

McLean County Museum of History

Justice Robert C. Underwood Collection

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Collection Information

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Historical Sketch

Robert C. Underwood was a prominent figure in Bloomington, McLean County, and the State of Illinois as an attorney, county judge, and justice of the Illinois Supreme Court. He was well respected, and his reforms and leadership made lasting impacts on the judicial system in Illinois.

Justice Underwood was born on October 27, 1915 in Gardner, Illinois, the son of Marion L. Underwood, a merchant, and Edith Underwood. He graduated from Gardner-South Wilmington Township High School in 1933, and completed his undergraduate studies at Illinois Wesleyan University in 1937. In 1939 he graduated from the University of Illinois College of Law, and was admitted to the Bar of Illinois. He practiced law in Bloomington from 1939 to 1946, first in private practice and as city attorney of Normal, and then as assistant state's attorney of McLean County from 1942 to 1946.

In 1946 Underwood defeated the incumbent county judge, Dewey Montgomery, in the Republican primary and then won the general election. He was reelected three times, serving as county judge for a total of 16 years. During this time he was a vocal advocate for foster homes and better facilities for juvenile offenders, and worked closely with organizations such as the Baby Fold. His work in this area drew statewide recognition, and he was appointed as a member of the Illinois Commission on Children. In 1958 Underwood ran a brief campaign for a federal judgeship that became vacant, but was unsuccessful.

In 1962, Justice George W. Bristow of the Illinois Supreme Court died, opening a vacancy in what was then the Third Supreme Court District, which included McLean County. At that time the nomination of a candidate for Supreme Court justice was determined by a convention composed of delegates from the Republican parties in each of the 16 counties of the district. Underwood faced opposition from several prominent figures in central Illinois, including appellate and circuit court judges, lawyers, and a state senator. He did little campaigning before the convention; however, he established a strategy in which the McLean County delegation would vote for candidates from other counties on the promise that they would in turn vote for Underwood on later ballots. The convention began at noon on January 26, 1962 in Champaign. Support for various candidates fluctuated for hours until finally, on the 52 ballot, the Iroquois County delegation switched their vote to Underwood, giving him the 218 votes necessary to secure his nomination at 2:00 a.m. An article from *The Chicago Tribune* stated that Underwood "consistently outmaneuvered experienced floor managers who were handling other candidates. His work during the convention was recognized as a masterful job of political timing."

The leading Democratic candidate, Donald V. Dobbins, announced soon after the convention that he would not oppose Underwood, whom he praised as "a jurist worthy of promotion to the state's highest court." Underwood easily defeated Democratic candidate Zack Hickman of Danville and assumed the position of Justice of the Supreme Court on December 1, 1962.

In 1969 he was elected by his fellow justices as chief justice shortly after two members of the court resigned following a scandal regarding manipulation of stocks for their own benefits. The selection of Underwood as chief justice was an attempt to restore confidence in the integrity of the court. He was reelected in 1970 for a 10 year term, and

continued to serve as chief justice until January 1, 1976. During his six years as chief justice, he made significant impacts on the judicial system in Illinois. He helped establish a strict judicial code of conduct, the first such code with the force of law, which he viewed as his most significant contribution to the state's court system. This code was viewed as the most comprehensive and stringent code of judicial conduct in the nation, and was consulted by the drafters of the American Bar Association's Code of Judicial Conduct. Underwood also was one of the first state chief justices to use an annual report to the legislature for recommended improvements in the courts and procedural law. He advocated stability and administrative capacity in the office of chief justice, and supported efficient and timely judicial system. In his tenure on the court Justice Underwood was viewed as a model of integrity and leadership, especially given the rather tumultuous period between the Judicial Act of 1964 and the adoption of the 1970 Illinois Constitution. The spokesman for the Illinois State Bar Association said that "He was the one person everyone could look up to. He was the epitome of what you'd want a Supreme Court justice to be." Underwood was retained again in 1980 for another 10 year term, but retired in 1984 after serving 38 years as a judge, with 23 of those years on the Supreme Court.

After retirement he was a consultant for the Dunn law firm in Bloomington until his death on March 30, 1988. He was survived by his wife, Dorothy (Roy) Underwood, his daughter Susan (Underwood) Barcalow, and two grandchildren. His funeral was held at The First United Methodist Church of Normal, and was attended by many dignitaries including judges, lawyers, and Illinois Governor James Thompson. He was buried in Funks Grove Cemetery in McLean County.

Underwood was the author of numerous articles appearing in professional journals and publications, and received many awards from such organizations as the Kiwanis Club and the United States Junior Chamber of Commerce. He held honorary doctoral degrees from Loyola University (Chicago), Eureka College, Illinois State University, and Illinois Wesleyan University. A park in Normal, at the corner of Linden and Jersey, was named in his honor.

Scope and Content Note

The Justice Robert C. Underwood collection contains newspaper articles, correspondence, speeches, campaign and election materials, and personal and professional correspondence primarily regarding Justice Underwood's various campaigns for county judge and Supreme Court justice. The collection is organized into boxes: Box 1 contains biographical information and material from his 1946, 1950, 1954, 1958, 1960, and 1962 campaigns; Box 2 contains material from his 1970 campaign along with awards, photos, printing mats, and booklets. Box 3 (archival box) contains printing plates. The following is an itemized list of the collection's contents.

Box and Folder Inventory

Box 1: Biographical Information and Campaign Materials (1946- 1962) (47 Folders)

Folder 1: Biographical Information

- 1.1.1 "Robert C. Underwood biographical material" (2 copies)
- 1.1.2 Biographical sketch written by William Lawrence, May 2004
- 1.1.3 *Bench and Bar* (October 1984) "Salute to Supreme Court Justice Robert C. Underwood"
- 1.1.4 Illinois Wesleyan University Board of Trustees Memorial Resolution (6 copies)
- 1.1.5 Memo to Illinois Wesleyan University Board of Trustees regarding death, plus copies of two newspaper articles ("Services slated Friday for Justice Underwood" and "Ex-justice dead at 72")
- 1.1.6 McLean County Bar Association Memorial Resolution
- 1.1.7 Memorial to Underwood delivered by Mark T. Dunn (3 copies), with order of service for funeral
- 1.1.8 Transcript of memorial services held in the Supreme Court of Illinois September 20, 1988

Newspaper coverage of death:

- 1.1.9 *The Pantagraph* Thursday, March 31, 1988 pages A1-4 and B7-8, contains articles "Ex-justice dead at 72," "Judge had 4 decades on bench," and "Services slated Friday for Judge Underwood", and a copy of each article
- 1.1.10 *The Pantagraph* Saturday, April 2, 1988 pages A3-4 "Underwood 'lived by Golden Rule'" and copy
- 1.1.11 Copy of editorial "Underwood served with honor, grace"
- 1.1.12 Copy of *Law Bulletin* article, "Former Justice Underwood dies" (2 copies)

Folder 2: 1946 Campaign: Miscellaneous Lists and Documents

- 1.2.1 List of precinct committeewomen
- 1.2.2 List of voters/contributors
- 1.2.3 List of voters/contributors with list of local ministers
- 1.2.4 List for petitions, board of directors, miscellaneous
- 1.2.5 Recommendation from Mrs. E. Mark Evans
- 1.2.6 Recommendation from Mr. Leach
- 1.2.7 Quotes from the *The Pantagraph* regarding opposition

Folder 3: 1946 Campaign: Thank You Letters

- 1.3.1 January 18, 1946 to W.E. Froelich
- 1.3.2 April 11, 1946 to John J. Radka
- 1.3.3 April 23, 1946 to Lyle White
- 1.3.4 April 23, 1946 to Walter Benson

- 1.3.5 April 23, 1946 to Alice Roberts
- 1.3.6 November 22, 1946 to Clarence A. Burner
- 1.3.7 November 22, 1946 to Henry Nierstheimer
- 1.3.8 November 23, 1946 from Mrs. William C. Bruce
- 1.3.9 February 28, 1947 to R.B. Still with reply on bottom
- 1.3.10 March 3, 1947 from Paul Beich
- 1.3.11 March 7, 1947 from Bruce Crosthwait
- 1.3.12 March 26, 1947 from Russell Crosthwait
- 1.3.13 Thank you notes from Judge Underwood (41 documents)

Folder 4: 1946 Campaign: Newspaper Correspondence

- 1.4.1 February 11, 1946 to Editor of the *The Pantagraph* regarding City of Bloomington election commission
- 1.4.2 February 26, 1946 from Charlie Driver of the *The Pantagraph* requesting material for election coverage, with list of questions
- 1.4.3 March 5, 1946 to Charlie Driver- response to questions
- 1.4.4 October 11, 1946 to Charlie Driver regarding experience and stance on key issues
- 1.4.5 October 14, 1946 and October 21, 1946 to various newspapers regarding advertisements (9 documents. Towns include Atlanta, Chenoa, Danvers, Heyworth, Leroy, Lexington, Normal and Saybrook)

Folder 5: 1946 Campaign: Miscellaneous Correspondence

- 1.5.1 From Pearl Devore with list of women and McLean County Central Committeemen pamphlet
- 1.5.2 Congratulations card from women of the 1st and 2nd ward
- 1.5.3 January 2, 1946 to Donald Powell requesting circulation of petition, with rough draft of a speech on the back.
- 1.5.4 January 2, 1946 to Fred Munson requesting circulation of petition, with rough draft of a speech on the back
- 1.5.5 Rough draft of letter to “Reverend _____”
- 1.5.6 March 16, 1946 to Reverend Edward P. Nelson
- 1.5.7 March 22, 1946 from Mabel Clarida of the Department of Public Welfare to Reverend William A. Hammitt, superintendent of the Baby fold, regarding Juvenile commitments in the state of Illinois and McLean County (2 copies, one with handwritten analysis)
- 1.5.8 August 17, 1946 from Mae Fairfield seeking job
- 1.5.9 August 27, 1946 from Mae Fairfield regarding possible positions
- 1.5.10 November 12, 1946 to Dr. Ernest Burgess seeking candidates for Juvenile Probation Officer
- 1.5.11 November 12, 1946 to Dr. Clifford R. Shaw seeking candidates for Juvenile Probation Officer
- 1.5.12 November 12, 1946 to Edna Zimmerman seeking candidates for Juvenile Probation Officer
- 1.5.13 November 18, 1946 to V.L. Nickel regarding secretary

1.5.14 November 19, 1946 to Robert H. Copenhaver regarding secretary

Folder 6: 1946 Campaign: Political Documents and Speeches

- 1.6.1 City of Bloomington Republican Central Committee precinct information
- 1.6.2 McLean County Republican Central Committee precinct information
- 1.6.3 Parent-Teacher Associations Unit Presidents 1945-6
- 1.6.4 Sigma Chi Mothers' Club booklet
- 1.6.5 Sigma Chi Mothers' Club membership list
- 1.6.6 Notes on main election issues
- 1.6.7 Transcript of speech
- 1.6.8 Summary of speech given to Men's Club of Hudson March 20, 1946
- 1.6.9 Qualifications and platform (2 copies)
- 1.6.10 Campaign postcard
- 1.6.11 "8 Standards for a Progressive Juvenile Court" handout from the Illinois Committee on Child Welfare Legislation

Folder 7: 1946 Campaign: Financial Records

- 1.7.1 Note "Paid Howard Lanham"
- 1.7.2 COD shipment receipt from Superior Match Company
- 1.7.3 Receipt from Kane Engraving Company
- 1.7.4 Statement of political advertising costs
- 1.7.5 Receipts for *The Pantagraph* advertisements (3)
- 1.7.6 Receipt for candidate cards from Pantagraph Printing & Stationary Company
- 1.7.7 Receipts for money received of Judge Underwood
- 1.7.8 Receipt from Judge Underwood for church sign (?)
- 1.7.9 Notes to Frank about campaign contributions (2)
- 1.7.10 Handwritten list of contributors on back of envelope
- 1.7.11 List of contributors to 1946 Primary Campaign
- 1.7.12 List of contributors to *Normalite*

Folder 8: 1946 Campaign: Election Materials

- 1.8.1 Primary and Election Calendar for 1946 booklet
- 1.8.2 Brown notebook with precinct and voter information
- 1.8.3 "Where to Vote in Normal" Precinct map from the *The Pantagraph* April 8, 1946
- 1.8.4 Election totals for primary and general election
- 1.8.5 Primary results by precinct
- 1.8.6 General election results by precinct
- 1.8.7 Voting list
- 1.8.8 List of county newspapers

Folder 9: 1947-49 Miscellaneous Documents

- 1.9.1 McLean County League of Women Voters membership list, January 1948

- 1.9.2 McLean County League of Women Voters membership list, January 1949
- 1.9.3 September 21, 1947 Letter from Mrs. Chas L. Chapman regarding Election Commission Board
- 1.9.4 March 6, 1948 letter from T.W. Weatherwax regarding election board with attached list
- 1.9.5 March 9, 1948 reply to T.W. Weatherwax
- 1.9.6 March 11, 1948 reply from T.W. Weatherwax
- 1.9.7 1948 General Election Results
- 1.9.8 February 14, 1949 letter from A.E.(?) Anderson regarding distinguished service award

Folder 10: 1950 Campaign: Advertisements and Receipts

- 1.10.1 January 4, 1950 acknowledgement of order from Superior Match Company
- 1.10.2 January 4, 1950 COD shipment receipt with attached terms and conditions
- 1.10.3 January 24, 1950 freight bill from Oesch Transfer Company
- 1.10.4 October 21, 1950 advertisement receipt from *The Danvers Independent*
- 1.10.5 October 26, 1950 advertisement receipt from Hawthorne Printing and Publishing Company
- 1.10.6 October 31, 1950 advertisement receipt from *The Aegis*, Bloomington High School
- 1.10.7 November 1, 1950 advertisement receipt from *The LeRoy Journal*
- 1.10.8 November 3, 1950 advertisement receipt from A.B. Woolley
- 1.10.9 November 3, 1950 advertisement receipt from *The Heyworth Star*
- 1.10.10 November 4, 1950 advertisement receipt from *The Lexington Unit-Journal*
- 1.10.11 Letter from *The Pantagraph* with statement of advertising rates and radio rates
- 1.10.12 Rough draft of advertisement "To the residents of McLean County" city version
- 1.10.13 Rough draft of advertisement "To the residents of McLean County" county version
- 1.10.14 Campaign card order form
- 1.10.15 Note about advertisements
- 1.10.16 Note with advertisement expenditures
- 1.10.17 Note of schedule of advertisements
- 1.10.18 Note with advertisement schedule, size and prices

Folder 11: 1950 Campaign: Correspondence with Newspapers

- 1.11.1 List of area newspapers
- 1.11.2 List of McLean County weeklies
- 1.11.3 Letters to local newspapers about advertisements (25 documents dated October 14-November 20, 1950, including letters to Atlanta, LeRoy, Danvers, Chenoa, Lexington, Saybrook, Heyworth and Normal)

Folder 12: 1950 Campaign: Newspaper Advertisements

- 1.12.1 Anti-Lucas political cartoon (2 copies)

- 1.12.2 *Chicago Daily News* Monday, October 9, 1950 “We Urge Dirksen’s Election to Reverse Unwise Policies”
- 1.12.3 Dirksen advertisement “Voters” with copy
- 1.12.4 Dirksen advertisement “Voters- Look at 50 Year Party Records” with copy
- 1.12.5 McLean County Republican Central Committee advertisement “Public Sale”
- 1.12.6 McLean County Republican Central Committee advertisement “Yes, Your Dollar Buys Less!”
- 1.12.7 McLean County Republican Central Committee advertisement “Democratic Farm Bait?”
- 1.12.8 McLean County Republican Central Committee advertisement “Experience Counts”
- 1.12.9 McLean County Republican Central Committee advertisement “War! War! War!”
- 1.12.10 Earl Richards advertisement “Here is what Earl Richards’ Republican Primary Opponents Say of Him...”
- 1.12.11 Earl Richards advertisement “They Are Trying to Cover Up the Fact That Earl Richards Made a Fine Sheriff”
- 1.12.12 Tampa Daily Times- Thursday, February 9, 1950 political cartoon “Once There Was A Magician-“
- 1.12.13 *The Peoria Star*- October, 9, 1950 “The Grape Vine”
- 1.12.14 *McLean County Courier*- Friday, October 20, 1950 advertisement
- 1.12.15 *The Pantagraph*- Sunday, December 10, 1950 advertisement “What Would Have Happened to These Baby Fold Babies?”

Folder 13: 1950 Campaign: Correspondence

- 1.13.1 Thank you letters from Judge Underwood (17 documents dated December 15, 1949-January 24, 1950 and November 8-9, 1950)
- 1.13.2 Rough draft of letter to committeemen
- 1.13.3 December 12, 1949 from John W. Baker regarding petition
- 1.13.4 December 14, 1949 from John W. Baker regarding petition
- 1.13.5 December 17, 1949 from Elmer Orendorff regarding petition
- 1.13.6 January 4, 1950 to Edward L. Benecke
- 1.13.7 September 16, 1950 from T.M. Patton
- 1.13.8 September 25, 1950 to T.M. Patton
- 1.13.9 November 17, 1950 from Ivan Jenkins, congratulatory
- 1.13.10 May 9, 1951 to Charles W. Heins regarding donation
- 1.13.11 May 17, 1951 to Charles W. Heins regarding donation
- 1.13.12 May 18, 1951 from Charles W. Heins regarding donation

Folder 14: 1950 Campaign: Petitions and Precinct Information

- 1.14.1 List of petition distributors
- 1.14.2 Blank petitions (4)
- 1.14.3 Completed petitions (4)
- 1.14.4 Partially completed petitions (3)

1.14.5 Ward and precinct map of the City of Bloomington

Folder 15: 1950 Campaign: Advertisements for Other Candidates and General Pro-Republican Advertisements

Earl Richards Campaign:

- 1.15.1 Rough draft for advertisement
- 1.15.2 Letter from Thomas M. Barger Jr. to Don R. Massie requesting endorsements from other candidates
- 1.15.3 Letters of support for General Election from former candidates (Don R. Massie, Walter Nierstheimer, Roy I. McClellan, Edward R. Kammeran, and unknown)
- 1.15.4 Letter to the Editor from L.L. Flint Everett M. Dirksen Campaign
- 1.15.5 Letter to Scott W. Lucas, U.S. Senator, from Kaywin Kennedy protesting use of federal funds for propaganda
- 1.15.6 Mailing from Lucas campaign
- 1.15.7 Rough draft of advertisement for Dirksen on back of affidavit
- 1.15.8 Overview of Dirksen's position on key issues
- 1.15.9 Folder containing campaign cards (7), letters (2), biographical information and articles
- 1.15.10 Pro-Republican letter/advertisement
- 1.15.11 Advertisement for *Labor Temple News*
- 1.15.12 Advertisement for *The Argus* and *The Aegis*
- 1.15.13 Suggested editorial material from the Illinois Republican State Central Committee
- 1.15.14 Pro-Republican statement focusing on Korea
- 1.15.15 Rough draft of advertisement
- 1.15.16 Rough draft of advertisement "Prosperity on whose money?"
- 1.15.17 Rough draft of advertisement "Let's look at the Record of the Democratic Good Time Charlies"
- 1.15.18 Pro-Republican letter
- 1.15.19 Advertising copy from Wm. H. Kinsall and Co. for the McLean County Republican Central Committee
- 1.15.20 Hap Arends Campaign Card
- 1.15.21 Underwood Campaign Cards (4)
- 1.15.22 Flyer about Hoover Report
- 1.15.23 Flyer about Federal Debt
- 1.15.24 Flyer about National Defense

Folder 16: 1950 Campaign: Miscellaneous Documents

- 1.16.1 Republican Central Committeemen of McLean County pamphlet
- 1.16.2 Ralph (Hap) Arends biography
- 1.16.3 Judge Riley background information
- 1.16.4 Esther G. Simkins background information
- 1.16.5 McLean County Central Committee document

- 1.16.6 List of contributors/supporters
- 1.16.7 McLean County Republican calendar
- 1.16.8 Baby Fold Newsletter Spring 1951

Folder 17: 1954 Campaign: Receipts, Letters, and Advertisements from Newspapers

- 1.17.1 Receipts (7 documents dated October 28-November 1, 1954 from Heyworth, Danvers, Gridley, Saybrook, McLean, Chenoa and LeRoy)
- 1.17.2 October 21, 1954 letter to O.K. Lere, *The LeRoy Journal*
- 1.17.3 October 21, 1954 letter to Glen W. Beveridge, *The Heyworth Star*
- 1.17.4 October 21, 1954 letter to A.B. Woolley with 1 page advertisement, Saybrook
- 1.17.5 November 5, 1954 letter to *The Lexington Unit Journal*
- 1.17.6 Advertisement from the *The Heyworth Star*, Thursday October 28, 1954
- 1.17.7 Advertisement from the *The Gridley Advance*, Thursday October 28, 1954
- 1.17.8 Advertisement from the *The Danvers Independent*, Friday October 29, 1954
- 1.17.9 Advertisement from the *The Pantagraph*, Wednesday November 3, 1954
- 1.17.10 Advertisement published in spring of 1954

Folder 18: 1954 Campaign: Correspondence

- 1.18.1 December 15, 1953 letter mailed to precinct committeemen
- 1.18.2 December 17, 1953 from Elmer Opendorff
- 1.18.3 December 19, 1953 from Bob Austin
- 1.18.4 Thank you letters to those who circulated petitions (9 documents dated December 30, 1953- January 13, 1954)
- 1.18.5 January 11, 1954 from W.W. Holloway
- 1.18.6 March 3, 1954 to Gertrude Williams of the League of Women voters regarding qualifications
- 1.18.7 August 31, 1954 from Marion S. Jones regarding Election Commission
- 1.18.8 October 18, 1954 to Albert H. Hoopes regarding biographical information

Folder 19: 1954 Campaign: Miscellaneous Documents

- 1.19.1 List of supporters/donors with backgrounds
- 1.19.2 List of donors to campaign
- 1.19.3 List of supporters receiving petitions
- 1.19.4 List of supporters returning completed petitions
- 1.19.5 Transcript of radio address from October 21, 1954

Folder 20: 1958 Federal Judgeship Bid: Correspondence May 28, 1958- June 9, 1958

Folder 21: 1958 Federal Judgeship Bid: Correspondence June 10, 1958- September 29, 1958

Folder 22: 1958 Campaign: Miscellaneous Documents

- 1.22.1 Rough draft of letter to Senator Dirkson
- 1.22.2 Stanley Thomas biographical sketch
- 1.22.3 Judge Underwood biographical outline (3 versions)
- 1.22.4 List of people receiving petitions
- 1.22.5 List of precinct committeemen
- 1.22.6 December 12, 1957 letter to Carl E. Rhoads
- 1.22.7 January 15, 1958 letter to Riley Starkey

Folder 23: 1960 Campaign: Newspaper Advertisements

- 1.23.1 Copy of telegram sent to newspapers regarding an advertisement correction
- 1.23.2 Advertisements for county clerk, coroner, recorder of deeds, state's attorney, circuit clerk, and state senator
- 1.23.3 Anti-Kennedy advertisement
- 1.23.4 2 generic pro-Republican advertisements
- 1.23.5 3 generic pro-Republican advertisements
- 1.23.6 Large advertisements for all McLean County Republican Candidates
- 1.23.7 "GOP Cheery Note"
- 1.23.8 *Wallstreet Journal* article "Reshaping the GOP" Friday July 29, 1960
- 1.23.9 *The Pantagraph* pages with advertisements Monday November 7, 1960 5-8

Folder 24: 1960 Campaign: Miscellaneous Documents

- 1.24.1 List of names
- 1.24.2 Packet of material, mostly biographical information for other candidates, dated November 20, 1960 from "AI"
- 1.24.3 List of Republican v. Democratic figures from 1936-1960
- 1.24.4 Specimen ballot
- 1.24.5 Specimen primary ballot
- 1.24.6 List of contributions collected by Judge Underwood
- 1.24.7 Memo from Duke Slater with list of contributors
- 1.24.8 Receipt from WJBC with schedule for radio announcements
- 1.24.9 Advertisement copy from The Biddle Company with business card
- 1.24.10 Brief biographies of W.W. Mallory, Curtis Gilberts and Clyde W. Kensinger
- 1.24.11 *Battle Line*, publication of the Republican National Committee, October 17, 1960
- 1.24.12 Campaign pamphlet of U.S. Senator Paul H. Douglas
- 1.24.13 Conference report of September 29, 1960 meeting of McLean County Republicans (6 copies)
- 1.24.14 United Republican Fund of Illinois contribution card with envelope

Folder 25: 1960 Campaign: Correspondence

- 1.25.1 Note on Department of Revenue letterhead to "Ray"

- 1.25.2 Note to "Loretta"
- 1.25.3 July 20, 1960 to Hon. Dean McCully
- 1.25.4 July 29, 1960 to Willis Burkholder
- 1.25.5 August 11, 1960 from Everett D. Biddle
- 1.25.6 August 12, 1960 to Everett D. Biddle
- 1.25.7 August 25, 1960 to Rep. Leslie C. Arends
- 1.25.8 August 29, 1960 from Leslie C. Arends
- 1.25.9 August 30, 1960 from Leslie C. Arends
- 1.25.10 September 23, 1960 to Al Lausmann
- 1.25.11 June 7, 1961 to Willis Burkholder
- 1.25.12 June 7, 1961 to Harold Walsh
- 1.25.13 August 15, 1961 from W.A. Matheson to William D. Braid
- 1.25.14 September 11, 1961 to Everett Biddle
- 1.25.15 September 12, 1961 from Everett Biddle
- 1.25.16 September 15, 1961 to Mrs. C.B. Smithson
- 1.25.17 October 24, 1961 from W.A. Matheson to Robert Fleming
- 1.25.18 3 miscellaneous envelopes

Folder 26: 1962 Campaign for County Judge

This campaign was ended when Judge Underwood was selected as the candidate for the Illinois Supreme Court election.

- 1.26.1 Letters requesting circulation of petitions (21 documents dated December 20-21, 1961)
- 1.26.2 December 23, 1961 letter from Wilbur H. Boies
- 1.26.3 December 26, 1961 letter to Wilbur H. Boies
- 1.26.4 December 28, 1961 to Alice L. Ebel regarding her nomination as a delegate to the Supreme Court District Judicial Convention
- 1.26.5 Thank you notes for completed petitions (18 documents dated December 29, 1961-January 15, 1962)
- 1.26.6 Letter to William D. Braid regarding a list of delegates
- 1.26.7 January 14, 1962 letter from Charles W. Dunn
- 1.26.8 January 20, 1962 letter from Harber Hall regarding campaign for County Treasurer
- 1.26.9 List of people receiving petitions
- 1.26.10 Blank petitions (2)
- 1.26.11 Completed petitions (2)

Folder 27: 1962 Campaign Correspondence: A-B

Folder 28: 1962 Campaign Correspondence: C-D

Folder 29: 1962 Campaign Correspondence: E-F

Folder 30: 1962 Campaign Correspondence: G-H

Folder 31: 1962 Campaign Correspondence: I-L

Folder 32: 1962 Campaign Correspondence: M-N

Folder 33: 1962 Campaign Correspondence: O-R

Folder 34: 1962 Campaign Correspondence: S-T

Folder 35: 1962 Campaign Correspondence: U-Z

Folder 36: 1962 Campaign: Financial Records

- 1.36.1 Handwritten list of contributors
- 1.36.2 Contributors to Underwood Advertisement- members and non-members of SPEBSQSA (Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barbershop Quartet Singing in America)
- 1.36.3 List of contributors
- 1.36.4 List of contributors dated April 6, 1962
- 1.36.5 Shipping ticket
- 1.36.6 Receipts from Lang-Fuller Printing Company and Pantagraph Printing & Stationary Company (20 documents)

Folder 37: 1962 Campaign: Newspapers and Related Correspondence

- 1.37.1 March 2, 1962 letter from Fred Pearson, Decatur Herald and Review, requesting picture
- 1.37.2 Decatur Herald and Review biography form
- 1.37.3 Political advertisement
- 1.37.4 *The Pantagraph* article "Underwood wins Republican Nomination for High Court" Friday, January 26 1962
- 1.37.5 Chicago Tribune article "G.O.P. wavers over nominee for justice" January 26, 1962
- 1.37.6 Chicago Tribune article "Democrat out of race for highest court" January 27, 1962

Folder 38: 1962 Campaign: Correspondence from Judge Underwood

- 1.38.1 January 17, 1962 to the members of the McLean County delegation to the Third Supreme Court District Judicial Convention
- 1.38.2 February 5, 1962 to the Third Supreme Court Republican Judicial Convention Delegates and Alternates
- 1.38.3 February 5, 1962 to Committeemen
- 1.38.4 February 5, 1962 to (blank)
- 1.38.5 February 14, 1962 to All Precinct Committeemen, Committeewomen, and Candidates for Precinct Office

- 1.38.6 February 17, 1962 to Mr. P.E. Fonner from Stan Prather (Judge Underwood's campaign coordinator) with a list of Republican Precinct Committeemen in Piatt County
- 1.38.7 March, 1962 to "McLean County Friends"
- 1.38.8 March 29, 1962 to "Fellow Republicans" (2 copies)
- 1.38.9 April 24, 1962 to the Republican Committeemen in the Third Supreme Court District (2 copies)
- 1.38.10 To William G. Braid with a list of committee chairmen receiving letter
- 1.38.11 Rough Drafts:
- 1.38.12 To "Fellow Republican"
- 1.38.13 Proposed letter to be sent by the presidents of the various banks in Bloomington-Normal
- 1.38.14 From Richard J. Rost, D.D.S., regarding support of the dental profession
- 1.38.15 To "Demo Committeemen in McLean Co." (2 copies)
- 1.38.16 To alumnus
- 1.38.17 To Republican Committeemen in the Third Supreme Court District (2 copies)
- 1.38.18 To "The Residents of McLean County"
- 1.38.19 Financial contribution letters
- 1.38.20 To "My McLean County Friends"
- 1.38.21 Thank you letter with notecard
- 1.38.22 Notes:
- 1.38.23 February 26, 1962 to Kenny
- 1.38.24 Invitation to Candidate's Night
- 1.38.25 February 27, 1962 to Bill
- 1.38.26 Returned Letters to Committeemen:
- 1.38.27 to Mr. Charles Givson
- 1.38.28 to Mr. Dave Warnick
- 1.38.29 to Mr. Dwight Zimmerman

Folder 39: 1962 Campaign Miscellaneous Correspondence and Business Cards

- 1.39.1 February 14, 1962 copy of letter to be mailed to other circuit judges
- 1.39.2 February 15, 1962 to Republican Committeemen from William D. Braid
- 1.39.3 March 8, 1962 to All Members of the Ford County Republican Central Committee from W.C. Holmes, Chairman
- 1.39.4 March 30, 1962 from Frank Davies regarding donation
- 1.39.5 May 2, 1962 to Bill Lyons from Charles F. Carpentier (Secretary of State) regarding copies of the official canvass of votes
- 1.39.6 Suggested letter to be sent out by Bernard T. Grimes, President of the McLean County Bar Association to all lawyers in the Third Supreme Court Judicial District soliciting support
- 1.39.7 Note from James G. Brown, M.D.
- 1.39.8 Thank you note in envelope from Mrs. Meredith Nelson
- 1.39.9 Envelope addressed to Judge Underwood
- 1.39.10 Envelope addressed to Mrs. Harold Tenney

- 1.39.11 Envelope addressed to Mr. B.F. Hiltabrand, Jr.
- 1.39.12 Note from Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Crawford
- 1.39.13 Business Cards:
- 1.39.14 Don Hopkins, Law Book representative
- 1.39.15 Law Offices of Horwitz and Anesi
- 1.39.16 Albert J. Meserow, attorney and counselor
- 1.39.17 Maurice W. Coburn, General Legal Counsel- U.S. Jr. Chamber of Commerce
- 1.39.18 John Unger, attorney
- 1.39.19 Hugh J. McCarthy
- 1.39.20 J.R. Fitzpatrick, publisher
- 1.39.21 Law offices of Adelbert Brown
- 1.39.22 Lester Asher, attorney
- 1.39.23 Irving M. Greenfield, attorney and counselor
- 1.39.24 Endorsements by other candidates:
- 1.39.25 January 26, 1962 from Elbert S. Smith, with note
- 1.39.26 February 20, 1962 from Ivan L. Yontz
- 1.39.27 February 21, 1962 from George E. Drach
- 1.39.28 February 23, 1962 from Creel Douglass
- 1.39.29 From Ben F. Railsback

Folder 40: 1962 Campaign: Miscellaneous Notes

- 1.40.1 Notes to and from Judge Underwood regarding appointments and messages (18 documents)
- 1.40.2 Miscellaneous other notes, many written in shorthand (41 documents)

Folder 41: 1962 Campaign: Lists of Supporters

- 1.41.1 List of volunteers and services they offer
- 1.41.2 List of individuals the Judge may wish to send "thank you" letters to
- 1.41.3 List of those receiving "thank you" letters written by Mrs. Jume Smithson
- 1.41.4 List of those receiving "thank you" letters written by Mary Lou Walker
- 1.41.5 List of supporters
- 1.41.6 List of volunteer-riders
- 1.41.7 List of attorneys and doctors
- 1.41.8 "Local people" list
- 1.41.9 Society for Judicial Reform list
- 1.41.10 List of supporters (29 pages)
- 1.41.11 List of businesses
- 1.41.12 Lists of supporters (50 pages)
- 1.41.13 List of McLean County Young Republicans Club members
- 1.41.14 List of female supporters
- 1.41.15 McLean County Republican Workshop members 1961-2 (2 copies)
- 1.41.16 McLean County Helpers
- 1.41.17 List of additional helpers

- 1.41.18 February 17, 1962 Individuals who might be interested in writing letters and possible helpers
- 1.41.19 List of names and addresses (3 note cards)
- 1.41.20 Note card with names from Springfield and Taylorville
- 1.41.21 List of names
- 1.41.22 "Keys" list
- 1.41.23 List of names on back of ballot
- 1.41.24 Margaret Williams contact information
- 1.41.25 February 9, 1962 public contacts

Folder 42: 1962 Campaign: Speeches and Radio

- 1.42.1 Rough draft of speech
- 1.42.2 Notes for television interview
- 1.42.3 Transcript of radio interview
- 1.42.4 Transcript of speech
- 1.42.5 CBS radio editorial
- 1.42.6 Baby Fold speech transcript

Folder 43: 1962 Campaign: Miscellaneous Documents

- 1.43.1 "Situations in Respective Counties, as I Understand Them to Be"- contains contested county races and contacts (2 copies)
- 1.43.2 "Individuals with whom I have consulted in various counties"
- 1.43.3 Results of vote for governor in 1960 election
- 1.43.4 Minutes from a meeting of county chairmen to select a time and place to hold convention
- 1.43.5 Index of counties, cities, and towns
- 1.43.6 Note regarding February 9 meeting in Mattoon regarding campaign
- 1.43.7 Note from B.J.T. regarding endorsement of Hickman by five University of Illinois law faculty
- 1.43.8 *What is Wrong with the Proposed Illinois Judicial Article of 1961?* booklet
- 1.43.9 Republican legislators of the Third Supreme Court District (4 copies)
- 1.43.10 List of attorneys by county (2 copies)
- 1.43.11 Letter from Robert L. Dannehl (State's attorney) listing Republican attorneys in Iroquois County
- 1.43.12 List of attorneys from unknown county
- 1.43.13 List of members of the Vermilion County Bar Association
- 1.43.14 Biographical sketches of Judge Underwood
- 1.43.15 Resolution for endorsement of Judge Underwood by the Bloomington-Normal Trades and Labor Assembly
- 1.43.16 Four resolutions regarding McLean County delegation to Convention and list of delegates and alternates
- 1.43.17 Resolution for endorsement of Underwood by the McLean County Medical Society
- 1.43.18 February-April Calendar with appointments

- 1.43.19 February and March Schedule of appointments with list of county chairmen and secretaries
- 1.43.20 List of appointments

Folder 44: 1962 Campaign: Election Materials and Documents

- 1.44.1 Sample campaign envelope
- 1.44.2 Sample campaign letterhead
- 1.44.3 Campaign card
- 1.44.4 Campaign brochures (5)
- 1.44.5 Flyers with sample ballot (5)
- 1.44.6 Program for dinner held March 13, 1962 in honor of Judge Underwood in Springfield
- 1.44.7 List of contributors attending March 13 dinner
- 1.44.8 Notice from County Clerk regarding special election ballots
- 1.44.9 Note from "Ray" regarding judicial ballots
- 1.44.10 Sample Republican primary ballot
- 1.44.11 Specimen Republican primary ballot
- 1.44.12 Results from McLean County Republican Primary
- 1.44.13 Results from McLean County Democratic Primary
- 1.44.14 Letter regarding letter-writing campaign with "personal report" form
- 1.44.15 Personal reports for letter writing campaign (3)
- 1.44.16 Acrostic of "Underwood" written by Kaywin Kennedy
- 1.44.17 Republican Central Committeemen handout 1960-1 (3 copies)
- 1.44.18 McLean County Board of Supervisors handout
- 1.44.19 Flyer with two sample campaign nail files
- 1.44.20 Edward McBroom Campaign Card
- Materials from campaigns of opposing candidates:
 - 1.44.21 Two campaign cards
 - 1.44.22 Creel Douglass letter
 - 1.44.23 Creel Douglass photo
 - 1.44.24 Ivan Yontz flyer
 - 1.44.25 John Alan Appleman brochure
 - 1.44.26 George Drach flyer
 - 1.44.27 George Drach letter
 - 1.44.28 J.C. Ermentrout letter

Folder 45: 1962 Campaign: Precinct Information

- 1.45.1 List of precinct committee members and addresses for various counties (7 pages)
- 1.45.2 List of precinct committee members and addresses for various counties (11 pages)
- 1.45.3 List of precinct committeewomen from the west side of Coles County
- 1.45.4 List of precinct committeewomen from the east side of Coles County
- 1.45.5 List of DeWitt County precinct committeemen and women

- 1.45.6 Membership list of the Edgar County Republican Central Committee
- 1.45.7 List of Champaign County Republican committeemen and women
- 1.45.8 Letter to Stan Prather from E.L. Tackitt, chairman of the Douglas County Republican Central Committee, regarding precinct committeewomen
- 1.45.9 Letter to Stanley Prather from Mrs. Stanley Bricker with list of Iroquois County precinct committeewomen
- 1.45.10 Letter to Stanley Prather from Lucile Goodrich with list of Livingston County precinct committeewomen
- 1.45.11 List of precinct committeemen from Vermilion County
- 1.45.12 List of Champaign County list of Democratic precinct committeemen, Republican precinct committeemen, Republican candidates for county offices, and Democratic candidates for county offices
- 1.45.13 Lists of contacts in all 16 counties of Supreme Court District
- 1.45.14 Folder with notes written on it

Folder 46: 1962 Judicial Convention Materials

- 1.46.1 Note "How Bob Underwood went over the top Jan 1962" with ballot count
- 1.46.2 Notes on number of votes, brief summary of convention, and quotes (6 notes)
- 1.46.3 Vote tally score sheets (10)
- 1.46.4 Convention score card
- 1.46.5 Third Supreme Court District map
- 1.46.6 Third Supreme Court District map with markings
- 1.46.7 Official list of number of delegates
- 1.46.8 Delegate and alternate lists for all 16 counties in district (3 copies)
- 1.46.9 Vermilion County delegation list
- 1.46.10 Letter from Logan County Republican Central Committee to William D. Braid with list of delegates and alternates
- 1.46.11 List of McLean County delegates and alternates (2 copies)
- 1.46.12 Note with the number of votes in each county
- 1.46.13 Note with counties, number of votes, and chairmen
- 1.46.14 Schedule for Judicial Convention and official list of number of delegates

Folder 47: 1962 General Election

- 1.47.1 Precinct vote totals or estimates (6)
- 1.47.2 Moultrie, Vermilion and Tazwell Counties vote totals or estimates
- 1.47.3 County Vote estimates with notes from county chairmen (Livingston, Ford, Edgar, DeWitt, Champaign, Iroquois, Coles, and Macon Counties)

Box 2: 1970 Campaign, Awards, Photos, Printing Mats, and Booklets (9 Folders)

Folder 1: 1970 Campaign: Correspondence

- 2.1.1 January 21, 1970 from Roy O. Gulley, Director of the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts, regarding Declaration of Candidacy
- 2.1.2 May 1, 1970 to John Jones, Chairman of the Macon County Democratic Central Committee requesting support
- 2.1.3 May 1, 1970 to John Jones, Chairman of the Macon County Republican Central Committee requesting support
- 2.1.4 May 28, 1970 to Harvey Phelps, editor and publisher of *The Democrat*, with response written on bottom
- 2.1.5 May 28, 1970 to Roy M. Fisher, editor of *The Daily News*
- 2.1.6 June 3, 1970 from Clayton Kirkpatrick, editor of the *Chicago Tribune*
- 2.1.7 June 5, 1970 from Luke P. Carroll, executive vice-president and general manager of *Chicago Today*
- 2.1.8 June 8, 1970 from William L. Fay, editor of *Jacksonville Journal Courier*
- 2.1.9 June 8, 1970 from Ed Jenison of *The Beacon News*
- 2.1.10 June 10, 1970 reply to Jenison
- 2.1.11 June 3, 1970 from Allan A. Seiler, editor and publisher of *The Pike Press*, with editorial from paper
- 2.1.12 June 10, 1970 reply to Allan A. Seiler
- 2.1.13 June 8, 1970 from Robert E. Hartley, editor of Lindsay-Schaub Newspapers requesting data information sheets with blank sheets
- 2.1.14 June 16, 1970 reply to Robert E. Hartley regarding hesitancy to disclose financial information, with answer to question from a previous questionnaire
- 2.1.15 June 12, 1970 from Allen M. Oakley, editor of *The Quincy Herald-Whig*
- 2.1.16 June 16, 1970 reply to Allen M. Oakley
- 2.1.17 June 10, 1970 from D.G. Schumacher, editor of the *Champaign-Urbana Courier*, requesting a photo
- 2.1.18 June 16, 1970 reply to D.G. Schumacher
- 2.1.19 August 18, 1970 to Judge Leland Simkins regarding proposed letters to precinct committeemen
- 2.1.20 September 3, 1970 copy of letter to Judge James E. McMackin, Jr. from Roy O. Gulley, director of the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts with list of judges receiving less than 70% "yes" votes for retention in 1966 election
- 2.1.21 October 2, 1970 to Robert W. Sink, Senior Writer for *Champaign-Urbana Courier* regarding article
- 2.1.22 October 19, 1970 to Robert Estill, of the *Illinois State Journal*, regarding biographical sheet
- 2.1.23 October 29, 1970 to Edward H. Armstrong, editor of *Illinois State Register*, thanking for support
- 2.1.24 November 6, 1970 to Allan A. Seiler regarding visit and article
- Rough Drafts:
- 2.1.25 To Illinois State Republican Central Committeemen
- 2.1.26 To Illinois Democratic Central Committeemen
- 2.1.27 Letter requesting support to be included with a biographical sketch (3 copies)
- 2.1.28 Letter requesting support (4 copies)
- 2.1.29 Returned Envelope to Roy M. Fisher

Folder 2: 1970 Campaign: Miscellaneous Documents

- 2.2.1 List of Rotary Clubs in the Fourth Judicial District
- 2.2.2 Clipboard with lists of contacts for all counties in the judicial district
- 2.2.3 Vote totals: 7th circuit
- 2.2.4 Vote totals for 7th circuit with note from Judge William H. Chamberlain
- 2.2.5 Vote totals for 30 counties
- 2.2.6 Copy of letter from Herbert W. Hines to precinct residents
- 2.2.7 Vote total for precinct 120
- 2.2.8 December 8, 1970 reply to Herbert W. Hines
- 2.2.9 List of Democratic State Central Committeemen
- 2.2.10 List of Republican State Central Committeemen
- 2.2.11 List of Democratic County Chairmen
- 2.2.12 List of Republican County Chairmen
- 2.2.13 *Metro-East Journal* article, "Result of Metro-East election could change state high court" Sunday September 27, 1970
- 2.2.14 Biographical information (2 copies)
- 2.2.15 1970 State of Illinois Election Calendar
- 2.2.16 Miscellaneous notes (5)

Folder 3: 1970 Campaign: Newspaper Directories

- 2.3.1 Copies of pages from Illinois Section of *Editor & Publisher Year Book- 1969* with note from "l.t."
- 2.3.1 Copies of pages from Illinois Section of *Directory of Newspapers and Periodicals, 1970*

Folder 4: Miscellaneous documents

- 2.4.1 October 11, 1951 letter from Minerva Dooley regarding Board of Election Commissioners
- 2.4.2 Envelope addressed to Robert C. Underwood
- 2.4.3 List of 10 locations
- 2.4.4 September 24, 1952 letter to the *Labor Temple News*
- 2.4.5 Letter from Illinois State Representative Homer Caton to Judge Underwood concerning *Pantagraph* article on incident involving Underwood, Feb 13, 1956.

Folder 5: Awards and Recognition

- 2.5.1 1948 United States Junior Chamber of Commerce- Distinguished Service Award
- 2.5.2 March 24, 1953 Bloomington-Normal Junior Chamber of Commerce- Certificate of Recognition in the Field of Good Government
- 2.5.3 October, 1960 Illinois Welfare Association- Citation for Public Service
- 2.5.4 May, 1970 Illinois Defender Project, Certificate of Appreciation
- 2.5.5 April 21, 1975 The Kiwanis Club of Bloomington- Honorary Membership

- 2.5.6 May 15, 1987 Illinois Wesleyan University Alumni Association- 50th Year Reunion
- 2.5.7 Illinois Wesleyan University Alumni Association- Special Recognition
- 2.5.8 New York University School of Law- Completed Appellate Judges Seminar
- 2.5.9 Arbitration Forums, Inc.- Certificate of Appointment as Arbitrator

Folder 6: Printing mats: Portraits, quotes, and advertisements

Folder 7: Miscellaneous graphics used in stationary and advertisements

Folder 8: Photographs: headshots, graduating law school class, alumni photo, family portrait

Folder 9: Books, Pamphlets, and Business Cards

- 2.9.1 Republican Central Committeemen of McLean County 1944-5
- 2.9.2 Directory of Public Officers of McLean County 1945-6
- 2.9.3 Directory of Public Officers of McLean County 1947-8
- 2.9.4 Republican Central Committeemen of McLean County 1948-9 (3 copies)
- 2.9.5 Democratic Central Committeemen of McLean County 1948-9
- 2.9.6 Republican Central Committeemen of McLean County 1952-3
- 2.9.7 County Board(?) pamphlet with supervisors, rules of order and committee members
- 2.9.8 Official Vote of the State of Illinois 1956
- 2.9.9 Republican Party Yearbook 1960-1 (2 copies)
- 2.9.10 Democratic Party Yearbook 1960-1
- 2.9.11 Official List of State, County, and Federal Officers January 1961
- 2.9.12 Board of Supervisors of Macon County- Rules, Order of Business, Standing Committees and Other Information 1961-2
- 2.9.13 Bar Docket of McLean County Courts- contains wedding vows
- 2.9.14 Envelope of business cards: Justice of the Supreme Court (5), Chief Justice of the Supreme Court (5), Retired Justice of Counsel to Dunn, Goebel, Ulbrich, Morel, & Hundman (5)
- 2.9.15 Transcript of 1985 interview with Nina Burleigh of the Law Bulletin

Box 3: Printing plates including headshots, family portrait, and letterhead template