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Descriptive Summary

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Abstract Lawrence S. Grauman (1897-1969) spent his entire adult life as a judge and attorney in Louisville, Kentucky. He is perhaps best known for the special hearing he conducted with Muhammad Ali in 1966 at the request of the Department of Justice, where he recommended that Ali’s claim as a conscientious objector be upheld. The Lawrence S. Grauman Papers contain school records, clippings, correspondence, certificates, congratulatory letters, photographs, obituaries, and material related to the hearing with Ali. The papers range in date from 1902-1971, with the majority dating from the 1960s.

Information on Use

Access The collection is open for research.

Citation
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Biographical Note
Lawrence Samuel Grauman was born on June 3, 1897 in Louisville, Kentucky. He graduated from Jefferson School of Law, which later became part of the University of Louisville, in 1927 and spent his entire adult life as a judge and attorney in Louisville. His positions included County Attorney and judge of the Jefferson Circuit Court. He was also a lecturer at the University of Louisville, a special judge of the state Court of Appeals, and held leadership positions in the Kentucky and Louisville Bar Associations. In 1966, he was named Outstanding Lawyer of the Year by the Kentucky State Bar Association. Grauman was married to Katherine Heine and had two sons, Lawrence, Jr. and Paul. He died in Louisville on November 9, 1969.
Grauman is perhaps best known for the special hearing he conducted with Muhammad Ali in 1966 at the request of the Department of Justice. Grauman recommended that Ali’s claim as a conscientious objector be upheld. However, this was a non-binding recommendation, and the Department of Justice chose not to uphold the conscientious objector claim. The case went all the way to the Supreme Court, where it was ultimately decided in Ali’s favor in 1971.

**Scope Note**

The Lawrence S. Grauman Papers contain school records, clippings, a small amount of correspondence, certificates, congratulatory letters, photographs, obituaries, and material related to the hearing Grauman conducted with Muhammad Ali in 1966 regarding Ali’s conscientious objector claim. The papers range in date from 1902-1971, with the majority dating from the 1960s. They are arranged chronologically.

**Related Resources**

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

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Lawrence S. Grauman, Jr. Papers


**Subject Headings**

- Grauman, Lawrence S.
- Ali, Muhammad, 1942-2016

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