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Guide to the

William Mills Ivins papers

1886-1907

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Summary

Creator: Ivins, William M. (William Mills), 1851-1915

Title: William Mills Ivins papers, 1886-1907

Size: 1.09 linear feet (3 boxes)

Source: Barbara Ivins

Abstract: William Mills Ivins Sr. (1851-1915) was a New York City lawyer and municipal reformer in New York City. His papers consist of writings; correspondence related to his mayoral campaign; and legal papers concerning his work for the Brazilian government.

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Related collections

Ivins family papers, 1885-1961, bulk (1900-1946). Manuscripts and Archives Division, The New York Public Library

Creator history

William Mills Ivins Sr. (1851-1915) was a New York City lawyer and municipal reformer in New York City. He held several offices, served as counsel for Brazil in a boundary dispute with Argentina, was a founder of the Reform Club, and wrote about municipal problems and the history and theory of the law. Ivins unsuccessfully ran for Mayor of New York City on the Republican ticket in 1905.

Scope and content note

One half of the collection consists of Ivins' writing. These range from short notes to essays on many topics, but with political and legal theory predominating. There are also approximately 90 letters Ivins received as a mayoral candidate in 1905. Most of these offer congratulations on his nomination, but some make substantive comments about the campaign. In addition, the collection contains letters and legal papers concerning his work for the Brazilian government (1886-1893) and a legal brief by William N. Cromwell concerning legal fees for matters related to the Panama Canal (1907).

Key terms**Subjects**

Law -- Philosophy

Law -- Study and teaching

Names

Cromwell, William Nelson, 1854-1948

Ivins, William M. (William Mills), 1851-1915

Special formats

Essays

Legal papers

Photographs

Occupations

Lawyers

Politicians

Places

Brazil -- Politics and government -- 19th century

New York (N.Y.) -- Politics and government

Panama Canal (Panama)

Container list

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- b.1 Photograph
- b.1 Writings
- b.2 Writings
- b.3 Brazil-Argentina arbitration case
- b.3 Panama Canal brief