

**TITLE:** Walter Thalheimer Collection

DATE RANGE: Bulk Dates 1899 - 1961

**CALL NUMBER: PP MS 76** 

LOCATION: Arizona Heritage Center at Papago Park, 1300 N. College Ave., Tempe, AZ 85281

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: ~4 linear feet, 8 boxes

**PROVENANCE:** Donated by Ida M. Thalheimer in April 1986.

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**PROCESSED BY:** First processed by Kathy M. Romesburg in January 2003 with a subsequent additional process conducted during a rehousing by Jerry Veatch in October 2009. The collection's finding aid was updated to reflect new identification of materials in December 2022 by Isabel Cazares.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE: Walter Thalheimer was born in 1894, to Joseph and Anna Thalheimer. He graduated from Phoenix Union High School in 1911 and attended Stanford University and graduated from University of Michigan Law School in 1917. He served in the Marine Corp in WWI, returning to Phoenix where he began his law practice, specializing in probate affairs. Thalheimer was active in local politics, being elected to the Phoenix City Council in 1937, and serving as Mayor of the city from 1938 to 1940. He served twice as a State Senator and was a Supreme Court Judge from 1946 to 1950. Thalheimer died in 1982 at the age of 88.

**SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE:** The collection contains scrapbooks, certificates and personal items including a large collection of photographs that reflect the history of Walter Thalheimer and his family. The collection also contains the trial transcripts from the Winnie Ruth Judd case. These along with some photographs related to the trial may have ended up in his hands because of his political involvement and notoriety in town. This collection is arranged in three series.

Series I: Professional; Series II: Personal; Series III: Photographs. With the focus being on his time as Mayor of Phoenix and the Winnie Ruth Judd case.

SUBJECT TERMS: Judd, Winnie Ruth, 1905-; Thalheimer, Walter; Trials; Phoenix (Ariz);

**RELATED MATERIALS:** Tucson serial - 051 A719 *The Arizonian; a breath from the desert* by Joseph Thalheimer, Jr.

## **CONTAINER LIST:**

Box	Folder	Description	Dates
1	1	<b>Professional:</b> Correspondence - Winnie Ruth	1930 - 1932
		Judd Trial	
	2	Professional: Winnie Ruth Judd Horoscope	1932
	3	<b>Professional:</b> Manuscripts -Winnie Ruth Judd	1931-1932
		Trial	
	4	<b>Professional:</b> Trial Transcript Day 1 pp 1-86	Jan. 19th, 1932
	5	<b>Professional:</b> Trial Transcript Day 2 pp 86-159	Jan. 21st, 1932
	6	<b>Professional</b> : Judd Trial Transcript Day 2 pp	Jan. 21st, 1932
		160-225	
	7	<b>Professional</b> : Judd Trial Transcript Day 3 pp	Jan. 22nd, 1932
		226-299	
	8	<b>Professional</b> : Judd Trial Transcript Day 3 pp	Jan. 22nd, 1932
		300-350	
	9	<b>Professional</b> : Judd Trial Transcript Day 4 pp	Jan. 23rd, 1932
		351-399	
	10	<b>Professional</b> : Judd Trial Transcript Day 4 pp	Jan. 23rd, 1932
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	11	<b>Professional</b> : Judd Trial Transcript Day 5 pp	Jan. 25th, 1932
	12	480-538	I 2541- 1022
	12	<b>Professional</b> : Judd Trial Transcript Day 5 pp	Jan. 25th, 1932
	13	539-636  Professional: Judd Trial Transprint Day 6 nn	Ion 26th 1022
	13	<b>Professional</b> : Judd Trial Transcript Day 6 pp 637-704	Jan. 26th, 1932
	14	Professional: Judd Trial Transcript Day 6 pp	Jan. 26th, 1932
	14	706-779	Jan. 2011, 1932
2	1	<b>Professional</b> : Judd Trial Transcript Day 7 pp	Jan. 27th, 1932
-	1	780-829	Jun. 27 th, 1932
	2	<b>Professional</b> : Judd Trial Transcript Day 7 pp	Jan. 27th, 1932
	-	830-893	
	3	<b>Professional</b> : Judd Trial Transcript Day 8 pp	Feb.1st, 1932
		894-966	
	4	<b>Professional</b> : Judd Trial Transcript Day 8 pp	Feb. 1st, 1932
		967-1053	ĺ

5	<b>Professional</b> : Judd Trial Transcript Day 9 pp 1054-1142	Feb. 2nd, 1932
6	<b>Professional</b> : Judd Trial Transcript Day 9 pp 1143-1217	Feb. 2nd, 1932
7	<b>Professional</b> : Judd Trial Transcript Day 10 pp 1218-1285	Feb. 3rd, 1932
8	<b>Professional</b> : Judd Trial Transcript Day 10 pp 1286-1374	Feb. 3rd, 1932
9	Professional: Photosheet (Includes Graphic Judd Trial Photos)	1930s
10	Professional: USS Phoenix History, Certificate, and Commission (includes photographs)	Sept. 14th, 1938 & Oct. 8th, 1938
11	<b>Professional</b> : Election for Mayor (Photo Included)	1938
12	<b>Professional:</b> Brochures, Correspondence, and Clippings	1938, 1940, 1958, 1960, 1961
13	Professional: Mayoral Certification	March 10th, 1938
14	<b>Personal:</b> Anna Mayrhofer's English Lesson Journals	1880-1881, 1883
15	<b>Personal:</b> Postcards sent to Thalheimer Family	1905-1925
1	Personal: Walter's Graduation Announcement - University of Michigan (Includes Photographs)	1917
2	<b>Personal</b> : Walter Thalherimer's Certificates/Awards	1938, 1942, 1945, 1947-1949
3	Personal: Death of Otto Thalheimer	1948
4	Personal: Death of Ulrich Thalheimer	1959
5	Photographs: Anna and Joseph Thalheimer	1886 - 1900s
6	Photographs: Thalheimer Family	1905-1939, 1948
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	2	<b>Photographs</b> : Movie Premiere, Making a	1938-1940
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	3	<b>Photographs:</b> Attorneys, publishers, and other	1920, 1938 -
		career related photos	1940
	4	Photographs: Places (includes Borden's)	nd
	5	Photographs: Babies and Young Children	nd
	6	<b>Photographs:</b> Unidentified Men (1 of 2)	nd
	7	<b>Photographs:</b> Unidentified Men (2 of 2)	nd
	8	Photographs: Unidentified Women	nd
	9	Photographs: Unidentified Groups	nd
50V	1	Photographs: Walter Thalheimer portrait	nd
	2	Photographs: Graduation class in caps and	nd
		gowns	
	3	Photographs: Family Portrait	nd
	4	<b>Photographs:</b> Portrait of unidentified lady	nd
	5	<b>Photographs:</b> Portrait of possibly Mrs. Joseph	nd
		Thalheimer in a long dress	
	6	Photographs: Large group portrait	nd
	7	<b>Photographs:</b> Group portrait of young men on	nd
		a porch, possibly college students	
	8	<b>Photographs:</b> Large group portrait of male	nd
		Stanford students in front of Encina Hall	
	9	<b>Photographs:</b> Large group portrait of male	nd
		Stanford students in front of Encina Hall	
	10	<b>Personal:</b> German Certificate (includes Anna	1882
		and Joseph Thalheimer)	
	11	<b>Professional:</b> Certificate of Appreciation for	nd
		work with the Selective Service System	
	12	Personal: Walter & Ida Thalheimer Marriage	1924
		Certificate	
6OV	1	<b>Professional:</b> Wooden Scrapbook including	1937 - 1938
		some correspondence covering Walter	
		Thalheimer's election to city commissioner and	
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