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
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 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