

Summary Information:

Collection Title: Edward G. "Foxy" Powers Collection, 1907-1950

Collection Number: MSS.29

Date Range: 1907-1950

Size: 3.5 Linear Feet

Location: CO.06.01-02

Creator: Edward G. "Foxy" Powers

Abstract: Edward G. Powers, known as "Foxy" Powers was appointed the first State's Attorney Investigator in Illinois in 1910. He worked under Illinois State Attorney's for Will County, investigating criminal cases in preparation for trial. This collection contains court records, ledgers, warrants, and indictment records from cases Powers worked as Investigator in Will County from the early 1900s until his retirement in the late 1940s.

Acquisition Information: 2011.04 – All materials in this collection were donated in 2011 by Chris Powers, nephew of Edward G. Powers.

Separated Materials: Donation included invitations to executions at the Illinois State Penitentiary, Joliet Branch in the early 1900s These materials more closely relate to materials housed in the MSS.28 Illinois State Penitentiary Collection, and as such have been relocated to that collection.

Citation: Item Description. MSS.29 Edward G. "Foxy" Powers Collection, Joliet Area Historical Museum. Box #, Folder #. Date Accessed.

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Background Information:

History: Edward G. Powers, known as "Foxy" Powers, was born in Wilmington on April 11, 1875. After 8 years of elementary education he went on to work on the family farm, then building bridges and finally as a line man for a telephone company. In 1902 Powers relocated to Joliet and was appointed Deputy Sheriff by Sheriff Joseph H. Ray. Eight years later in 1910 Powers was appointed by George A. Barr as the first State's Attorney Investigator in Illinois. Holding the position for 36 years he worked under State's Attorney Barr, Robert W. Martin, Hjalmar Rehn, William R. McCabe, and James E. Burke. Prior to the appointment of Powers to investigator, State Attorney's would rely on reports by local police officers in preparation for trial. Barr wanted to move away from this procedure and "believed that the state's attorney should conduct his own investigation through a man of ability who could get at the facts, report without bias and prejudice and who would not be swayed by local influences." The appointment of Power's as investigator was an experiment for Will County, but it proved successful. Powers blazed a

new trail in the investigation of criminal cases and their preparation for trial, and other counties soon followed the example set in Will.

Scope and Content Arrangement: The Edward G. “Foxy” Powers Collection contains biographical materials about the life and career of Powers, court records, warrants, indictments, and Will County Circuit Court ledgers from Power’s time as the State’s Attorney Investigator. Of note are a number of court proceedings involving inmates from the Illinois State Penitentiary, Joliet and Stateville Branches.

The materials in this collection have been divided into 3 series based on the content of the materials.

- Series 1: Biographical, 1946-1950
- Series 2: Court Records, 1915-1948
- Series 3: Court Ledgers, 1907-1948

Related Materials:

MSS.28 Illinois State Penitentiary Collection

Content Listing:

Series 1: Biographical, 1946-1950

Location: CO.06.01

Scope: The materials in this series relate to the background, and career of Edward G. Powers. Materials include publications, press releases, and correspondence. The materials in this series are arranged chronologically.

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Illinois Policeman and Police Journal, Vol. 12, No. 5-6, 1946	1	1
Ballot Application, 1946	2	1
Press Release, Edward Powers Retirement, C. 1948	3	1
Correspondence, 1949	4	1
WJOL, Edward Powers Obituary Notice, 1950	5	1

Series 2: Court Records, 1915-1948

Location: CO.06.01

Scope: The materials in this series include indictment records, state warrants, subpoenas and additional court records from cases worked by Edward G. Powers in Will County. Materials have been arranged alphabetically by the last name of the defendant.

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Albertson, Maurice Indictment Records, 1933	6	1
Alexander, William, Fugitive Warrant, 1929	7	1
Angel, Jesus and Mike Gomez Court Records, 1926	8	1
Appelton, James G. Court Records, 1943	9	1
Ashway, Charles, State Warrant, Illinois, 1929	10	1
Astbury, Albert, Pete Caputo, Harry Kristy, and Carmen Corfinelli Court Records, 1939	11	1
Balma, John Court Records, 1936	12	1
Bartel, Hannah Court Records, 1925	13	1
Barry, Edward Court Records, 1932	14	1
Batka, Steve, State Warrant, Illinois, 1931	15	1
Batzel, Eddie, State Warrant, Illinois, 1938	16	1
Beauchamp, Paul Court Records, 1938	17	1
Bianco, Guy Court Records, 1932, 1940	18	1
Binzer, Fred, State Warrant, Illinois, 1932	19	1
Blahut, Frank Court Records, 1936	20	1
Blunt, Eugene Court Records, 1931	21	1
Bluth, Edward, Edward Keers, Anton Muren and Edward Stiglic Court Records, 1921	22	1
Bolton, Dewitt L. Court Records, 1937	23	1
Boswell, Otto Court Records, 1937	24	1
Boyden, John Court Records, 1942	25	1
Brantley, Audrey Court Records, 1924	26	1
Britz, Nicholas Court Records, 1926	27	1
Brown, Flora, State Warrant, Illinois, 1937	28	1
Burel, Emil and Aloise Court Records, 1940	29	1
Burgard, Ray, State Warrant, Illinois, 1939	30	1
Bushnell, Arthur Court Records, 1930	31	1
Camp, Ernest Court Records, 1940	32	1
Carco, Frank Court Records, 1941	33	1
Carter, Kenneth, State Warrant, Illinois, 1946	34	1
Chick, Nellie Court Records, 1926	35	1
Collar, Harold, Waiver of Extradition, 1931	36	1
Collins, Thomas, State Warrant, Illinois, 1947	37	1
Condon, Jerry F. Court Records, 1926	38	1
Decker, Orville and Dewey, State Warrant, Illinois, 1947	39	1
Delehanty, Joseph Court Records, 1926	40	1
Deleprecht, Dominic Court Records, 1915	41	1
Desper, Ralph, State Warrant, Illinois, 1940	42	1
Dickhoff, William, State Warrant, Illinois, 1930	43	1
Doe, John and Richard Roe, Unidentified Court Records, 1930, 1939-1940	44	1
Edwards, Fred, Flloyd Tritt, and Harold Sunholm, State Warrant, Illinois, 1935	45	1
Effner, Raymond Court Records, 1921	46	1

Eggerton, Barnett, Subpoena, 1940	47	1
Emmerson, Charles Court Records, 1939	48	1
Evans, William, State Warrant, Illinois, 1927	49	1
Fairburn, Thomas, Court Records, 1943	50	1
Feely, Frank Court Records, 1933-1934	51	1
Floyd, Virgil and Laverne Brunner Court Records, 1937	52	1
Foley, Raymond, State Warrant, Illinois, 1941	53	1
Ford, Emmett and Martin Ferro Court Records, 1947	54	1
Fowler, Julia, State Warrant, Illinois, 1948	55	1
Franks, Carl, State Warrant, Illinois, 1935	56	1
Frantt, George, Waiver of Extradition, 1930	57	1
Freye, Albert H. Court Records, 1941	58	1
Gaelek, Arthur, State Warrant, Illinois, 1938	59	1
Galle, Martin and Paul, Frank and Tony Kure, Joe Castellvccio, and Joe Staresinic Court Records, 1921	60	1
Garabs, Vandilin, Edward Pins, Steve Botka, and Hyacint Blatz Court Records, 1932	61	1
Garcia, Richard, State Warrant, Illinois, 1948	62	1
Gollick, Peter and Michael, John Paskvan, Joseph Kuehl, and Charles Setina, Court Records, 1930	63	1
Golden, S.R. Jr., State Warrant, Illinois, 1927	64	1
Grabavoy, George and Ned Court Records, 1940	65	1
Gracko, Mrs. Sam, State Warrant, Illinois, 1930	66	1
Green, James Court Records, 1942	67	1
Gregory, Matt Court Records, 1938	68	1
Hahn, Ralph, State Warrant, Illinois, 1927	69	1
Halling, Roy, State Warrant, Illinois, 1938	70	1
Harden, Charlie, State Warrant, Illinois, 1948	71	1
Harden, James, State Warrant, Illinois, 1931	72	1
Harris, Earl Court Records, 1942	73	1
Hart, Clara Court Records, 1924	74	1
Hermon, Edward, Subpoena, 1925	75	1
Herrmenn, George, State Warrant, Illinois, 1915	76	1
Hettman, Ernest Court Records, 1921	77	1
Higgins, Edward Court Records, 1941	78	1
Hite, Jack Court Records, 1931	79	1
Holmes, Lawrence Court Records, 1941	80	1
Incomplete or Blank Court Records	81	1
Interstate Compact for the Supervision of Parolees, 1934	82	1
J.C. Adler Co., Court Records, 1916	83	1
Jackson, Albert Court Records, 1931	84	1
Jackson, Nicholis Court Records, 1928-1929	85	1
Janeszewski, Edward and Theodore, Jesse Donick, Alexander Wydranowski, and Frank Walnowski Court Records, 1937	86	1

Jasuda, Steve Court Records, 1938	1	2
Jensen, Arthur, Fugitive Warrant, 1935	2	2
Jewett, Joseph and James Costello Court Records, 1931	3	2
Johnson, Ben M. Court Records, 1926	4	2
Johnson, Howard Court Records, 1925	5	2
Johnston, Ed, State Warrant, Illinois, 1940	6	2
Jordan, William, State Warrant, Illinois, 1948	7	2
Kehas, Joseph, State Warrant, Illinois, 1931	8	2
Kelly, Dennis, Albert Astbury and Alfred Edwards Court Records, 1939	9	2
Kelly, Thomas, State Warrant, Illinois, 1931	10	2
Kinnet, Robert State Warrant, Illinois, 1939	11	2
Kocielko, Alick, State Warrant, Illinois, 1936	12	2
Kolpek, Marie and Carol Kiegel, Subpoena, 1937	13	2
Kozlowski, Stanley Court Records, 1939	14	2
Kruse, Walter, State Warrant, Illinois, 1947	15	2
Lambert, R.P. and Captain Carey, State Warrant, Illinois, 1929	16	2
Landry, Octave Court Records, 1930	17	2
Latino, Jeanette, State Warrant, Illinois, 1933	18	2
Leach, Neal, State Warrant, Illinois, 1948	19	2
Leiss, James Court Records, 1935	20	2
Lemieux, Eugene and Charles Montiel Court Records, 1923	21	2
Lemmon, James, Court Records, 1941	22	2
Liberty, John Court Records, 1921	23	2
Lobell, George Court Records, 1938	24	2
Longnecker, Roy, Joe Marino, and Stanley Fallman Court Records, 1937	25	2
Lopinto, Paul and Sam Doe, State Warrant, Illinois, 1926	26	2
Lorsch, Fred and Edward Schwarts, State Warrant, Illinois, 1941	27	2
Lundvit, Anton Court Records, 1938	28	2
Malm, Otto Court Records, 1925	29	2
Malen, Jack, Court Records, 1939	30	2
Marcinko, Andrew and Agnes, Court Records, 1927	31	2
Marino, Frank and Joseph, Carmine D'oHavic, Anthony DeNardis, and John Bada, Court Records, 1925	32	2
Marsh, Archie, State Warrant, Illinois, 1937	33	2
Marshall, Bruce, State Warrant, Illinois, 1932	34	2
Marshall, McKee, Court Records, 1932	35	2
Martin, Robert, State Warrant, Illinois, 1939	36	2
Mauzer, Anthony, State Warrant, Illinois, 1930	37	2
Maylack, Anthony Court Records, 1938	38	2
McCabe, James Court Records, 1939	39	2
McCarthy, Thomas and Loretta, State Warrant, Illinois, 1928	40	2
McCurrie, Jesse Court Records, 1939-1941	41	2
McElroy, Dominic, State Warrant, Illinois, 1928	42	2
McKeand, Elenor Court Records, 1938	43	2

McMachan, Anna and Raymond Korst Court Records, 1927	44	2
McWilliams, Russell Robert Court Records, 1931	45	2
Meade, David State Warrant, Illinois, 1928	46	2
Milliard, E. Court Records, 1939	47	2
Mins, William Court Records, 1925	48	2
Molnar, Joseph, Petition to Change Court Order, 1926	49	2
Monette, Lloyd State Warrant, Illinois, 1929	50	2
Moore, Benjamin Court Records, 1914	51	2
Moore, John Court Records, 1920	52	2
Morse, Gordon, State Warrant, Illinois, 1948	53	2
Murphy, Owen and Frank Phillips, State Warrant, Illinois, 1926	54	2
Mutchler, Art State Warrant, Illinois, 1946	55	2
Neill, William Court Records, 1931	56	2
Oath to Grand Jurors	57	2
O'Brien, Robert E. State Warrant, Illinois, 1946	58	2
Offerman, Alois, State Warrant, Illinois, 1930	59	2
Oseland, James D. Court Records, 1932	60	2
Padella, Mary State Warrant, Illinois, 1921	61	2
Parker, Bernice and Bert Court Records, 1943	62	2
Pass, Joseph, State Warrant, Illinois, 1930	63	2
Paton, George, Order for Probation, 1922	64	2
Patroni, Danny, Jess Flamini, and Frank Carciano, State Warrant, Illinois, 1940	65	2
Peck, Edward, Court Records, 1930	66	2
Percy, State Warrant, Illinois, 1947	67	2
Peterson, Edwin Court Records, 1925	68	2
Peterson, Elmer Court Records, 1920	69	2
Pullian, Jerome Court Records, 1939	70	2
Reardon, Virgil, State Warrant, Illinois, 1937s	71	2
Rehberg, Linus, State Warrant, Illinois, 1936	72	2
Reid, Bryan O., State Warrant, Illinois, 1927	73	2
Reid, John State Warrant, Illinois, 1937	74	2
Robertson, R.B. and L.A. Moss, State Warrant, Illinois, 1924	75	2
Robinson, Henry, State Warrant, Illinois, 1947	76	2
Rodighero, Victor Court Records, 1924	77	2
Rosenberg, James Investigator Appointment Recommendations, 1932	78	2
Samueloff, Peter Court Records, 1936	79	2
Schmidt, Rudolph Court Records, 1936	80	2
Schwanke, Herman, State Warrant, Illinois, 1926	81	2
Scroggins, Donald, State Warrant, Illinois, 1947	82	2
Seppi, William Court Records, 1947	83	2
Shader, Charles Court Records, 1926	84	2
Sinde, Frank and Ray, Court Records, 1937	85	2
Smith, Charles, State Warrant, Illinois, 1948	86	2
Smith, Edison, State Warrant, Illinois, 1939	87	2

Smith, Oliver Petition for Supervision, 1937	88	2
Smith, Sydney O. Court Records, 1940	89	2
Sokolowski, Joseph Court Records, 1939	1	3
Stanger, William and Louis, State Warrant, Illinois, 1944	2	3
Sundberg, Gustav A. State Warrant, Illinois, 1943	3	3
Taylor, John and William Sullivan, State Warrant, Illinois, 1928	4	3
Tezak, John Court Records, 1926	5	3
Thompson, Eugene, Court Records, 1937	6	3
Thompson, Gerald Court Records, 1935	7	3
Thompson, Thomas, State Warrant, Illinois, 1935	8	3
Tiadza, Athelo, Court Records, 1925	9	3
Titra, Louis and John Faludi Court Records, 1938	10	3
Valando, Joseph, State Warrant, Illinois, 1927	11	3
Voss, William Jr. Court Records, 1927	12	3
Walters, Frank, State Warrant, Illinois, 1932	13	3
Watkins, Rod, State Warrant, Illinois, 1941	14	3
Wegner, E.H., State Warrant, Illinois, 1939	15	3
Weller, William, State Warrant, Illinois, 1930	16	3
Wells, J.L. Court Records, 1925	17	3
Wilder, Myron Court Records, 1940	18	3
Williams, James Court Records, 1936	19	3
Winters, Sidney Court Records, 1937	20	3
Wise, John Court Records, 1916	21	3
Wiseritsky, Ethel and Helen, Court Records, 1927	22	3
Wojtowioz, Stanley Court Records, 1935	23	3
Young, Louis Court Records, 1919	24	3
Yunker, Henry Court Records, 1938	25	3
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Series 3: Court Ledgers, 1907-1948

Location: CO.06.01-02

Scope: This series contains Will County Circuit Court Dockets, and Grand Jury Dockets from court cases worked by Edward G. Powers from 1907 until 1948. Ledgers have been arranged chronologically.

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Will County Circuit Court Docket, 1907-1931	27	3
Will County Circuit Court Docket, 1931-1948	28	3
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