



**W. Robert Cope Papers
(CG0018)**

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Collection Title: W. Robert Cope Papers

Dates: 1965-1968

Creator: Cope, W. Robert, 1942-

Abstract: The papers of W. Robert Cope contain notes, outlines, and final examinations produced as a student at the University of Missouri-School of Law from 1965 to 1968.

Collection Size: 1.75 cubic feet
(34 folders)

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Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

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Historical Note:

W. Robert “Bob” Cope was born in St. Louis and raised in Poplar Bluff, Missouri. He attended the University of Missouri–Rolla, now the Missouri University of Science and Technology, where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in electrical engineering.

He attended the University of Missouri School of Law from 1965 to 1968. After graduation, he served as captain in the United States Army Corps of Engineers from 1968 to 1970. After his military service, he was the assistant prosecuting attorney for Cape Girardeau County from 1970 to 1973. Cope entered private law practice for the firm of Oliver and Oliver in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, from 1970 to 1975, then opened a practice in Poplar Bluff from 1975 to 1990. He was elected circuit judge of the 36th Judicial Circuit in 1991, and remained on the bench until 2002. He married Jan Levy on March 2, 1968 and had two daughters.

Arrangement:

The collection is arranged into a single series by material type

Scope and Content Note:

This collection contains notes, outlines, and final examinations written by W. Robert Cope when he attended the University of Missouri School of Law from 1965-1968. Some of the classes that he attended include constitutional law, civil procedure, evidence, personal property, and conflicts of law. This collection is arranged by class.

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