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RAMSEY COUNTY Court of Common Pleas

An Inventory of Its Criminal Records

OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS

Agency:	Minnesota. Court of Common Pleas (Ramsey County).
Series Title:	Criminal records.
Dates:	1867-1875, 1883.
Quantity:	3.1 cu. ft. (3 boxes; 1 partial box).
Location:	See Detailed Description section for box locations.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE RECORDS

The Ramsey County Court of Common Pleas was formed in 1867 because the Ramsey County District Court was overloaded with cases and the Minnesota Constitution did not allow for the appointment of a second judge. The jurisdiction of the two courts was identical.

The records includes a docket book of criminal cases, Nos. 1-231, listing names of parties and attorneys, offense, record of actions and filings, and decisions of the court, with the records of actions for a few cases extending past 1875; criminal case files for the above cases; and a few administrative files (1871-1883). The latter include judge's administrative orders, grand jury reports, an 1871 list of jurors, receipts, and a governor's pardon. Cases of especial significance, Nos. 133-158, concern malfeasance and other wrongdoing charges against State Auditor Charles McIlrath in 1874.

INDEX TERMS

This collection is indexed under the following headings in the catalog of the Minnesota Historical Society. Researchers desiring materials about related topics, persons or places should search the catalog using these headings.

Topics:

Judgments—Minnesota—Ramsey County.
Criminal procedure—Minnesota—Ramsey County.

Persons:

McIlrath, Chas. (Charles), 1829-1910—Trials, litigations, etc.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION

Note to Researchers: To request materials, please note the location shown below.

Location

- 118.A.3.7B Criminal docket, 1867-1876. 1 volume.
 Case nos. 1-231.
 A numerical index of case numbers 1-123 is available in PDF
 format: <http://www.mnhs.org/library/findaids/ram-ct04/pdf/ram-ct04ind.pdf>
- 128.I.5.7B Criminal case files, 1867-1875.
 Nos. 1-80.
- 128.I.5.8F Nos. 81-169.
- 128.I.5.9B Nos. 170-231.
 Administration files, 1871-1883. 3 folders.
 Judge's administrative orders, 1871, 1875.
 Grand jury reports, [undated], 1875.
 Includes some "no bill" findings
- Miscellany, 1871, 1874, 1883.
 List of jurors (1871), receipts (1874), and governor's pardon
 for Daniel Gundy (1883).