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147 A scrapbook of letters and clippings documenting the career of Judge Herbert Denton. It includes about one hundred letters and forty clippings. A separate group of thirteen letters is addressed to Denton's son, Samuel B.G. Denton, on the occasion of the death of his brother, Wilfrid H., in 1948.

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James Herbert Denton (1865-1933), was born near Richmond Hill and was educated at Orangeville Institute and the University of Toronto. In 1894 he married Elizabeth W. Gundy, Toronto. After his graduation from law school in 1890, he practised law in Toronto. In 1906 his The Law of Municipal Negligence Respecting Highways was published; it was widely used as a text and reference. In 1909 he was appointed Judge in York County. He was appointed Senior Police Magistrate in 1921, but he resigned from this post in 1924. In 1929 he was appointed Senior County Judge in York County, a position which he held until his death. In addition to his legal and judicial duties he was also asked to make inquiries into various public matters and to conduct the required investigations. He was a member of the Toronto Public Library Board for five years, and chairman of the Board for one year. From 1904 to 1905 he was President of the Liberal Association of Toronto.

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Box 1 Album of letters written by family, friends, and associates to congratulate Denton on his appointment as County Court Judge in 1909. Some letters relate to his appointment as Senior Police Magistrate in 1921, and his resignation from that post in 1924. Clippings concern the appointments and the resignation, and the reports of his investigations.

Another group of letters is addressed to his son Samuel on the death of his brother Wilfrid in 1948.

Mapcase Clippings, mainly obituaries, for Judge James Herbert Denton.