. Paul St. Sure**

Additional Note

Arranged alphabetically by name of person or organization. A partial list of correspondents follows the key to arrangement. Unlisted letters are, in a miscellany at the beginning of the series.

**Box 4**

**Papers of A. F. St. Sure**

Speeches. Delivered primarily to applicants for citizenship.

Biography. Written by his daughter. Xerox copy.
Key to Arrangement

Miscellany
Additional Note
Includes invitation and menu for luncheon to honor Chief Justice Harlan F. Stone.

Boxes 4 & 5

Papers of J. Paul St. Sure
Additional Note
Writings and speeches. Arranged alphabetically.

Box 4

[Recollections]. 1964.
[Speech delivered at Reed College, Portland, Oregon]. 1961.
Statement of ... before the House Committee on Education and Labor, General Subcommittee on Labor. 1964.
Statement by ... before the Senate Committee on Labor and Public Welfare. 1953.
With this: Summary.
Statement of ... in support of H. R. 1897. [1963?]
Labor Union agreements and arbitration proceedings.
Additional Note
Include incomplete transcript of arbitration proceedings in wage review controversy between ILWU and Pacific Maritime Association. 1953; recommended settlement between California State Council of Cannery Unions and California Processors and Growers, Inc. [1961?]. Also (in oversize folder) agreement, Nov. 19, 1953, between city of Oakland and Oakland Scavenger Company.

Briefs and transcripts of record in court proceedings involving the National Labor Relations Board.
Additional Note
St. Sure was the attorney for the petitioner in most cases.

Personalia
Additional Note
Biographical information and invitation to testimonial dinner in his honor

Box 5

Financial records
Additional Note
Ledger. Personal

Miscellany
Additional Note
Unidentified notes and lists, etc.

Photocopy of manuscript - "The Ordeal of Harry Bridges" by C. P. Larrowe. Published as Harry Bridges: The Rise and Fall of Radical Labor in the United States.

Clippings
Additional Note
Some re A. F. & J. P. St. Sure.
See also Scrapbooks.

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Scrapbooks
v. 1. 1867-1875
   Additional Note
   Clippings of poems & stories, illustrations from magazines, sketches, dried flowers, etc.
   Kept by Ellen M. St. Sure.

v. 2. 1886-1888
   Additional Note
   Clippings of articles, many by or about A. F. St. Sure. Oroville, Calif.

v. 3. 1891-1905
   Additional Note
   Clippings re A. F. St. Sure's career in Alameda, his marriage and other personal events. A few political memorabilia are included. Some items are earlier than 1891.

v. 4. 1896-1908
   Additional Note
   Clippings of articles re local and national politics.

v. 5. 1904
   Additional Note
   Miscellaneous clippings re philosophy, etc.

v. 6. 1925-1934
   Additional Note
   Clippings re A. F. St. Sure's career, his and other legal decisions, etc.

v. 7. 1922-1942
   Additional Note
   Clippings re A. F. St. Sure's career, miscellaneous poems, quotations, etc.

Loose items removed from scrapbooks (5 folders)

v. 8. 1915-1924
   Additional Note
   Clippings re A. F. & J. P. St. Sure, politics, etc.; membership cards, ticket stubs and other memorabilia.

Certificates of appointment of J. Paul St. Sure as Member, California Commission on Manpower, Automation and Technology, Nov. 21, 1963, & Member, State Manpower Advisory Committee, Jan. 3, 1964.

Atkinson, Harry Hunt, 1881-
   Letter, June 16, 1933. Written while Attorney, District of Nevada.
Beery, Wallace, 1886-
   Letter, Dec 27, 1932.
Benjamin, Raymond, 1872-
   5 letters, 1925-1944. Several letters concern U.S. Senator Samuel M. Shortridge's defeat in 1932 and efforts to help him reestablish a law practice in California.
Caffey, Francis Gordon, 1868-1951
   Letter, Jan 10, 1931.
Carr, Sterling Douglas, 1876-
Chapman, Melvin C., 1850-
Letter, Dec 27, 1924. Copy, written while President, Alameda County Bar Association. Submits St. Sure's name to fill a federal bench vacancy.

Duell, Charles H., 1868-

Eliassen, Edward R.

Engs, Edward W.
Letter, Mar 21, 1930.

Esola, Frederick L.
2 letters, 1926-1931.

Evans, Evan Alfred, 1876-1948
See: Lindley, Walter C.

Faulkes, William F.
3 letters, 1933-1939 and n.d.

Ford, Tirey Lafayette, 1857-
Letter, Jan 3, 1923. Congratulating him on his appointment to the appellate bench.

Friend, William Nat
5 letters, 1929-1932 and n.d.

Gilbert, William Ball, 1847-1931
Letter, Feb 13, 1929.

Hoover, Herbert Clark, 1874-1964

Hunt, William Henry, 1857-
Letter, Sept 30, n.y. Requesting him to sit in the Court of Appeals.

Jordan, David Starr, 1851-1931
Letter, Mar 5, 1927.

Kerrigan, Frank Henry, 1868-1935
Letter, Sept 20, 1932.

Knowland, Joseph Russell, 1873-1966
2 letters, 1939 and n.d. Form letter, 1939, is a reply to criticism by H. L. Ickes of circumstances surrounding Knowland's purchase of the Oakland Tribune.

Knowland, William Fife, 1908-1974
Letter, June 21, 1944.

Knox, John Clark, 1881-
2 letters, 1932.

Koford, Joseph S., 1883-
Letter, Jan 5, 1927. Re his appointment as Presiding Justice, District Court of Appeal.

Lindley, Walter C., 1880-
6 letters, 1938-1939. Letter, Nov 30, 1939, transmits letter, Nov 29, 1939, from E. A. Evans. Concern efforts to be assigned to take St. Sure's place in court while he is in Europe.

Louderback, Harold, 1881-1941
Postcard, June 2, 1931.

Lurie, Louis Robert, 1888-
3 letters, 1938 and n.d.

McColloch, Claude, 1888-
Letter, Nov 1, 1943.

MacLafferty, James Henry, 1871-1937
Letter, Nov 5, 1929.

Morrow, William W., 1843-1929
Letter, Jan 10, 1928.

Rolph, James, 1869-1934
Letter, July 6, 1928. Written while Mayor of San Francisco. Inviting him to serve as an escort during Herbert Hoover's visit to San Francisco.

St. Sure, Frank A., 1874-[brother]
7 letters, 1939-1944 and n.d.
St. Sure, Joseph Paul, 1902-1966 [son]
  Letter, Sept 6, 1933.
St. Sure, William Pettes, 1898-1948 [son]
San Francisco. Mayor
See: Rolph, James
Sheets, Albert Edward, 1893-
See: Duell, Charles H.
Smith, Mortimer
  2 letters, 1923.
Stone, Harlan Fiske, 1872-1946
  2 letters, 1941-1945. Letter, 1945, congratulates St. Sure upon completing twenty years of judicial service.
Willebrandt, Mabel (Walker), 1889-
  2 letters, 1930.
Youngs, Oliver
  Letter, Jan 7, 1927.

Allen, John Joseph, 1899-
  Letter, Mar 11, 1952. Written while Representative from California. Congratulating him on his being elected President of the Pacific Maritime Association.
American Cancer Society
  Letter, Mar 11, 1965, from the San Francisco Branch. Transmits copy of an anti-smoking poster and requests him (as a Director) to solicit funds.
Associated General Contractors of America. Northern and Central California Chapter
Biggs, Reginald Harcourt, 1900-
  Letter, Apr 1, 1952. Re a meeting of the Heresy Club.
Bohemian Club, San Francisco
Bradley, Clark L.
California. State Dept. of Employment
California. University, Berkeley. School of Law
See: Prosser, William Lloyd
California Alumni Association
  Letter, May 26, 1952. Written by V. M. Smith, Secretary. Inviting him to be the speaker at an Order of the Golden Bear banquet.
Chandler, Henry Porter, 1880-
Crum, Bartley Cavanaugh, 1900-1959
Dunlop, John Thomas, 1914-
Erlich, Philip S.
  Letter, July 2, 1952. Transmits copy of complaint re Colgate-Palmolive-Peet Company vs. Warehouse Union, Local 6-ILWU
Ellsworth, Robert Fred, 1926-

Engle, Clair, 1911-1964
Letter, Apr 27, 1962, photocopy; addressed to W. H. Baldwin. Written while U.S. Senator from California

Frew, Myron H., 1896-

General Contractors and Builders Association of the East Bay
2 letters, 1952. Re invitation to speak at their fall membership banquet.

Goldberg, Arthur Joseph, 1908-
Letter, Apr 6, 1962. Photocopy; addressed to Bruce McKenzie. Written while Secretary of Labor.

Grether, Ewald T., 1899-
Letter, Nov 3, 1952. Written while Director, Institute of Industrial Relations, University of California, Berkeley. Inviting him to a reception.

Hammond, Harold Francis, 1908-

Ingersoll, Thomas Chalmers, 1901-
See: Propeller Club of the United States. Port of San Francisco


Kerr, Clark, 1911-
Letter, Mar 2, 1953.

Killion, George Leonard, 1901-

Knowland, William Fife, 1908-1974

See also: Reichel, William F.

Lipscomb, Glenard P., 1915-

Luckel, Frank

Maillard, William Somers, 1917-

Miller, George Paul, 1891-

Moody, Arthur Edson Blair, 1902-1954

Moore, Edward H.

Pacific Maritime Association

Perluss, Irving H.
See: California. State Dept. of Employment

Phleger, Herman, 1890-

Propeller Club of the United States. Port of San Francisco
Partial List of Correspondents


Prosser, William Lloyd, 1898-
Letter, Mar 17, 1952. Written while Dean, School of Law, University of California at Berkeley. Inviting him to be the presiding judge at the annual Moot Court competition.

Reichel, William F.

San Francisco Hearing Society, Inc.

Sevier, Randolph, 1897-

Steele, Dwight Cleveland, 1914-

Steelman, John Roy, 1900-
2 letters, 1953.

Stevenson, Budd O'Neill, 1907-
See: Associated General Contractors of America. Northern and Central California Chapter.

Stone, Harlan Fiske, 1872-
Letter, Feb 21, 1945. Transmits copy of his letter to A. F. St. Sure congratulating him on his completion of twenty years of judicial service.

Tobriner, Mathew Oscar, 1904-

Wallace, William Ross, 1893-
Letter, Sept 24, 1952. Copy written "To the Members of the Cabinet Table."

Whitney, Merrill P.
Letter, Mar 18, 1952.

Younger, Jesse Arthur, 1893-