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Guide to the

**Frank E. Carstarphen papers**

1897-1951

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## Summary

**Creator:** Carstarphen, Frank E. (Frank Ellice), 1871-1952

**Title:** Frank E. Carstarphen papers

**Date:** 1897-1951

**Size:** .5 linear feet (1 box)

**Source:** Gift, Carstarphen, Frank E. - Estate, 1953

**Abstract:** Frank Ellice Carstarphen (1871-1952), a lawyer who specialized in criminal law, held public office in Colorado and New York and actively campaigned for the Democratic Party. He also wrote stage adaptations of novels. Collection consists of correspondence, typescripts, family and personal papers, photographs, and printed matter. Legal and political correspondence, 1903-1948, includes letters concerning Carstarphen's various positions. Theater correspondence, 1930-1951, contains letters about plays that he and his wife, Anita Carstarphen, adapted from novels. Family correspondence, 1897-1932, consists primarily of letters of Carstarphen to his family with some letters written by other family members. Also, photographs, biographical sketches, personal papers, and newsclippings.

**Access:** Advance notice required.

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**Arrangement:** Four series: I. Legal and Political Correspondence; II. Theater Correspondence; III. Family Correspondence; IV. Minor Series

## **Key Terms**

### **Subjects**

Criminal law  
Playwriting  
Stage adaptations

### **Occupations**

Dramatists  
Lawyers

### **Genre/Physical Characteristic**

Photographic prints

### **Geographic Names**

United States -- Politics and government -- 1901-1953

### **Names**

Carstarphen, Frank E. (Frank Ellice), 1871-1952  
Carstarphen, Anita  
Carstarphen, Oney  
Farmer, Frances, 1913-1970  
Fishbein, Frieda  
Lawrence, Margery  
Warwick, Anne  
Carstarphen family  
Democratic Party (N.Y.)  
United States. Department of Justice