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Albert L. Reeves, Sr. (1873-1971) Papers

1900-1971

2 cubic feet, one oversize scrapbook

*Personal and professional papers depicting U.S. District Court Judge Reeves' judicial career and family material. Includes manuscripts and family materials; photographs; speeches/addresses; cases; correspondence, clippings, and an oversize scrapbook. Also drafts of unpublished book by Reeves, Shame of a Great City.*

### BIOGRAPHY:

Albert L. Reeves, Sr. was born in Steelville, Missouri in 1873. He was admitted to the Missouri bar in 1899. In 1911, Reeves moved to Kansas City. He opened a law office and in 1918 ran unsuccessfully as a Republican for Congress. He served as a commissioner of the Missouri Supreme Court (1921-1923). In 1923, he was appointed judge of the United States District Court for the Western District of Missouri, by President Warren G. Harding. Judge Reeves convened a grand jury in 1936-37 to investigate ballot stuffing and "ghost voting" in Kansas City. The resulting conviction of over 200 Pendergast supporters for conspiracy and voting fraud ultimately brought to an end the Pendergast machine in Kansas City.

### PROVENANCE:

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## DESCRIPTION OF THE PAPERS:

The collection consists of personal and professional papers depicting Judge Reeves' judicial career. Included are manuscripts and family materials; photographs; speeches/addresses; cases; correspondence, clippings, and an oversize scrapbook.

## INVENTORY:

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- Folder 1.2 Leaders in Our Town by Dick Fowler, Includes Biography of Judge Reeves
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- On top 1.8 Oversized portraits of Judge and one with his wife, Mabel

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