Guide to the Walter Gordon Merritt Papers, 1915-1924

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Summary

Collection Title:
Walter Gordon Merritt papers, 1915-1924

Creator:
Merritt, Walter Gordon

Abstract:
Collection contains correspondence, court records, depositions, motions, and other papers (chiefly 1915-1924), concerning Walter Gordon Merritt's work as a lawyer for various companies in labor cases. Much of the collection deals with the case of the Pennsylvania Mining Co. v. United Mine Workers of America, and refers to the presentation of briefs, development of arguments, and the general prosecution of the case. Collection also includes legal bulletins of the American Federation of Labor, and material concerning the Buck Stove and Range Co. case (1907), and the cases of Connors v. Connolly (Danbury Hatters' case of 1912), Duplex Printing Co. v. Emil J. Deering (1917), and Seubert V. Reiff (Cigarmakers' Union case, 1916). Correspondents include Henry S. Drinker, Jr., James K. Gearhart, W. A. Hardman, James B. McDonough, and Paul McKennon.

Extent:
2 Linear Feet (3 boxes, 1,371 items.)

Physical Location:
For current information on the location of these materials, please consult the Library's online catalog.

Language:
English

Language:
Materials in English

Collection ID:
RL.10129

Permalink:
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Background

Scope and Content

This collection contains papers of Walter Gordon Merritt (b. 1880), lawyer, concerning the case of the Pennsylvania Mining Company v. the United Mine Workers of America, in which the union was charged with conspiracy to hinder interstate commerce. Included is the correspondence of Merritt, chief attorney for the mining company, with James K. Gearhart, president of the company, Paul McKennon, an attorney also representing the mining company, W. A. Hardman, an investigator working for Merritt, James B. McDonough, serving in the company's interests, and Henry S. Drinker, Jr., a Philadelphia lawyer.

The correspondence concerns the preparation of briefs, the securing of depositions and affidavits, the development of arguments, legal arrangements between the mining company and the attorneys, and the general prosecution of the case. Also included are depositions and motions connected with the case, and Legal Bulletins 1-11 of the American Federation of Labor, 1924.

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Names and Subjects

- Lawyers -- New York (State) -- New York -- Correspondence
- Labor disputes -- United States
- Industrial relations -- United States
- Merritt, Walter Gordon

Collection Inventory

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Correspondence, 1915-1918 Sept 10	Box 1

Correspondence, 1918 September 11-1921	Box 2
Correspondence, 1921 September 30-1923 December 3	Box 3
Legal papers, undated	Box 3
News clippings, undated	Box 3
Papers, misc., undated	Box 3

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