

Guide to the William H. Coon Papers

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CALL NUMBER: MS 969

CREATOR: Coon, William H.

TITLE: William H. Coon papers

DATES: 1932-1953

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 0.25 linear feet

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: Correspondence, legal briefs, and newspaper clippings, relating to the legal case of Carrie Blueye, in Genesee County, New York.

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b. box
f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Purchased in 1965.

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Biographical / Historical

Trustee of the Village of Batavia, N.Y., 1902-1903; Justice of the Peace of the Town of Batavia, 1904-1907; District Attorney of the County of Genesee, N.Y., 1908-1916; City historian of the City of Batavia, 1919-; City attorney of the City of Batavia; New York State Attorney for the Tonawanda Nation of the Seneca Indians, 1908-1916 and 1928-1939.

Scope and Contents

These papers pertain to a lawsuit brought in 1951 by chiefs of the Seneca Nation living on the Tonawanda Indian Reservation in New York State to remove Mrs. Carrie Blueye from the reservation as an intruder, since her mother was Tuscarora and not Seneca. They are the papers of William H. Coon, a retired attorney and former district attorney of Genesee County. Coon was acting as an adviser to the current district attorney, Wallace J. Stakel, who was the prosecuting attorney in the case. Included is correspondence exchanged between Coon and Stakel providing background information on the case, memoranda concerning suggestions for the district attorney's brief, trial memoranda and briefs, and newspaper clippings about the case.

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b. 1, f. 1	Correspondence with Wallace J. Stakel	1950-1952
b. 1, f. 2	Suggestions for the district attorney's brief	1951, undated
b. 1, f. 3	Trial memoranda and briefs	1951-1952
b. 1, f. 4	Briefs	1952-1953
b. 1, f. 5	Newspaper clippings	1932, 1951

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Subjects

Indians of North America
Law -- Cases
Lawyers
Seneca Indians
Tuscarora Indians

Geographic Names

Genesee County (N.Y.) -- History, Local

Names

Blueye, Carrie
Coon, William H.