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JUDGE, COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS
FILES ON THE CHARLES GALBREATH CASE
1976-1980**

RECORD GROUP 187

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Record Group 187 consists of the files of Criminal Court of Appeals Judge Martha Craig Daughtrey pertaining to the proposed ouster of Judge Charles Galbreath and the hearings that took place to decide Galbreath's fitness to remain on the bench. The collection includes clippings, correspondence, court records, interviews, legislative records, lists, memoranda, notes, photographs and drawings, printed materials and speeches.

Materials in the collection follow the controversy surrounding Galbreath from 1976, when he wrote a letter to Hustler magazine in which he vividly described his views on pornography, through the 1978 hearings of the Judicial Standards Commission and the Joint Special Committee on Judicial Standards. A few items of correspondence concern Galbreath's career in 1979 and 1980, after he retired from the bench. The collection also includes one list of Galbreath's published majority opinions dating from 1969 to 1977.

A large number of documents in this record group refer to the Judicial Standards Commission, a body which was created by an act of the General Assembly in 1971 to conduct investigation and inquiry into the fitness of all Tennessee judges and recommend their removal if necessary. The commission consisted of nine members: three judges, three attorneys, and three others elected by the General Assembly. Their findings were sent to the General Assembly for consideration by a joint committee. The Judicial Standards Commission was replaced by the Court of the Judiciary in 1979.

Most of the correspondence in the collection is that which circulated between the nine judges of the Criminal Court of Appeals. Some of it was personal and/or confidential, but most was sent "to all judges." The letters are arranged chronologically for ease of understanding. There are numerous memoranda from Mark A. Schneider, Judge Daughtrey's law clerk, to Judge Daughtrey which discuss the judicial opinions of Judge Galbreath. Notes include a summary of Judge Galbreath's office schedule for the months of October and November 1977; numerous notes and rough drafts of testimony by Judge Daughtrey; and a rough draft of a letter to Wayne Sargent, President and Publisher of the Nashville Banner, written in Judge Daughtrey's voice but not her handwriting.

The researcher will also want to refer to the audio recordings of the Galbreath hearing made by the State Library and Archives (tape numbers GH-1 through GH-22, March/April 1978) and the published hearing transcripts in the library collection under the following call numbers: KFT 525.5 .D5A85, KFT 525.5 .D5A852, KFT 525.5 .D5A854, KFT 525.5 .D5A856 located at: vault I-d-4v.

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