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Descriptive Summary
Title: James Harlan Pope Papers,
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Collection number: 752
Creator: Pope, James Harlan, 1885-
Extent: 4 boxes (2.0 linear ft.) 1 oversize box
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Abstract: James Harlan Pope (1885- ) was a reporter in Detroit and Los Angeles before he was admitted to the California bar in 1915. He became the Los Angeles city public defender (1916-23), judge in the police court (1923-26), Municipal Court judge (1926), and presiding judge (1931). He was also a member of the board of trustees of the Los Angeles County Law Library, and a member of the Conference of California Judges. The collection consists of correspondence, a tape recording, papers, scrapbooks, and related ephemera accumulated by Judge Pope on the history of the bench and bar of Los Angeles County. Subjects in correspondence include the dynamiting of the Los Angeles Times building, the trial of the McNamara brothers, Pope’s work as the first public defender in Los Angeles, his career as a newspaper reporter, descriptions of important people, and a description of the first work camp for men serving jail sentences in Los Angeles.
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Biography
Pope was born on August 31, 1885 in Clayton, Michigan; attended Albion College (1903-06) and University of Southern California Law School (1911-17); reporter, then city editor of the Detroit Morning News, 1909; reporter, Los Angeles Times (1910-12) and Los Angeles Evening Herald (1912-16); admitted to California bar, 1915; became the Los Angeles city public defender (1916-23), and judge, police court (1923-26); became Municipal Court judge in 1926, and presiding judge in 1931; member, board of trustees of the Los Angeles County Law Library, and of the Conference of California Judges.

Scope and Content
Collection consists of correspondence, a tape recording, papers, scrapbooks, and related ephemera accumulated by Judge Pope on the history of the bench and bar of Los Angeles County, chiefly while a member of the Board of Trustees of the Los Angeles County Law Library. Includes correspondence with the UCLA Oral History Office, and a tape recording that was to begin a series of oral history interviews with Judge Pope. Subjects in correspondence include the dynamiting of the Los Angeles Times building, the trial of the McNamara brothers, Pope's work as the first public defender in Los Angeles, his career as a newspaper reporter, descriptions of important people, and a description of the first work camp for men serving jail sentences in Los Angeles.

Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.
Pope, James Harlan, 1885- --Archives.
Judges--California--Los Angeles County--Archival resources.
Scrapbooks.
Audiotapes.

Box 1
Bench and Bar, 1922. Correspondence, 1956.
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Box 1  
**Brief Biographies.**

**Scope and Content Note**

Terence Byrne Cosgrove, 1881-?.


Howard Robertson, news clipping re funeral service.

Judge Ernestine Stahlhut, typed biography.

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**Box 1**


William Jennings Bryan Jr. Correspondence to and from, 1956. Record (phonograph) of William Jennings Bryan's voice.

Hon. Joseph L. Call. Statement re Bricker Amendment.

Alexander Campbell. Letter from wife, n.d.


Judge E. Clarence Haas. Letter from, 1956.

Roy L. Herndon. Copy of address given in, 1956.


Gerald C. Kepple. Biographical Sketch.


Lawyer's, Miscellaneous. S.S. Hahn; John E. McCall.

Other Libraries, 1956.

**Scope and Content Note**

Letters to and from Dr. Powell (UCLA, 1956)

Two copies of *U.C.L.A. Librarian* Letter to Mr. Hammond (UC Berkeley), 1956.

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**Box 2**


Morton, Harold C. Newscropping about.

Hon. Philbrick McCoy. Material on Superior Court.


Hon. William C. Mathes. Transcript of an address given, 1944.

Neblett, William H. Copy of *Pentagon Politics* by Neblett.


Pope Correspondence, 1956-1958.


Box 3  
**Los Angeles Times.**

Scope and Content Note

Article in *Time* magazine re the Chandler’s. *Los Angeles Times* article on the bombing of the Times Building.

Box 3  
**UCLA Correspondence from Powell, 1959 Nunis, 1959.**

Box 3  
**USC Law. Letter from Dean of Law School, 1956. Proceedings of the School of Law 50th Anniversary Celebration, 1955.**

Box 3  
**Hon. James G. Whyte, Pomona. Letter from, 1956.**

Box 3  

Note

[Subject in Correspondence, Box 4].

Box 3  
**Loyd Wright. Address given, 1955. Letter from, 1955.**

Box 3  
**Evelle Jansen Younger. Letter from, 1956. Typescript of address, n.d.**

Box 3  
**Miscellaneous.**

Scope and Content Note


Box 5  
**Scrapbooks, 1869?-1934.**

Scope and Content Note

Newspaper and magazine clippings showing a variety of phases of Los Angeles History.

Box 4  
**Correspondence between Judge Pope and the UCLA Oral History Office, 1959-1966.**

Note

(Material added, April 1969)

Box 4  
**Tape recording that was to begin a series of oral history interviews with Judge Pope.**

Physical Description: 1 reel.