

*History of the Federal Courthouse in Milwaukee
and the Federal Courts in the Eastern District of Wisconsin*

Geiger, Ferdinand August

Born 1867 in Cassville, Wisconsin.

Died 1939.



Federal Judicial Service:

United States District Court, Eastern District of Wisconsin 1912-1939.

Nominated by William H. Taft on February 19, 1912, to a seat vacated by Joseph V. Quarles; confirmed by the Senate on March 20, 1912, and received commission on March 20, 1912. Service terminated on May 22, 1939, due to retirement.

Education:

Unknown.

Professional Career:

Private practice, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 1888-1912.

Judge's Manuscript Information:

Location: State Historical Society of Wisconsin. 816 State Street, Madison, Wisconsin, 53706. (608) 264-6460.

Geiger, Ferdinand August, papers, 1837-1951; 0.6 cubic ft.

The file consists of correspondence (1881-1939), family and personal papers (1839-1951), speeches (1911-1931), papers relating to the United States Department of Justice (1937-1938), and a copy of lectures on the powers and duties of a United States Attorney.

Location: Illinois State Historical Library. Old State Capitol., Springfield, Illinois, 62701-1507. (217) 524-7216.

Alschuler, Samuel, papers, 1885-1969; 6 ft.

The file consists of correspondence.

Portrait:

Location: Courtroom 284. Milwaukee Federal Building and United States Courthouse.

Ferdinand A. Geiger-United States District Judge-1912-1939.

Artist: Charles W. Thwaites, Date: 1942.

A front profile oil painting of Judge Geiger sitting in a chair with a desk and books in the background. The overall condition is excellent.

Correspondence, News Clippings and Transcripts:

Location: Library of the United States Courts – Milwaukee. Milwaukee Federal Building and United States Courthouse. Room 516.

Folder: *District Court Judges (Milwaukee)*

File: *Judge Geiger*

This file contains:

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Geiger's decision*, January 27, 1938.
- Ask Judge Geiger's Attitude Toward Labor Investigated*, WISCONSIN RAPIDS
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- What Constitutes a Labor Dispute?*, IRONWOOD (MI) DAILY GLOBE,
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February 1, 1938.
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Concerns*, APPLETON POST-CRESCENT, August 8, 1938.
- Visit of Duffy to Washington Brings Forth Speculation*, OSHKOSH DAILY
NORTHWESTERN, May 15, 1939.
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May 25, 1939.
- Able Judge Retires*, WISCONSIN STATE JOURNAL, June 2, 1939.
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- Death Takes Former Judge F. A. Geiger*, SHEBOYGAN PRESS, July 31, 1939.
- "Members of the House Judiciary Committee are grumbling . . ."*
IRONWOOD (MI) DAILY GLOBE, October 7, 1941.
- LaFave, Ruth, *Letter to Griffin, Warren, regarding the dates of service of Judges
of this Court including Judge Geiger*, April 1, 1968.
- Transcript of History Within These Walls-In Court and Cases*, A speech given by
Judge Warren to the Women's Auxiliary Program of the Milwaukee
Historical Society, 1977. (Judge Warren referred to a case before Judge
Geiger involving a speakeasy, p. 8.)
- Judges of the United States*, (Judicial Conference of the United States:
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- Bernan Editorial Staff, *Biographical Directory of the Federal Judiciary, 1789-
2000*, (Lanham, MD: Beenan, 2001) 513.

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Historic Documents, Portrait Presentation, 1909-2001.

Location: Clerk of Court. Milwaukee Federal Building and United States Courthouse.
Room 362. Vault.

Transcript of proceedings upon presentation of portraits of the Honorable William H. Seaman and the Honorable Ferdinand Geiger before the Honorable F. Ryan Duffy on June 3, 1943.

Historic Documents, Memoriam, 1895-2001.

Location: Clerk of Court. Milwaukee Federal Building and United States Courthouse.
Room 362. Vault.

Transcript of the Memoriam for the Honorable Ferdinand A. Geiger before the Honorable F. Ryan Duffy on October 9, 1939.