

**Title:** Halsey, Lawrence W. Collection

**Call Number:** Mss-3195

**Inclusive Dates:** 1812 – 1934

**Bulk:** 1.8 cubic feet

**Location:** GV, Sh. 014

**Abstract:** Collection contains photographs, newspaper clippings and some paper materials relating to the life and family of the Honorable Lawrence W. Halsey. The collection is arranged into published materials (books and bibles), paper materials, and photographs/scrapbooks.

**Biographical Note:**

Judge Lawrence Woodruff Halsey was born in Southampton, Long Island, New York on January 8, 1841. He attended the University of Michigan in October 1861 and in 1864 he graduated with a Bachelors in Law. Halsey was a member of many societies, including the Free and Accepted Masons. He settled in Oshkosh, Wisconsin and began a partnership with Col. H.B. Jackson, creating the firm known as Jackson and Halsey.

Twelve years later Halsey moved to Milwaukee where he became a partner in the firm of Johnson, Rietbrock & Halsey. The firm acquired large tracts of land in numerous counties, where they built and operated lumber and flourmills, as well as a railroad. They also established the village of Athens in the township of Halsey.

Halsey was married to Mary Louisa Loveridge on December 26, 1866. They had four children, two of which survived: Louisa K. Halsey and Pierson L. Halsey. Mrs. Halsey died on May 22, 1907 in an accident on the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway. Halsey was also seriously injured in this accident.

Halsey was appointed council for the city of Milwaukee and first assistant city attorney in 1898 where he continued until 1900. On July 28, 1900 Halsey was appointed to succeed Judge Johnson on the Second Judicial Circuit Court. He remained on the bench until 1922 when he retired. Lawrence Halsey died in July 1934.

**Scope and Content:**

The collection contains materials relating to Judge Lawrence Woodruff Halsey. The collection consists mainly of his personal papers. Included in the collection are his personal bibles and other published materials, photographs, scrapbooks with numerous clippings, and other paper material. The paper materials mostly pertain to his personal life, except for some materials relating to his campaign for Circuit Judge in 1905. The photographs are of his family members, including many unidentified photographs. There are also photographs of the Second Circuit Court.

**Administrative:**

Jim and Diana Koehler donated the collection in July 2008. Amanda Wynne processed the collection in May 2009.

**Contents List:**Box 1 (Published Materials):

Bible. E.D. & S.B. Loveridge. 1847.

Bible. L.W. Halsey. December 25, 1866.

Bible. Mary Louisa Loveridge Family. 1812.

Halsey, Jacob Lafayette and Edmund Drake Halsey. *Thomas Halsey of Harforshire, England and Southampton, Long Island 1591-1679, with his American descendants to the eighth and ninth generations*. Morristown, New Jersey: "Jerseymen officer", 1985.

Hutchins, Rev. Charles L., ed. *The Church Hymnal*. Boston: The Parish Choir, 1900.

Boxes 2-3 (Paper and Photographic Materials):

<b>Name</b>	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder/Envelope</b>
Associations, 1880-1911	2	1
Campaign Materials, 1905	2	2
Miscellaneous Materials, 1902-1934	2	3
Newspaper Clippings, 1906-1934	2	4
Personal Materials, 1895-1932	2	5
Oversize Photographs and Posters	3	Loose
Scrapbook #1	3	Loose
Scrapbook #2	3	Loose
Miscellaneous Photograph Album	3	1-3
Portraits	3	4
Family Photographs	3	5
Miscellaneous Photographs	3	6
Court Photographs	3	7