

# **GEORGE C. MARSHALL RESEARCH FOUNDATION**

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## **JOHN W. MURPHY COLLECTION**

**1942-1945**

Quantity: 3.75 linear feet

Collection Number: 306

Acquisition: Donated by John W. Murphy, Jr. on October 4, 2015.

Access: The collection is open for research without restriction.

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## **IDENTITY STATEMENT**

**Reference code:** GCMRF 306

**Title:** John W. Murphy Collection

**Date(s):** 1942-1945

**Level of description:** Collection

**Extent:** 3.75 linear feet (10 manuscript boxes)

## **CONTEXT**

**Name of creator(s):** John W. Murphy

**Biographical history:** John William Murphy was born in Avoca, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania on April 26, 1902. He attended public schools and graduated from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania in 1926. Murphy obtained his law degree and passed the bar in 1929. He first practiced law in Scranton, Pennsylvania, and was the assistant district attorney of Lackawanna County from 1934-1941. Murphy, a Democrat, was elected as the representative of Pennsylvania's 11<sup>th</sup> congressional district for the seventy-eighth and seventy-ninth Congress (1943-1946). During 1945-1946 he served on the Joint Committee on the Investigation of the Pearl Harbor Attack. Murphy resigned from Congress in 1946 after being nominated by President Harry S. Truman to serve as judge of the United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania. In 1955 he became Chief Judge, a position which held until his death in Scranton, Pennsylvania, on March 28, 1962.

**Archival history:** The collection was in the possession of John W. Murphy until his death in 1962. At this time Murphy's son, John W. Murphy, Jr. retained possession of the collection. The collection remained in John W. Murphy, Jr.'s care until he donated it to the George C. Marshall Foundation on October 4, 2015.

**Immediate source of acquisition:** Gift of on October 4, 2015.

## **CONTENT AND STRUCTURE**

**Scope and content:** The collection primarily consists of a 14-volume set of galley proofs of transcripts from the hearings conducted by the Joint Committee on the Investigation of the Pearl Harbor Attack. The transcripts include the testimonies of military and political leaders including General George C. Marshall, Admiral Thomas C. Hart and Admiral Henry K. Hewitt. Transcripts also contain important statistical information pertaining to what was known prior to and leading up to the attack. Included in various transcripts are memoranda addressed to John W. Murphy from Seth W. Richardson, General Counsel for the Joint Committee, detailing the nature of the galley proofs of the transcripts.

**Accruals:** No further accruals are expected.

**System of arrangement:** The collection is arranged in numerical order according to the printed page numbers in each volume.

#### **CONDITIONS OF ACCESS AND USE**

**Conditions governing access:** The collection is open for research use.

**Conditions governing reproduction:** None.

**Language of material:** Materials entirely in English.

**Finding aids:** A 3-page finding aid is available. The finding aid is also available online at the Marshall Foundation website (<http://marshallfoundation.org/library/collections/>).

#### **DESCRIPTION CONTROL**

**Dates of description:** Finding aid prepared by Michael Hunter, November 2015.

## CONTAINER LIST

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