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JOHN PATTERSON PAPERS
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Date Span: circa 1950s

Collection Size: 2 cubic feet

Description: A 1949 graduate of the University of Alabama School of Law, Patterson was a veteran of World War II and the Korean conflict, and Alabama Attorney General (1954). Patterson defeated George C. Wallace in the 1958 governor's race and served a four year gubernatorial term. He ran for governor once again in 1966 and was defeated by Lurleen Wallace. Patterson also ran unsuccessfully against Howell Heflin for Chief Justice of the Alabama Supreme Court in 1970. In 1984 he was appointed to the Alabama State Court of Criminal Appeals, an elected office which he held until his retirement in 1997.

The John Patterson Papers consist of two cubic feet of documents from John Malcolm Patterson. The collection is comprised almost exclusively of c. 1950s materials from the Commission for Judicial Reform, including pamphlets, miscellaneous materials, letters, handwritten notes, and newspaper clippings.

John Patterson Papers

Box 1: (Files 1a-7)

- File 1a. Commission for Judicial Reform Materials. CJR Rules and Notes 1-34.
- File 1b. Commission for Judicial Reform Materials. CJR Rules and Notes 35-86 [notes 43, 44, 81, 82 are missing]
- File 2a. Commission for Judicial Reform Materials. Compilation of CJR Rules and Notes in numerical order: 1-10.
- File 2b. Commission for Judicial Reform Materials. Compilation of CJR Rules and Notes in numerical order: 12-20.
- File 2c. Commission for Judicial Reform Materials. Compilation of CJR Rules and Notes in numerical order: 22-55.
- File 2d. Commission for Judicial Reform Materials. Compilation of CJR Rules and Notes in numerical order: 56-71.
- File 2e. Commission for Judicial Reform Materials. Compilation of CJR Rules and Notes in numerical order: 72-82.
- File 2f. Commission for Judicial Reform Materials. Compilation of CJR Rules and Notes in numerical order: 84.
- File 3. Commission for Judicial Reform Materials. CJR Notes of oddly grouped rules.
- File 4. Commission for Judicial Reform Materials. Treatise of Rule 3: Rules of Civil Procedure. Compiled by J. A. Malone.
- File 5. Commission for Judicial Reform Materials. Treatise of Rule 4: Rules of Civil Procedure. Compiled by J. A. Malone.
- File 6. Commission for Judicial Reform Materials. Treatise of Rule 5: Rules of Civil Procedure. Compiled by J. A. Malone.
- File 7. Commission for Judicial Reform Materials. Treatise of Rule 6: Rules of Civil Procedure. Compiled by J. A. Malone.

Box 2: (Files 8-26)

- File 8. Commission for Judicial Reform Materials. Two copies of the CJR Panel 1 report recommending the adoption of Rule 3. Two copies of the CJR Panel 1 report recommending the adoption of Rules 6b and 6c provisionally.
- File 9. Commission for Judicial Reform Materials. CJR report of Panel 2 on Federal Rules 7-15.
- File 10. Commission for Judicial Reform Materials. Three reports from Panel 4 concerning Federal Rules 22, 23, 24, 25, and 41.
- File 11. Commission for Judicial Reform Materials. Two reports from CJR Panel 5 concerning Federal Rules 26-37 and 42.
- File 12. Commission for Judicial Reform Materials. Report of the Commission for Judicial Reform to the Judiciary Advisory Council. Undated.
- File 13. Commission for Judicial Reform Materials. "Work and Progress Commission for Judicial Reform," by Thomas E. Skinner. An address given before the Alabama Association of Circuit Judges, July 18, 1956.

- File 14. Commission for Judicial Reform Materials. Correspondence concerning the CJR, 1955.
- File 15. Commission for Judicial Reform Materials. Correspondence concerning the CJR, 1956.
- File 16. Commission for Judicial Reform Materials. Correspondence concerning the CJR, 1957.
- File 17. Commission for Judicial Reform Materials. Specific CJR file containing various documents and newspaper clippings.
- File 18a. Miscellaneous—Alabama. “Adjusting Present Alabama Law to the New Rules,” March 1, 1957, pp. 1-135.
- File 18b. Miscellaneous—Alabama. “Adjusting Present Alabama Law to the New Rules,” March 1, 1957, pp. 136-256.
- File 19. Miscellaneous—Alabama. December 3, 1955 minutes from CJR meeting including a transcription of a debate on “Judicial Reform in Alabama.”
- File 20. Miscellaneous—Alabama. Pamphlet. “Inferior Courts in Alabama Other Than Courts Created in Lieu of Justices of the Peace and Other Than Probate Courts and Municipal and Recorders Courts.”
- File 21. Miscellaneous—Alabama. Letter to members of the Alabama Clerks and Registers Association. Letter to the members of the Bench and Bar of Alabama. Letters to members of the Alabama Legislature.
- File 22. Miscellaneous—Alabama. “Commission for Judicial Reform: Alabama Rules of Civil Procedure” by John Patterson. Bound.
- File 23. Miscellaneous. “Summary of the Provisions of Act 375” and two copies of another document concerning Act 375.
- File 24. Miscellaneous. Handwritten notes.
- File 25. Miscellaneous. Newspaper clippings concerning Alabama Court Procedure.
- File 26. Miscellaneous. Unidentified detached pages.