

Guide to the Park City Court Collection

Records, 1924-1941

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Size: 2 boxes (2 cu.ft.)

About the Park City Justice Court:

Though it is unclear exactly when it was founded, Park City had an established Justice Court by 1882. The court handled misdemeanors such as public drunkenness, noise complaints, traffic violations, and debts, as well as some domestic violence cases and destruction of property in which the property was not worth enough to qualify the case for a higher court or higher charges. The court issued such things as warrants for arrests, traffic tickets, and wage garnishments. Judges were appointed to the Justice Court by the city and served for as long as their appointment specified, some for many consecutive years.

The Court was affected by Park City's financial problems in the 1980s and had its budget reduced. This caused problems with the functionality of the entity. In June 1983, the James Kilby, city Justice of the Peace, issued his resignation citing budgetary disagreements. Less than a week later, the City Justice Court was dissolved and the City Council voted to establish the Fifth Circuit Court to take its place.

Key judges during the time period this collection covers were Jim Don, J.S. Salmon, B.E. Hartwell, John C. Green, and George M. Crossman.

Jim Don was born in 1868 in Scotland and came to Park City with his parents in 1884. He worked at the *Park Record* and in the mines. He devoted time to city service including three terms as county treasurer, city police judge, assistant postmaster, and postmaster. He was a founding member of the Park City Volunteer Firefighters and acted as the county chairman of the Republican committee. He was a member of the Elks and the Modern Woodmen of America. He died in December 1932.

J.S. Salmon was born Joseph Salmon in Scotland in 1858. He immigrated to Summit County in 1868 and lived most of his early years in the area working and living in Coalville as a hotel manager and serving as the county recorder. He lived in Park City for eighteen years and served as judge in the city's justice court. He died in March 1944.

B.E. Hartwell, first name Byron, was born in Salt Lake City in 1854. After later moving to Park City, he owned and operated a blacksmithing and wagon making shop and was a member of the local chapter of the I.O.O.F. He was crippled by an accident which necessitated the amputation of several of his toes. He served as justice court judge for a number of years before moving back to Salt Lake City in 1928. Hartwell died in December 1931.

John C. Green, Sr. arrived in Utah in 1908. Upon moving to Park City in 1924, he worked at the Keystone and Silver King mines as a mill operator. He became a judge and coroner in 1931 and was

appointed city justice in 1932. He was the precinct chairman for the Democratic committee and was later appointed as postmaster. His son, John C. Green, Jr., was also very involved in Park City life, eventually becoming mayor in the 1980s.

George M. Crossman was born in 1882 in New York City and came to Park City as a child in 1889. He worked in various mines and mills as a carpenter and independent contractor. He was a volunteer fireman and a member of the Elks. He died in March 1951.

About the Park City Justice Court Records:

This collection is made up of records from Park City's Justice Court, dated from 1924 to 1941. The majority of the papers are complaints, garnishments, affidavits, and warrants of arrest but also include search and seizure notices, bankruptcy papers, venires, default judgments, testimonies, tickets and traffic violations, checks, and correspondence between judges and lawyers. Most documents are labeled with a case number, sometimes with a letter following the number. Though research into letter designations was done, no conclusions could be drawn regarding the meaning of the letters in these documents.

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Archival material:

Park City Parks Department Collection, 2002.13.3-10, 2002.13.12-19, 2002.13.21-24

Thomas Hansen Collection, 2006.2.5

PCHS Archives Collection, 2011.25.2-10

Photographs:

1987.2.18, 1987.2.36; 1984.11.19 (James "Jim" Don)

1987.2.42 (John C. Green, Sr.)

1986.30.14; 1996.15.56; 1996.17.86; 2007.11.282 (George M. Crossman)

Objects:

2010.15.1-2 suit and tie worn by James "Jim" Don

Subjects:

City government

Judicial proceedings

Law enforcement

People--Don, James "Jim"

People--Salmon, Joseph S.

People--Hartwell, Byron E.

People--Green, John C., Sr.

People--Crossman, George M.

A complete list of the names of plaintiffs, defendants, and judges in each folder has been compiled. See appendix.

Collection arrangement:

This collection is arranged in chronological order. Within each year, documents have been further subdivided by Docket Number, which was in most cases notated in the upper right-hand corner by the court clerk or whoever was filling out and filing the paperwork. Most Docket Numbers contain a number and letter. There is sometimes overlap between numbers and letters. It is unclear what the letters signify and which carries more importance between the number and the letter assigned to each document. Whenever possible, documents from single cases were kept together, even when the case spanned the course of many years. In these instances, the documents have been filed according to the year the case began.

See appendix for list of names included in these court records organized by box and folder.

Collection contents:

BOX 1 (2015.13.1.1)

Box	Folder	Contents
1	1	Unnumbered and miscellaneous cases, 1924-1927
1	2	Case numbers 194-373, 1925
1	3	Case numbers 374-379, 1925
1	4	Case numbers 379 (repeat number)-388, 1925
1	5	Case numbers 389-394, 1925
1	6	Case numbers 394 (repeat number)-397, 1925
1	7	Case numbers 398-403, 1925
1	8	Case numbers 403 (repeat number)-407, 1925
1	9	Case numbers 407 (repeat number)-410, 1925
1	10	Case numbers 411-415, 1925
1	11	Case numbers 416-422, 1925
1	12	Case numbers 424-428, 1925
1	13	Case numbers 429-434, 1925
1	14	Case numbers 435-439, 1925
1	15	Case numbers 440-444, 1925
1	16	Case numbers 445-449, 1925
1	17	Case numbers 450-456, 1925
1	18	Case numbers 456 (repeat number)-457 and unnumbered, 1925
1	19	Case numbers 1-11, 1926
1	20	Case numbers 12-19, 1926
1	21	Case numbers 20-31, 1926
1	22	Case numbers 32-39, 1926
1	23	Case numbers 40-46, 1926
1	24	Case numbers 47-55, 1926
1	25	Case numbers 56-68, 1926
1	26	Case numbers 458-498 and unnumbered, 1926
1	27	Unnumbered and miscellaneous cases, 1931, and case numbers 125-131 J-K, 1932
1	28	Case numbers 132-144 J-K, 1932
1	29	Case numbers 145-153 J-K, 1932
1	30	Case numbers 155-163 J-K, 1932
1	31	Case numbers 164-172 J-K, 1932
1	32	Case numbers 173-179 J-K, 1932
1	33	Case numbers 180-189 J-K, 1932
1	34	Case numbers 190-200 J-K, 1932
1	35	Case numbers 253-328 J-K and unnumbered, 1932
1	36	Case numbers 1-17 J-K, 1933
1	37	Case numbers 18-24, 1933
1	38	Case numbers 25-41 J-K, 1933
1	39	Case numbers 42-57 J-K, 1933

1	40	Case numbers 58-60 J-K, 1933
1	41	Case numbers 62-66 J-K, 1933
1	42	Case numbers 67-82 J-K, 1933
1	43	Case numbers 83-106 J-K, 1933
1	44	Case numbers 107-117 J-K, 1933
1	45	Case numbers 188-131 J-K, 1933
1	46	Case numbers 132-152 J-K, 1933
1	47	Case numbers, 153-198 J-K, 1933
1	48	Case numbers 209-497 J-K, 1933

BOX 2 (2015.13.1.2)

Box	Folder	Contents
2	1	Case numbers 241-253 J-K, 1934
2	2	Case numbers 254-279 J-K, 1934
2	3	Case numbers 282-304 J-K, 1934
2	4	Case numbers 305-327 J-K, 1934
2	5	Case numbers 329-344 J-K, 1934
2	6	Case numbers 345-356 J-K, 1934
2	7	Case numbers 357-368 J-K, 1934
2	8	Case numbers 364-379 J-K, 1934
2	9	Case numbers 380-397 J-K, 1934
2	10	Case numbers 399-418 J-K, 1934
2	11	Case numbers 418-432 J-K, 1934
2	12	Case numbers 433-449 J-K, 1934
2	13	Case numbers 450-461 J-K, 1934
2	14	Case numbers 462-478 J-K, 1934
2	15	Case numbers 479-500 J-K, 1934
2	16	Case numbers 212-343, 1934
2	17	Case numbers 350-363 and unnumbered, 1934
2	18	Case numbers 1-17 L, 1936
2	19	Case numbers 18-39 L, 1936
2	20	Case numbers 40-60 L, 1936
2	21	Case numbers 61-83 L, 1936
2	22	Case numbers 84-113 L, 1936
2	23	Case numbers 114-133 L, 1936
2	24	Case numbers 134 L, 146 J-K, 147 L-M, 123-124 J-K, 149 L, 1936
2	25	Case numbers 148-158 L-M, 1936
2	26	Case numbers 159-173 L-M, 1936
2	27	Case numbers 174-220 L-M, 1936
2	28	Case numbers 221-250 L-M, 1936
2	29	Case numbers 1-19 L-M, 1937
2	30	Case numbers 20-36 L-M, 1938
2	31	Case numbers 37-53 L-M, 1938
2	32	Case numbers 54-71 L-M, 1938
2	33	Case numbers 72-94 L-M, 1938
2	34	Case numbers 91-108 M-N, 1938
2	35	Case numbers 109-129 M-N, 1938

2	36	Case numbers 130-142 M-N, 1938
2	37	Case numbers 143-149 M-N, 1938
2	38	Case numbers 157-162 M-N, 1938
2	39	Case numbers 163-181 M-N, 1938
2	40	Case numbers 149-211 M-N, 1939
2	41	Case numbers 212-240 M-N, 1939
2	42	Case numbers 241-266 M-N, 1939
2	43	Case numbers 268-289 M-N, 1939
2	44	Case numbers 290-322 M-N, 1939
2	45	Case numbers 145-150 and unnumbered, 1940
2	46	Case numbers 323-346 M-N, 1940
2	47	Case numbers 347-368 M-N, 1940
2	48	Case numbers 369-394 M-N, 1940
2	49	Case numbers 395-418 M-N, 1940
2	50	Case numbers 419-434 M-N, 1940
2	51	Case numbers 435-451 M-N, 1940
2	52	Case numbers 452-500 M-N and unnumbered, 1940 and 1941
2	53	Miscellaneous papers