

Helen Frye papers, 1971-2011

Overview of the Collection

Creator	Frye, Helen J., (Helen Jackson), 1930-
Title	Helen Frye papers
Dates	1971-2011
Quantity	16.0 linear feet, (12 containers)
Collection Number	Coll 348
Summary	<p>Helen Frye was born in Klamath Falls, Oregon in 1930. She earned her B.A. in English in 1953, her M.A. in Education in 1961, and her J.D. in 1966, all from the University of Oregon. After earning her M.A. she taught high school English; after earning her law degree she joined her husband, William Frye, in private legal practice. After five years in private practice, Frye became a judge for Oregon Circuit Court's second district (Lane County). In 1980, Frye was appointed by President Carter as the first female judge for the U.S. District Court of Oregon. After 15 years as U.S. District Court judge, Frye began working part-time as a senior judge in 1995. She retired years later. Frye died on April 21, 2011 and is survived by her four children, five grandchildren and one great grandchild.</p>
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Historical Note

Helen Frye was born in Klamath Falls in 1930, where she was raised on the family farm. Her father died when she was three and she was raised by her maternal grandmother while her mother and brother were infected with tuberculosis.

She married William Frye in 1952, her junior year at the University of Oregon, and graduated with an undergraduate degree in English the following year. In 1961 Frye earned her master's degree in education at UO and then became a high school English teacher. According to her son E. Max Frye, she was forced to resign from her job teaching high-school English in Eugene because she was pregnant.

Her husband William Frye became Lane County District Attorney at age 29 and was, according to her son, a major influence in Frye's decision to attend the University of Oregon's School of Law. She earned her juris doctorate in 1966 and began working for her husband in private legal practice shortly after she passed the bar. After five years in private practice, Frye became a judge for Oregon Circuit Court's second district which covered Lane county. In 1973, she oversaw the case of 19-year-old Dayton Leroy Rogers who had assaulted two young girls. Frye found Rogers not guilty by reason of mental disease or defect and sent him to the Oregon State Hospital for treatment. Rogers later went on to become Oregon's most notorious serial killer.

In 1980, Frye was appointed by President Carter as the first female judge for the U.S. District Court of Oregon. During her time as District Court judge, she presided over many important cases including a \$175-million dispute over the dumping of sewage into the Tualatin River; a fight between the spotted owl protectionists and logging interests; and several cases against the Rajneesh. In 1985, Frye ruled the 3-year-old city of Rajneeshpuram invalid because of its unconstitutional church-state link.

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Content Description

The Helen Frye papers consist of research material, correspondence and paperwork from the time she served as an Oregon Circuit Court judge (1971-1980) and United States District Court for the District of Oregon (1980-2011) judge.

The collection is divided into series as follows:

Series I contains correspondence and paperwork for Helen Frye's judgeship as Oregon's Circuit Court judge (1971-1980). Paperwork includes appeals from various cases Frye presided over along with material related to Frye's campaign for Circuit Court judge. Correspondence and appeal materials are arranged by year.

Series II contains correspondence and paperwork from Frye's term as Oregon's District Court Judge (1980-2011). Paperwork includes opinions, appellate decisions and jury instructions for cases Frye presided over. This includes major cases involving PGE, the city of Rajneesh, along with many others. Jury instructions, appellate decisions and correspondence are ordered by year.

Series III contains research and speech material Frye collected for various topics. Major topics include rape, sex discrimination and women's rights.

Series IV consists of subject files regarding Frye throughout her terms as Circuit Court and District Court judges, as well as an oral history of her life.

Use of the Collection

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Administrative Information

Arrangement

Collection is organized into the following series:

Series I: Circuit Court (1971-1980) Series II: District Court (1980-2011) Series III: Speech/Research Material Series IV: Subject Files Series V: Audio/Video

Related Materials

This collection is part of the Oregon Women's Political History Collection, Special Collections & University Archives, University of Oregon Libraries.

Processing Note

Collection processed by Austin Pliska, 2012.

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Detailed Description of the Collection

Series I: Circuit Court, 1971-1980

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box	Folder	
1	1 Helen J. Frye - Judgeship	1971

Container(s)		Description	Dates
1	2	Election File	May 1972
1	3	Election Articles and Materials	1972
1	4	Voter Pamphlets	November 7, 1972-May 28, 1974
1	5	C.C. Appointment Congratulations Cards	
1	6	Appeals File - Volume I	1972-1975
1	7	Appeals File - Volume II	1976-1977
1	8	Appeals File - Volume III	1978-1979
1	9	Appeals File - Volume IV	1980
5	1	C.C. - Correspondence - Miscellaneous	1967?-1971
5	2	C.C. - Correspondence - Miscellaneous	1972-1974
5	3	C.C. - Correspondence - Miscellaneous	1975
5	4	C.C. - Correspondence - Miscellaneous	1976
5	5	C.C. - Correspondence - Miscellaneous	1977
5	6	C.C. - Correspondence - Miscellaneous	1978
5	7	C.C. - Correspondence - Miscellaneous	1979
11	1	News clip of swearing in for circuit judge (film reel)	1971

Series II: District Court, 1980-2011

Container(s)		Description	Dates
Box	Folder		
1	10	Crank Correspondence	1980-2000

Container(s)		Description	Dates
1	11	Crank Correspondence	2001
1	12	Correspondence	1980
1	13	Correspondence	1981
1	14	Correspondence	1982
2	1	Correspondence	1983
2	2	Correspondence	1984
2	3	Correspondence	1985
2	4	Correspondence	1986
2	5	Correspondence	1987
2	6	Correspondence Misc. Official Type	1988
2	7	Correspondence Misc. Official Type	1989
2	8	Correspondence Misc. Official Type	1990-1991
2	9	Correspondence Misc. Official Type	1992
2	10	Correspondence Misc. Official Type	1993
2	11	Correspondence Misc. Official Type	1994
2	12	Correspondence Misc. Official Type	1995-1996
3	1	Correspondence Misc. Official Type	1997-1999
3	2	Correspondence Misc. Official Type	2000-2011
3	3	Appellate Decisions	1980-1982
3	4	D.C. Opinions - Robin McCoog, Ackerley Communications, Penwell et al., Industrial Indemnity Co.	

Container(s)		Description	Dates
3	5	D.C. Opinions - Hells Canyon Guide Service, Graham Tewksbury, Anna Penk, Wilma Hein, Park 'N Fly	
5	8	Correspondence - Recommendation Letters to President Carter for District Court Appointment	1979
5	9	Correspondence - Congratulation Letters for District Court Appointment	1980
5	10	District Court Appointment/Oath Acceptance Speech	1980
5	11	Jury Instruction Index and Standard Instructions (Civil)	
5	12	Jury Instructions (Civil) Vol. I	1985-1986
5	13	Jury Instructions (Civil) Vol. I	1987
5	14	Jury Instructions (Civil) Vol. II	1988
5	15	Jury Instructions (Civil) Vol. II	1988-1989
5	16	Jury Instructions (Civil) Vol. III	1989-1990
5	17	Jury Instructions (Civil) Vol. III	1991
5	18	Jury Instructions (Civil) Vol. III	1992
5	19	Jury Instructions (Civil) Vol. IV	1993-1994
5	20	Jury Instructions (Civil) Vol. IV	1994-1995
5	21	Jury Instructions (Civil) Vol. IV	1996-1997
5	22	Jury Instructions (Civil) Vol. V	1998-1999
5	23	Jury Instructions (Civil) Vol. V	1999-2001
5	24	Jury Instruction Index and Standard Instructions (Criminal)	
5	25	Jury Instructions (Criminal) Vol. I	1986
5	26	Jury Instructions (Criminal) Vol. II	1987

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6 1	Jury Instructions (Criminal) Vol. II	1988
6 2	Jury Insrtuctions (Criminal) Vol. II	1989
6 3	Juey Instructions (Criminal) Vol. III	1989-1990
6 4	Jurylinstructions (Criminal) Vol. III	1990
6 5	Jury Insrtuctions (Criminal) Vol. IV	1991
6 6	Jury Instructions (Criminal) Vol. IV	1992
6 7	Jury Instructions (Criminal) Vol. V	1992-1993
6 8	Jury Instructions (Criminal) Vol. V	1993-1994
6 9	Jury Instructions (Criminal) Vol. VI	1995
6 10	Jury Insrtuctions (Criminal) Vol. VI	1996
6 11	Jury Insrtuctions (Criminal) Vol. VI	1997
6 12	Jury Instructions (Criminal) Vol. VI	1998-1999
6 13	Jury Instructions (Criminal) Vol. VII	200-2002
6 14	Appeals Decision Index	1980-1997
6 15	Appellate Decisions	1983
6 16	Appellate Decisions	1984
6 17	Appellate Decisions	1985
6 18	Appellate Decisions	1986
6 19	Appellate Decisions	1987
6 20	Appellate Decisions	1987
6 21	Appellate Decisions	1988

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6	22	Appellate Decisions	1988
6	23	Appellate Decisions	1988
7	1	Appellate Decisions	1989
7	2	Appellate Decisions	189
7	3	Appellate Decisions	1989
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7	20	Appellate Decisions	1997
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7	24	Appellate Decisions	2001
7	25	Appellate Decisions	2002
7	26	Appellate Decisions	2003
7	27	Appellate Decisions	2004
7	28	Appellate Decisions	2005
8	1	D.C. Opinions - Codes for Cases from 1988-2005	
8	2	D.C. Opinions - Oregon Steel Mills	
8	3	D.C. Opinions - Interstate Fire and Casualty Co.	
8	4	D.C. Opinions - Valdez-Pacheco, Miguel	
8	5	D.C. Opinions - Longaria, David Moses	
8	6	D.C. Opinions - Madrid, Noel	
8	7	D.C. Opinions - Flattum, Gordan	
8	8	D.C. Opinions - Kylo, Danny	
8	9	D.C. Opinions - Anne Badgley	
8	10	D.C. Opinions - Laerdal Manufacturing	
8	11	D.C. Opinions - Robert Skipper	
8	12	D.C. Opinions - Hampton Tree Farms	

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8 13	D.C. Opinions - 1000 Friends of Oregon	
8 14	D.C. Opinions - Time Savers Inc.	
8 15	D.C. Opinions - The Klamath Tribe	
8 16	D.C. Opinions - Lake Oswego School District	
8 17	D.C. Opinions - OEC and The Sierra Club	
8 18	D.C. Opinions - Burt and Gordon	
8 19	D.C. Opinions - Dee Grubbs	
8 20	D.C. Opinions - PGE	
8 21	D.C. Opinions - PGE	
8 22	D.C. Opinions - ACandS Inc.	
8 23	D.C. Opinions - Timber Falling Consultants	
8 24	D.C. Opinions - Western Land Exchange	
8 25	D.C. Opinions - Hall Co.	
8 26	D.C. Opinions - Hall Co.	
8 27	D.C. Opinions - Pacific Maritime Association	
8 28	D.C. Opinions - Nez Perce Tribe	
8 29	D.C. Opinions - UPS General Services	
8 30	D.C. Opinions - UPS General Services	
8 31	D.C. Opinions - Hewlett-Packard	
8 32	D.C. Opinions - Ronald and Donald Rivers	
8 33	D.C. Opinions - Rajneeshpuram	

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8 34	D.C. Opinions - Robert Sarkisian, Joseph Ponzoha	
8 35	D.C. Opinions - National Gypsum Company, Wilma Hein	
9 1	D.C. Opinions - Undetermined quantities of articles of food...	
9 2	D.C. Opinions - Wayne C. Rembold	
9 3	D.C. Opinions - West Park Associates	
9 4	D.C. Opinions - Elise Miller, Southern Oregon Citizens Against Toxic Sprays	
9 5	D.C. Opinions - Nike International, Hustler Magazine	
9 6	D.C. Opinions - Portland Feminist Women's Health Center	
9 7	D.C. Opinions - Portland Feminist Women's Health Center	
9 8	D.C. Opinions - Penny Harrington	
9 9	D.C. Opinions - Brown's Industries	
9 10	D.C. Opinions - Portland Audubon Society	
9 11	D.C. Opinions - Portland Audubon Society	
9 12	D.C. Opinions - Interstate Production Credit Association	
9 13	D.C. Opinions - State Board of Education	
9 14	D.C. Opinions - Chadsey, Herbert Johnson, Gladys Dyer, The Jeanery, Ackerley Communications	
9 15	D.C. Opinions - ZMI Corporation, Oregon State Board of Education	
9 16	D.C. Opinions - Kerr Center Parents Association, J.K. Lilwellyn	
9 17	D.C. Opinions - Burns Bros.,PGE, The Sierra Club	

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9 18	D.C. Opinions - Sher Medical Corp, Gordon Pavelson, The Libertarian Part of Oregon	
9 19	D.C. Opinions - Oil Hut Institute, Sandra Jean Smith and Multnomah County	
9 20	D.C. Opinions - Melridge Inc.	
9 21	D.C. Opinions - Melridge Inc.	
9 22	D.C. Opinions - Melridge Inc.	
9 23	D.C. Opinions - Yamhill Yamaha Inc.	
9 24	D.C. Opinions - Stephanie Forsberg, Annette Stomps	
9 25	D.C. Opinions - Neal Rendleman, Publisher's Paper Co.	
9 26	D.C. Opinions - Margaret Heckler, Lea Lakeside, Lonnie Nettles, People'e National Bank of Washington	
9 27	D.C. Opinions - First Interstate Bank of Oregon	
9 28	D.C. Opinions - American Casualty Co.	
10 1	D.C. Opinions - Western Helicopters, Inc.	
10 2	D.C. Opinions - Grubb and Ellis Co.	
10 3	D.C. Opinions - Niren, Swami Prem	
10 4	D.C. Opinions - Carmona-Arroyave et al.	
10 5	D.C. Opinions - Bascue, Ronald Norman	
10 6	D.C. Opinions - Edmonds, Geoffrey	
10 7	D.C. Opinions - Shabazz, Shakur	
10 8	D.C. Opinions - Nedra Bagley, Oscar Kennard, William Sizemore	

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10 9	D.C. Opinions - Austin and Mary Lentz, Kenneth Moses Hawk, Marjorie Vance	
10 10	D.C. Opinions - The Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon	
10 11	D.C. Opinions - Northwest Environmental Defense Center, Marilyn Medberry, Paramount Helicopters Inc.	
10 12	D.C. Opinions - Rajneesh	
10 13	D.C. Opinions - Miscellaneous	1983-1984
10 14	D.C. Opinions - Miscellaneous	1985
10 15	D.C. Opinions - Miscellaneous	1986
10 16	D.C. Opinions - Miscellaneous	1987
10 17	D.C. Opinions - Miscellaneous	1988
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10 24	D.C. Opinions - Miscellaneous	1995
10 25	D.C. Opinions - Miscellaneous	1996-1997
10 26	D.C. Opinions - Miscellaneous	1998
10 27	D.C. Opinions - Miscellaneous	1999-2000
10 28	D.C. Opinions - Miscellaneous	2001-2002

Container(s)		Description	Dates
10	29	D.C. Opinions - Miscellaneous	2003
10	30	Anna Penk - Transcript of Proceedings	
10	31	Anna Penk Trial - Volume 1	
10	32	Anna Penk Trial - Volume 2	
10	33	Helen Frye v. Public Employees Retirement System	

Folder

1	Certificate of appointment as U.S. District Judge for Oregon signed by Jimmy Carter
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Series III: Speech/Research Material

Container(s)		Description
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3	6	Speeches
3	7	Speeches
3	8	Speech Notes - Criminal Law
3	9	Speech Material - Judges and Judging
3	10	Speech Material - Domestic Relations (Divorce, etc.)
3	11	Sex Discrimination
3	12	Women's Rights
4	1	Women's Rights
4	2	Seminars: National Endowment for the Humanities and American Academy of Judicial Education
4	3	Poetry

Container(s)		Description
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4	5	Political Philosophy
4	6	Rape
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4	8	Child Abuse
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Series IV: Subject Files

Container(s)		Description	Dates
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4	11	District Court Nomination Correspondence and Materials	
4	12	Judicial Selection Commission	
4	13	Clippings	
10	34	Awards and Induction	
10	35	Lowry, Robert D. - Correspondence Regarding Dean Hollis + Memorial Service	
10	36	Oregon Historical Society - Oral History Interview Transcript	
10	37	Oregon Historical Society - Oral History Interviews and Stats	
10	38	Photocopied Articles and Photos	
10	39	Books/Events Recognizing Judge Frye	

Container(s)		Description	Dates
11	2	(Videotape) "4/6 Ceremony 10 Years with Redden, Panner, Frye"	April 6, 1990
11	3	(Book) The Major Poets: English and American by Charles M. Coffin	
11	4	(Book) "Selection and Confirmation of Federal Judges, Ninety-Sixth Congress..."	1979-1980
11	5	(Booklet) A History of the University of Oregon School of Law	
11	6	(Book) Oregon Law Review Vol. 63, No. 4	1984
11	7	(Book) Washington Law Review Vol. 63, No. 2	April 1988

Names and Subjects

Subject Terms :

Circuit courts--Oregon

District courts--Oregon

Judges--Oregon

Rajneeshees--Oregon--Rajneeshpuram

Women educators--Oregon

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