Guide to the Albert John Farrah manuscripts
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# Summary Information

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<td><strong>Title</strong></td>
<td>Albert John Farrah manuscripts</td>
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<td><strong>Date</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Extent</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Abstract</strong></td>
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**Preferred Citation note**

The Albert John Farrah collection, W.S. Hoole Special Collections Library, The University of Alabama.
Biographical/Historical note

Albert John Farrah was born in Michigan in July 1863, the middle child of Thomas and Catherine Farrah. He attended the University of Michigan and graduated from the University of Michigan Law School. In 1888 he married Eva A. ___________ and had one daughter, Katherine. He practiced law for two years in Battle Creek, Calhoun County, Michigan, until he was invited to return to his alma mater as a law professor.

Over his career, he was dean of three southern law schools – Stetson University College of Law (Stetson University, DeLand, Volusia County, Florida) from 1900 to 1909, University of Florida College of Law (Gainesville, Alachua County, Florida) from 1909 to 1912, and The University of Alabama School of Law from 1912 until shortly before his death in 1944. He was the first dean of the schools in both Stetson and in Florida, and was the longest-serving dean in Alabama.

When Farrah came to The University of Alabama, the law library had only a few hundred books and classes were held in a general classroom building that was always hot in the summer and cold in the winter. Dean Farrah worked to increase the library holdings to over 20,000 volumes and oversaw the construction of a new law building, which was named Farrah Hall in his honor.

He died on 29 June 1944.

Scope and Contents note

This collection consists of the typescript manuscripts of two textbooks (two copies of each) created by Albert John Farrah, Dean of the University of Alabama Law School from 1912 until shortly before his death in June of 1944. The first is “Law and Education” which collected in “one group, abstracts of all the cases pertaining to schools and education in the state of Alabama.” (Summary, p. 344). The second is “Abstracts of Alabama Supreme Court Decisions Relating to Education: Compilation of Basic Data.” Both books were probably prepared in early 1934. While the second book has a publication date of 15 February 1934, the first book does not but it can be inferred as 1934 because the latest court case listed is from April 1934.

Administrative Information
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University Libraries Division of Special Collections, The University of Alabama January 2009

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Conditions Governing Use note
None

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Genre(s)

• Manuscripts for publication
• Textbooks

Personal Name(s)

• Farrah, Albert John, 1863-1944

Subject(s)
• Alabama
• Alabama. Supreme Court
• Education
• Education--Alabama
• Educational law and legislation--Alabama
• Government, Law and Politics
• Literature and Authors
• Teacher
• University of Alabama
• University of Alabama--School of Law
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