

**College of the Holy Cross
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Collection Inventory**

Accession Number: **SC2002-22**

Collection Name (Title): **Handrahan, James Collection**

Dates of Material: **1890's -1950**

Size of Collection: **13 Boxes**

Arrangement:

Restrictions:

Related Material:

Preferred Citation:

Processed on:

Biography/History:

James E. Handrahan was born in Brockton, MA in 1876 a son of Patrick Handrahan. In 1899 he graduated from Boston University Law School. He was elected to the Brockton city council in 1900 and in 1902 he was elected alderman. In 1906 he ran for mayor on the Democratic ticket but lost the election. In 1912, he was delegate to the Democratic national convention in Baltimore at which Woodrow Wilson was nominated for President. Handrahan practiced law in Brockton for 55 years and was an authority on municipal law. He also served as city solicitor and council to the police department, as well as special council for the city of Brockton. He married Mary Murphy in 1909. His son, Rev. Fr. John B. Handrahan, SJ, was a professor of mathematics at Holy Cross. James E. Handrahan died on January 2, 1955.

Scope and Content Note:

This Collection contains James E. Handrahan's personal, legal and political correspondence. Among the topics of the letters are legal cases he was handling, local and state political matters, and letters concerning legal advice for the town of Brockton as well as personal correspondence on a variety of topics. There are two boxes of personal records on various subjects ranging from his political career, his interests in national, state and local politics and history as well as legal records and records of clubs and organizations where he was member. There are newspaper clippings on topics of interest to Handrahan and a journal of a European trip, 1904. The collection includes personal

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financial records such as receipts, bill, accounts and investment records. There are four boxes containing 26 lecture notebooks when he was a law student at Boston University Law School.

Box and Folder List:

Box 1: Correspondence, Undated, 1899-1916

Box 2: Correspondence, 1917-1932

Box 3: Correspondence, 1928-1954 and correspondence with Jean Temple, 1924-1932

Box 4: Receipts, Bills, Financial Accounts, c.1900-1920

Box 5: Receipts, Bills, Financial Accounts, c. 1910-1925

Box 6: Receipts, Bills, Financial Accounts, c. 1925-1954

Box 7: Personal and Political Records

Folder 1: Personal Items

Folder 2: Political Records, 1902-1913

Folder 3: Political Records, 1917-1938, undated

Folder 4: Democratic Club of Brockton, Records of Meetings,
1903- 1904

Folder 5: Banquet for delegates of the National democratic Convention,
Record book, 1904

Folder 6: Parker and Davis Club Record book: Journal of trip to Canada and
Europe, 1904: Personal Accounts, 1915-1919

Folder 7: Russell Club: Record book

Folder 8: Parker and Davis Club Record book, 1908-1914

Box 8: Personal Records, Histories, Legal Records

Folder 1: Expenses for Repair of House, 1909-1914

Folder 2: City Solicitor, Brockton records 1913

Folder 3: Jefferson, and Olney Clubs Records c. 1914

Folder 4: Brockton's High School and Alumni Records, 1921-1922

Folder 5: History of Brockton Records, 1901; 1929

Folder 6: Whitney, Arthur Sprague School History, 1930

Folder 7: Articles Written by Handrahan, 1950's

Folder 8: Lecture on Eminent Domain, undated

Folder 9: Newspaper Clippings on Politics, Brockton, etc.

Folder 10: Herlihy Estate Records, 1912-1914

Folder 11: Miscellaneous Legal Cases

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Box 9: Investment Records

- Folder 1: Medina Mining Co. Ontario Mining Co. 1901-1909
- Folder 2: Osage Oil Co. New England Consolidated Oil Co. 1901-1905
- Folder 3: El Mazro Mining Co., 1903-1907
- Folder 4: Misc. Investment records, 1904-1913
- Folder 5: American Talc. Co., 1907-1910
- Folder 6: Aguila Mining Co.: Mazeppa Mining Co., 1907-1911

Box 10: Boston University Law School Journals:

- Volume 1: "Sales", January, 1897
- Volume 2: "Torts", January, 1897
- Volume 3: "Torts, January 23, 1897
- Volume 4: "Torts", March, 1897
- Volume 5: "Domestic Relations", April, 1897
- Volume 6: "Agency", April, 1897
- Volume 7: "Criminal Law", April 5, 1897

Box 11: Boston University Law School Journals:

- Volume 8: "Receipts, Bills and Notes", November 1897
- Volume 9: "Insurance", December 17, 1897
- Volume 10: "Insolvency", January, 1898
- Volume 11: "Real Property", February, 1898
- Volume 12: "Real Property", February, 1898
- Volume 13: "Bills and Notes", February 5, 1898
- Volume 14: "Real Property", February 19, 1898

Box 12: Boston University Law School Journals:

- Volume 15: "Real Property", March, 1898
- Volume 16: "Corporate Law", October, 1898
- Volume 17: "Equity Jurisprudence", October, 1898
- Volume 18: "Equity", October, 1898
- Volume 19: "Constitutional Law", October, 1898
- Volume 20: "Practice and Pleading", October, 1898
- Volume 21: "Practice and Pleading", October 6, 1898

Box 13: Boston University Law School Journals:

- Volume 22: "Equity Jurisprudence", November, 1898
- Volume 23: "Evidence", January, 1899
- Volume 24: "Recitations Evidence", March, 1899
- Volume 25: "Evidence", March, 1899
- Volume 26: "Sales", Undated