MORROW (W. C.) PAPERS, 1922-1942, bulk 1922

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Morrow, Wright C. (Wright Chalfant), 1858-1942.

Wright C. Morrow papers, 1922-1942, bulk 1922.
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Morrow was first elected to the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals in 1916, and served as the court's presiding judge from his appointment in 1921 until his retirement in 1939. A native of Kentucky, Morrow began practicing law in Hillsboro, Tex., in 1887 with his brother-in-law B. D. Tarlton, later a professor of law at the University of Texas. He was elected district judge in Hill County in 1897, and served as state senator from 1912 to 1916.

Correspondence between Morrow and his political allies, endorsements from local bar associations, newspaper clippings, mailing lists, and campaign literature relate mainly to Morrow's successful 1922 Democratic primary campaign for re-election to the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals against Judge A. J. Harper of El Paso, whose candidacy was supported by the Ku Klux Klan. A few of Harper's campaign materials are included. The materials document the campaign techniques used in 1922 for a statewide judicial election in Texas, and reflect the attitudes of lawyers, judges and citizens toward the judges of the Court of Criminal Appeals. Some items describes the Ku Klux Klan's participation in Texas electoral politics. Included are sizable files on Morrow's campaign in Bexar, Dallas, DeWitt, El Paso and Erath Counties. There is one file of personal correspondence and Christmas cards, 1931-1942.

Campaign materials are arranged alphabetically by county, Andrews-Kleberg, with several counties missing.

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Court of Criminal Appeals campaign files, 1922, 1928 & undated (arranged alphabetically by county):

I203/1    Andrews, Aransas, Archer, Angelina, Atascosa & Austin Counties, 9 items, 1922
I203/2    Bastrop, Baylor, Bee & Bell Counties, 22 items, 1922
I203/3    Bexar County, 29 items, 1922
I203/4    Bowie, Brazoria, Brazos, Briscoe, Brown, Burleson & Burnet Counties, 25 items, 1922
I203/5    Caldwell, Calhoun, Callahan, Cameron, Camp & Chambers Counties, 19 items, 1922
I203/6    Cherokee, Childress, Clay, Coleman & Collin Counties, 25 items, 1922
I203/7    Collingsworth, Comal, Comanche, Concho, Cooke, Coryell, Cottle, Crosby & Dallam Counties, 26 items, 1922
I203/8    Dallas County, 70 items, 1922
I203/9    Deaf Smith & Denton Counties, 10 items, 1922
I203/10   DeWitt County, 16 items, 1922
I203/11   Donley, Duval, Eastland & Ellis Counties, 17 items, 1922
I203/12   El Paso County, 24 items, 1922
I203/13   Erath County, 15 items, 1922
I203/14   Falls, Fannin, Fayette, Fisher, Floyd, Fort Bend, Franklin, Freestone & Frio Counties, 27 items, 1922
I203/15   Galveston, Goliad, Gonzalez, Gray, Grayson, Gregg, Grimes & Guadalupe Counties, 8 items, 1922
I203/16   Hall, Hardeman, Hartley, Hays, Henderson, Hidalgo, Hood, Hopkins & Kleberg Counties, 10 items, 1922
I203/17   General campaign materials, 3 items, 1928 and undated

Personal correspondence and Christmas cards:

I203/18   20 items, 1931-1942 and undated
I203/19   Addressed envelopes, 4 items, undated
I203/20   Photocopied items

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