Overview of the Collection

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Biographical Note

Ralph Fallon Cobb, nee Healey, was born in 1921, and was adopted by the Cobb family in Sioux City, Iowa. He attended Yankton College in South Dakota, and served in Europe and Japan during World War II. From 1946 to 1948, he attended law school at the University of South Dakota, where he was captain of the track team and received a bachelor of laws. He was admitted to the South Dakota Bar in 1948 and the Oregon State Bar in 1949. In 1955, he formed a partnership with John Luvaas; the firm later became Luvaas, Cobb, Richards & Fraser. His practice focused on matters of litigation, both plaintiff and defense. Cobb was involved with many activities of the Oregon State Bar, including acting as chair of the Continuing Legal Education Committee and the Committee on Sections. He served on the Bar's Board of Governors and was also active in local bar activities, including serving as president of the Lane County Bar Association. He received ABOA's Oregon Trial Lawyer of the Year Award in 1998. He also served as president or chairman of a number of local civic organizations, and was a member of the Governing Board of Sacred Heart Hospital and PeaceHealth. He also served on the United States Arbitration & Mediation of Oregon panel, was a master at the bench of the American Inns of Court, and was a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers. He died in 2015.
Content Description

This oral history interview with Ralph F. Cobb was conducted by Donald W. Brodie in Cobb's office in Eugene, Oregon, in October 2000. In this interview, Cobb discusses the circumstances of his adoption; talks about attending Yankton College and the University of South Dakota; and describes his Army service during World War II. He then discusses moving to Oregon, passing the Oregon bar exam, and practicing law in Eugene. He talks about cases he handled, judges he argued before, and his involvement with the Oregon Bar Association. He also talks about his more recent work as a mediator, his interest in track and field, and how Eugene has changed during his lifetime. He closes the interview by discussing the technological changes in the legal profession.

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