

Guide to the Carl Louis Mortison Papers

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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: MS 1232

CREATOR: Mortison, Carl Louis, d. 1963

TITLE: Carl Louis Mortison papers

DATES: 1937-1941

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 3 linear feet (4 folios)

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: Drawings, photographs and newspaper clippings relating to the trial of Mayor T. Frank Hayes of Waterbury, Conn. together with a number of city officials for conspiracy. The Mortison cartoons appeared in the Waterbury Republican and the Waterbury American. The three scrapbooks contain reproductions of the Mortison cartoons and Pulitzer prize-winning stories from these newspapers on the two year trial together with annotations by Mortison. These have been filmed and discarded.

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b. box
f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Carl L. Mortison, June 1944.

Conditions Governing Access

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Preferred Citation

Carl Louis Mortison Papers. Manuscripts and Archives, Yale University Library.

Existence and Location of Copies

Scrapbooks are available on microfilm (291 frames on 1 reel, 35mm.) from Manuscripts and Archives, Yale University Library, at cost. Order no. HM135.

Scope and Contents

The Carl Louis Mortison Papers consists mostly of political cartoons Mortison drew for the *Waterbury Republican* and the *Waterbury American* in the years 1937-1939. They form a running commentary on the trial of Mayor T. Frank Hayes and a number of city officials for conspiracy – a trial which one clipping calls “the longest criminal trial in the history of the state.” The Waterbury newspapers were awarded a Pulitzer prize for their part in exposing the scandal. The collection also contains related photographs and clippings.

Mortison’s original cartoons are stored in four folios, listed on the following page. Two scrapbooks of the published cartoons, and one scrapbook of other clippings, have been filmed (HM Film 135) and destroyed.

The papers came to Yale from Mortison in 1944. Mortison died in 1963.

Collection Contents

Original accession

b. 1, f. 1	Photographs removed from scrapbooks	1938-1939
	Cartoons (originals)	
b. 2	1938 Jan-Jun	1938 January- June
b. 3	1938 Jul-Dec	1938 July- December
b. 4	1939 Jan-Aug	1939 January- August

Microfilm HM 135, 1937-1943

HM Film 135 records three scrapbooks kept by Mortison. The first two contain the printed copies of his cartoons, clipped from the Waterbury newspapers, with some photographs and other clippings; the third contains clippings about the trial. A few pages contain Mortison's later annotations, so that the inclusive dates for the film are 1937-1943.

Cartoons (clippings)		
b. 1	Volume 1	1937 December-1938 June
b. 1	Volume 2	1938 June-1939 August
b. 1	Volume 3, Clippings	1938 January- Jul, 1939 August- November, 1941 November

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Preferred Titles

The Waterbury American
The Waterbury Republican

Subjects

Political corruption -- Connecticut --
Waterbury

Geographic Names

Connecticut
United States -- Politics and government
Waterbury (Conn.) -- Politics and government

Occupations

Cartoonists

Names

Hayes, T. Frank
Mortison, Carl Louis, d. 1963