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Guide to the Clarence Darrow Papers 1913-1944



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Descriptive Summary

Identifier	ICU.SPCL.DARROW
Title	Darrow, Clarence. Papers
Date	1913-1944
Size	1 linear foot (2 boxes)
Repository	Special Collections Research Center University of Chicago Library 1100 East 57th Street Chicago, Illinois 60637 U.S.A.
Abstract	Clarence Darrow (1857-1938) Lawyer and social reformer. Contains correspondence, speeches and articles, copies of press releases relating to the Scopes trial, the manuscript of an unpublished story, and material written after Darrow's death, including letters to his widow, Ruby H. Darrow.

Information on Use

Access

The collection is open for research.

Citation

When quoting material from this collection, the preferred citation is: Darrow, Clarence. Papers, [Box #, Folder #], Special Collections Research Center, University of Chicago Library

Biographical Note

Clarence S. Darrow (1857-1938) was a lawyer and social reformer who made his home and practiced law in Chicago. Throughout his life he was an active campaigner for the rights of the individual, especially the underprivileged. Darrow had a national reputation in labor law and was the counsel for labor interests throughout the country. His later legal career was mainly in criminal law. A series of spectacular trials, in particular the Leopold-Loeb case in Chicago, 1924, made him world-famous. Perhaps his most famous case was his defense of John Thomas Scopes in 1925 for violation of a Tennessee law banning the teaching of evolution in the public schools. He wrote several books expounding his views and published many lectures and debates as pamphlets. His essays and short stories were published in popular magazines and small journals.

Scope Note

The collection of his papers deposited in the University of Chicago Library contains mimeographed press releases issued by Darrow during the Scopes trial that contained the testimony of various defense witnesses and experts in their scientific fields. Also included

are several speeches and articles. Most of the latter are based on true stories and describe the encounter of the underprivileged and the uneducated with the law and the inequities they met. The original manuscript of an unpublished short story by Darrow, written very late in his life, is also a part of the collection. There are several pieces of correspondence, the closing argument of one of his court cases, and other miscellaneous documents. Also included in the collection are letters to Mrs. Darrow after his death, memorials on his death, and speeches and articles written about him.

Related Resources

The following related resources are located in the Department of Special Collections:

<http://www.lib.uchicago.edu/e/spcl/select.html>

Subject Headings

- Darrow, Clarence, 1857-1938.
- Scopes, John Thomas -- Trials, litigation, etc.
- Lawyers

INVENTORY

Series I: State of Tennessee vs. John T. Scopes, Statements for the press by various defense witnesses

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Series II: Speeches

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"Whitman in Literature", Walt Whitman Fellowship, May 31, 1913

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"What to do about Crime", Nebraska State Bar Association, December 28, 1926

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"Is Zionism a Progressive Policy for Israel and America?", a debate between Dr. Stephen S. Wise (affirmative) and Clarence S. Darrow (negative), Sinai Temple, Chicago, October 24, 1927

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"Results of Law's Delay"

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"Jimmie Stone"

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"A Story with a Pleasant Ending"

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"The Triumph of Justice"

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"The Influences that make the Law"

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Short story (fiction), original manuscript

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People of the State of Illinois vs. Faherty and Detwiler, Closing argument of Clarence Darrow, March 5, 1924

Series III: Miscellaneous Material

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"Schopenauer" (printed) Program, Cugahoga Lawyers Association. November 26, 1927; Clippings

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Correspondence

- Letter (carbon) to William C. Ewing (Massachusetts Council for the Abolition of the Death Penalty) in re homicide and liquor and capital punishment, January 23, 1928, 10pp;

- Letter (copy; signed) to Frederick A. Stokes on A.G. Keller's Man's Rough Road, August 16, 1932, 1p;
- Letter (copy) Thomas H. Malone to Darrow, June 12, 1926, 2pp. on Scopes' Trial

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Darrow, Clarence, Chicago, to Paul Goldblatt, Harrisburg, PA, March 18, 1933, ALS
2pp.

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Correspondence to Mrs. Clarence Darrow 1938-1944

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Seminar report by Lilyan Z. Goff at the University of Southern California on Darrow

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Biographical texts

- Speech, J. Harold Maloney, "Clarence Darrow and His Contribution to Criminal Law", July 29, 1943
- Statement of Anton Johannsen on Darrow
- Poem by Edgar Lee Masters, "Clarence Darrow," (carbon copy), September 27, 1922

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Miscellaneous material (not about Darrow)

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Memorials in Chicago Bar Record, Congressional Record

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Miscellaneous material

- "The Truth Seeker"
- Reviews of Irving Stone's Clarence Darrow for the Defense
- Suggested table of contents for Stone's collection of Darrow's works
- List of gaps in Darrow material

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Funeral Book, Funeral Oration of Judge William H. Holly, List of Visitors