

# HARRY L. WALLACE PAPERS, 1955-1987

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## USER INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 1 manuscript box

COLLECTION DATES: 1955-1987

PROVENANCE: Harry L. Wallace, Northbrook, IL, 19 December 1997

RESTRICTIONS: None

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ALTERNATE FORMATS: None

OTHER FINDING AIDS: None

RELATED HOLDINGS: SC 1095, Sherman Minton Correspondence; M 221, Meredith Nicholson Papers; M 472, Henry J. Richardson Papers; *Sherman Minton: Indiana's Supreme Court Justice* (KF8745.M55 R3 1996)

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## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Harry Leland Wallace (b. 1927) was born in San Francisco, California, to Leon H. and Anna R. (Haworth) Wallace. He attended Indiana University and received his LL.B. from Harvard University in 1952. Wallace served as a law clerk for U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sherman Minton (1952-1953), and authored an unpublished biography of Minton in the early 1960's. He was admitted to the bar in 1953, and joined the firm of Foley and Lardner in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Wallace practiced in the areas of corporate law and tax law, and was made a partner in 1961. He retired in 1996. Wallace and his former wife, Mary Lue, were married in 1952; they divorced after 44 years of marriage. They have one daughter, Mary Ann (Wallace) Frantz.

Sherman Minton (1890-1965) was a Supreme Court Justice from 1949 to 1956. Minton, the son of John Evan and Emma (Livers) Minton, was born near Georgetown, Indiana ( Floyd Co.). He had one brother, Roscoe. Minton was educated at New Albany, Indiana. He received his LL.B. from Indiana University in 1915 and his LL.M. from Yale University a year later. Minton married Gertrude Gurtz in 1917; they had three children: Sherman, Mary Ann, and John Evan. He established a law practice in New Albany for a short time before serving in World War I (1917-1918). After the war, Minton returned to New Albany and entered the firm of Stotsenberg and Weathers. He was made a partner in 1922. From 1925 to 1928, he worked with the firm of Shutts and Bowen in Miami, Florida. Returning to New Albany again, Minton was appointed Public Counselor for the Public Service Commission by Governor Paul V. McNutt.

Minton was elected to a Democratic Senate seat in the U. S. Congress (1934-1940), where he championed Franklin Roosevelt's New Deal policies. He also supported Roosevelt's attempt to reorganize the Supreme Court (known as Roosevelt's "court-packing plan"). Minton served as a judge in the 7<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals (1941-1949) before becoming the first Hoosier to serve as a Supreme Court Justice. He retired in 1956.

Sources: Material in the collection and collection accession file.

*Current Biography* (1949), p. 429.

*Who's Who*. 52 Edition (1998), p. 4492.

*Who Was Who*. Vol. 4, p. 666.

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## SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection consists of correspondence and papers relating to Harry L. Wallace. The material is arranged in chronological order. The correspondence includes letters from Sherman Minton to Wallace (1955-1964). They are of a personal nature, but also discuss political and legal issues of the day. A second set of correspondence (1960-1962) includes Wallace's exchanges with people from whom he sought information concerning Minton. This information was used in an unpublished Minton biography authored by Wallace in the early 1960's; a typescript copy of the biography, entitled "Hoosier Justice", is present in the collection. Portions of the biography were used in an article written by Wallace, entitled "Mr. Justice Minton, Hoosier Justice on the Supreme Court" (*Indiana Law Journal*, Vol. 34, no. 2 & 3).

A resolution in memory of Sherman Minton, materials relating to the 40<sup>th</sup> reunion of Supreme Court law clerks of 1951 and 1952, and miscellaneous items complete the collection. Miscellaneous items include an obituary of Sherman Minton and a typewritten quotation from Abraham Lincoln.

Correspondents in this collection include: Hugo LaFayette Black, Styles Bridges, Harold H. Burton, James Francis Byrnes, Tom C. Clark, Allen Joseph Ellender, James A. Farley, Felix Frankfurter, John M. Harlan, Henry Cabot Lodge, Thurgood Marshall, Frank McHale, Sherman Minton, Sam Rayburn, Harry S. Truman, Harry L. Wallace, Earl Warren, and Alexander Wiley.

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### CATALOGUING INFORMATION

MAIN ENTRY: Wallace, Harry L. (Harry Leland), 1927-

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