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INTRODUCTION

Official and personal correspondence and papers of Guy B. Park, Democratic governor of Missouri from 1933 to 1937.

DONOR INFORMATION

The Guy Park Papers were donated to the University of Missouri by Eleanora G. Park on 16 June 1948 (Accession No. 2923)

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Guy Brasfield Park, the son of Thomas Woodson and Margaret Baxter Park, was born on 10 June 1872, at Platte City, Missouri. He received his education at Gaylord Institute in Platte City and at the University of Missouri. In 1896 he graduated from the university's law school and was admitted to the Missouri bar. Park thereafter returned to Platte City where he began to practice law. During his early career he served as city attorney of Platte City and was twice elected prosecuting attorney for Platte County.

On 16 November 1909, Park married Eleanora Gabbert of Platte City. They had one daughter, Henrietta.

In 1922 Guy Park was elected to the Missouri State Constitutional Convention. In that same year, he was elected to a six-year term as judge of Missouri's fifth judicial circuit court. Park was re-elected to the circuit court in 1928 but resigned on 17 October 1932 to accept the nomination for governor of Missouri. Park was selected by the Missouri Democratic State Committee as the replacement for candidate Francis M. Wilson who died on 12 October 1932. On 8 November 1932 Park defeated his Republican Party opponent, Edward H. Winter, by a plurality of 338,123 votes. On 9 January 1933, Park was inaugurated as Missouri's 38th governor.

At the end of his governorship in January 1937, Park returned to Platte City to resume his private law practice. He later served as a member of the Missouri State Constitutional Convention in 1943 and 1944. Guy B. Park died in Jefferson City, Missouri, on 1 October 1946.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection provides a comprehensive view of the gubernatorial administration of Guy Park. A small amount of material dated 1932 relates mostly to the death of Francis M. Wilson and to Park's election. The majority of the material within this collection is dated 1933 through 1936 and consists of personal and official correspondence and papers. Another small amount of material dated 1937 consists of personal matters and best wishes from state officials and friends. Correspondence of Park's administrative assistants, Woodson Cockerill and Sam Hargus, is interspersed throughout the collection.

Foremost among the major topics of the collection are the economic issues, which confronted Missourians during the nationwide depression of the 1930s. The numerous economic problems encountered by business and agriculture are especially well-documented. Also

noteworthy are materials regarding the establishment and operation of state relief programs and materials regarding the relationship between Missouri and the federal agencies created during the first presidential administration of Franklin D. Roosevelt. Other major topics include blacks, the Democratic Party, education, foreclosures, legislation, penal institutions, political patronage, prohibition and taxation.

The materials within this collection have generally been kept in their original order. They are arranged alphabetically by subject, personal name, the name of a state or federal agency or department, the name of a state or federal official, or the name of a public or private organization. Within each division, the documents are arranged chronologically. Replies to correspondence and subsequent related documents are generally filed immediately following the initial document.

FOLDER LIST

- f. 1-2 Accountancy, State Board of, 1933-1936. Proposed modification in laws regulating the practice of accountancy in Missouri, inquiries about the requirements for certification and the Certified Public Accountant examination, complaints and requests for certifications from some persons failing the examination, offer of aid and cooperation by the Missouri Society of Certified Public Accountants on State matters, recommendations and requests for appointments to the State Board of Accountancy. Correspondence of William L. Igoe, D.L. Lacy, J.H. O'Connell, William T. Jones, Guy A. Thompson, and John T. Harding.
- f. 3-5 Adjutant General, May, 1933-1936. Job appointments in the Adjutant General's Department, a soldier's bonus bill, a raise in National Guard rank, widow's pension, military service records, Missouri National Guard camps, military funeral rites for Admiral Coontz, pay reimbursement for strike duty service by the National Guard.
- f. 5-9 Agricultural Agencies, February 1933-October 1936. Farm mortgages, loans, foreclosures, job appointments and recommendations for both federal and state agricultural agencies. Correspondence of, and concerning the United States Department of Agriculture, the Agricultural Adjustment Administration, Farm Bureau, Federal Land Bank, the activities and reports of the Farm Bureau Federation, County Farm Debt Adjustment Committees, and the Missouri Agricultural Advisory Council. James A. Farley, chairman of the Democratic National Committee; Henry Morgenthau, Jr., Governor, Farm Credit Administration; William I. Meyers, later Governor of the Farm Credit Administration; J.W. Memeyer, General Agent for the Farm Credit Administration; J.W. Head, chairman of the Farm Debt Adjustment Committee for the state.
- f. 10-258 Appointments and Recommendations, 1933-1936. Applications and recommendations for job appointments: positions in various departments, bureaus, offices of the state not individually categorized elsewhere in this collection, (appointive county offices: clerk, treasurer, recorder, coroner, collector, assessor). Also letters requesting a job without specifying what particular type of job or position desired.
- f. 259-263 Athletic Commission, 1933-1936. Applications and recommendations for appointments to Athletic Commission; correspondence related to duties of Athletic Commission; and complimentary tickets for the Governor and members of his staff.
- f. 264-273 Attorney General, February 1933-1936. Exposing of fraud in the Missouri Naval Militia on the part of Captain G.F. Schwartz. Discussion on the problem of the Missouri-Iowa boundary line settlement. Letters requesting legal assistance. Letters from the governor to citizens referring their cases to proper legal authorities. Petition signed by citizens of Atchison County for the removal of their county collector. Synoptic report of cases tried by the

- prosecuting attorney.
- f. 274-277 Auditor, State, February, 1933-January, 1937. Appointments, emergency relief appropriations, general revenue appropriations, Fund Commission, county assessments, proposed sales tax increase, income tax inspection, auditing county finances, interest on state funds, Missouri state bonds, soldier bonus bonds, and road bonds.
- f. 278-288 Automobile Registration Department, 1933-1936. Requests for reduction in the cost of automobile license plates; plans submitted to handle auto licensing by county clerk; appeals for drivers examination law; and letters asking for certain auto license numbers. The Automobile Registration Department was administered under the Secretary of State
- f. 289-292 Barber's State Board of Examiners, 1933-November 1936. Applications and recommendations for appointment to the Board and for the position Barber Inspector, congratulations to Governor on Board appointments, inquiries for applications and requirements for barber's license, requests for retention of present independent board rather than its incorporation under State Board of Health. Letters protesting Board's action in closing a barber shop because of unsatisfactory water supply; over zealous enforcement of Barber's License Law, National Recovery Administration regulation, Board's neglect of duty, barber's examination, an ordinance setting shops' opening and closing hours.
- f. 293-299 Blind, Missouri Commission for the, November 1932-1936. Missouri Commission for the Blind, criticism of present men on the Commission, appointment of Mrs. Mary E. Ryder as executive director, protests against placing the administrative work of the Commission under the Eleemosynary Board. Suggestions on policies and personnel of the Commission, praise of James Jones and his work for the St. Louis Society for the Blind, emphasis on the need for more work on the prevention of blindness, requests for pensions and aid, invitations to meetings for the development of the work for the blind. Park asked to join the Advisory Council of the American Brotherhood for the Blind. Information received doubted the integrity and purpose of the Brotherhood.
- f. 300-311 Building and Loan Agencies, September 1932-November 1936. State Bureau of Building and Loan Supervision, National Home Mortgage Advisory Board, Reconstruction Finance Corporation, Federal Home Loan Bank, and private persons experiencing mortgage and loan difficulties. Problems of the mortgage and loan business, government aid programs to help owners retain their homes, reorganization and appointments to the Building and Loan Supervision Department, and opinion on proposed legislation regarding the mortgage and loan business. Correspondence of Ira A. McBride, G.C. Bandover, Frank A. Vanderlip, George W. Wagner, and William L. Igoe.
- f. 312-323 Building Program, State, 1933-January 1937. Applications and recommendations for job appointments with the Bi-partisan Advisory Board, the State Building Commission, the Missouri State Advisory Board, suggested improvements in the eleemosynary institutions. Material on reports, news releases, meetings,

- building material, supplies, availability of funds, provision for union labor contracts, statements of architects, construction contracts, and newspaper clipping on contemplated building development. Correspondence of Sam E. Trimble, Chairman, Bi-partisan Advisory Board.
- f. 324-335 Business Problems, 1933-1936. Proposals of plans and ideas on bringing about business and national recovery from the depression through reduction of wages, taxes, promotion of foreign commerce and trade through readjustment of war debts and recognition of the Soviet Union, improving the price level by raising the price of gold, release of frozen bank deposits, direct loans to industry, public construction projects to relieve unemployment. Correspondence also on unfair business practices; complaints on the underselling practices of chain stores and their entrance into the marketing of an ever increasing range of products; complaints against the National Dairy trust; an expose on "Wall Street Racketeers"; complaints of government interference and competition with private business; opposition to the penal institution manufacture of ice by the Missouri Ice Industries; National Recovery Administration code regulations affecting business; problems of real estate, petroleum, coal, steel, building, transportation, cotton, and liquor industries. National Business Recovery Program, Committee on the Nation, John Dewey (People's Lobby), J.P. Morgan, John D. Rockefeller, Jr., George Whitney, Charles M. Schwab, Made in America League, and the Hearn (department store) Plan.
- f. 336-348 Civilian Conservation Corps, April 1933-November 1936. Civilian Conservation Corps, asking for admittance and positions in camps, expressing appreciation for work done by camps and the type of men in charge, notices of social events held by CCC, rejecting Negro CCC camp by one community, requests for surplus government buildings built by CCC. Copy of *Happy Days*, CCC newspaper. Letters from Governor Park to the Secretary of War, the Chief of Staff and other military personnel congratulating them on the army's supervision of the camps. Correspondence on Robert Fichner, Director, Emergency Conservation Work and Wilbur C. Bufor, Commissioner Game and Fish Departments. See also: Game and Fish Department, National Guard.
- f. 349-353 Chicago World's Fair, January, 1935-October 1934. Offers of exhibit material for the Missouri display at the Fair, applications for jobs on the Missouri Commission, letters on business and financial arrangements for Missouri's exhibits, requests for donation of trophies and awards, invitations to participate in various official functions of the Fair (opening ceremonies), and minutes of meetings. Correspondence of R.E.L. Morris, Secretary of the Century of Progress Commission.
- f. 354-357 Chiropractic, Examiners State Board of, 1933-1936. Applications and recommendations for appointments to the Board, appropriations for the Board, reciprocity in acknowledging chiropractic license of another state, request that chiropractors be allowed to practice in state hospitals and asylums. Letter

- from the Federation of Chiropractic Societies of New York State requesting information on the legislation and regulation of the profession in Missouri. Correspondence of T.C. Oyler, C.L. O'Bryon, F.A. Marsh, Raymond A. Fox, Thomas F. Maher, Jerome F. Fontana, Arthur B. Boyer, Jackson County Chiropractic Association, Missouri State Chiropractic Association, St. Louis County Chiropractic Association. See also: Osteopathy, State Board of.
- f. 358-367 Church and Religion, 1933-1936. Invitations to church affairs and to speak at church meetings, dedications and other gatherings; requests for donations and messages; offers of membership in religious movements; requests for proclamations; religious and church literature. Correspondence of Federal Council of Churches of Christ, World Fellowship of Faiths, National Conference of Christians and Jews, American Bible Society.
- f. 368-372 Clark, Bennett Champ, 1933-July 1936. Comments on legislation relating to coal and coke industry; political patronage in state departments; request for assistance in rebuilding the Delta Gamma sorority house; William M. Park's appointment to the U.S. Department of Commerce; suggestion for state river projects; request for interior pay for Spanish-American War veterans; malaria control in southeast Missouri; letters from governor suggesting passage of federal legislation; recommendation of Charles M. Hay for governor-generalship of the Philippines; Harry B. Hawes' letter of resignation as U.S. Senator, the vacancy to be filled by Clark; comments on the Federal Home Loan Bank system; and letter endorsing establishment of national forests in Missouri.
- f. 373-375 Colonels, 1933-1936. Personal letters; applications and recommendations for appointments; requests for jobs; committee authorized to select an artist to do a portrait of the governor's wife; and letter from Fox Movie Studio requesting appointment of Shirley Temple as honorary colonel.
- f. 376-389 Congratulations, Letters of, 1933-1936. To the Governor concerning election to office of Governor, the success of his administrative record, calling the extra session of the legislature, 1935, veto of the Hess Horse Racing Bill and the Buford Bill, success of the \$10,000,000 Bond Issue, other election results, his stand in favor of the two percent sales tax, certain appointments made by Park, speeches and addresses, birth of a grandson, and the Parks' silver wedding anniversary.
- f. 390-420 Congressional Correspondence, 1933-1936. Proposed state and national legislation; letters requesting appointments and endorsements for friends; invitations to various meetings, banquets; discussion of plans to give the historic ship "Constellation" to Baltimore, the city of her birth; information on Reforestation Act and the National Rivers and Harbors Congress; Representatives include: Dewey Short; J.F. Fulbright; M.A. Romjue; Richard M. Duncan; J.L. Milligan; Frank H. Lee; Joseph B. Shannon; John J. Cochran; Reuben T. Wood; Henry T. Rainey; Ralph F. Lozier; Paul H. Maloney, James R. Clairborne; Clarence Cannon; Clyde Williams; Thomas C. Hennings, Jr.; Orville Zimmerman; William L. Nelson. Senators include: Bennett Champ

- Clark and Harry S Truman. The courts of Missouri; applications and suggestions for appointments to the various judicial positions; letters asking appointment to judgeships outside the Governor's control; recommendations for changes in court procedures; fuller on legislation affecting the courts; payment of court clerks and judges; report of bribery case involving the prosecuting attorney of Mercer County; Circuit Judge B.H. Boyer removed for disorderly conduct; petition to United States Supreme Court on indictment of patent fraud against General Motors Corporation; C.A. Leedy, Jr., and Walter D. Coles appointed to Missouri Supreme Court Bench; letters to the Governor asking for help and advice in court matters; requests for endorsements and letters of congratulations on appointments; report of the Circuit Attorney's office on actions filed with the grand jury, June term, 1936; reports of various court cases.
- f. 470-486 Crime, Problem of, November 1932-1936. General consideration of crime and the problems it creates in the state and country at large; committees, conferences, and commissions on the problem of crime; reports, suggestions, and resolutions sent to the Governor; adult probation; recodification of criminal laws and boys' club activities considered as possible aids to the problem; Correspondence on proposed legislation resulting from the study of crime; reports of cases and bond, forfeitures in Circuit Court of St. Louis; letters asking for data to be used for research on the crime problem; copies of speeches given by J. Edgar Hoover; considerations of federal police functions and activities.
- f. 487-490 Democratic Clubs, February 1933-June 1936. Invitations to conventions, rallies, dinners, dances and functions of Missouri State Democratic Club group; requests to speak at various town, county and congressional district meetings. Correspondence of George B. Freeman, Young Democratic Clubs, St. Louis Union Labor Democratic Club. See also: Democratic National Committee, Democratic State Committee, Young Democratic Club.
- f. 491-493 Democratic National Committee, 1933-November 1936. Relating to business of the national committee; reports of the political situation in regard to the 1936 national election; plans for rallies, publicity, and fund raising; organized democratic clubs in colleges, universities and schools. Includes a speech by President Franklin D. Roosevelt given to the Democratic National Committee workers. Correspondence of Franklin D. Roosevelt, United States President; James A. Farley, Democratic National Committee Chairman; James W. Gerord, Finance Committee Chairman. See also: Democratic Clubs and Democratic State Committees.
- f. 494-507 Democratic State Committees of Missouri, 1933-November 1936 General political status of the Democratic state and county committee organization; lists of individual contributions and achievements; endorsements for appointments to state offices; plans to raise more funds, achieve greater committee harmony, get out more votes and improve the Democratic Party

- organization in general. Correspondence of Rubey M. Hulen, James Payland, Mary Edna Cruzen, E.J. Breen and Henry L. Dillingham. See also: Democratic Clubs of Missouri and Democratic National Committee.
- f. 508-512 Dental Board, State, 1933-August 1936. Opposition of Dental Board to proposed legislations merging that Board with the State Board of Health (Senate Bill 125); letter reporting members of the Board were playing "Republican politics"; recommendations, requests for and protests against possible appointment to the Board; report to the Governor from the Missouri State Dental Association; denial of lax examination by the Board in admitting dentists to practice; correspondence from various dental societies.
- f. 513-517 Elections, 1933-November 1936. Letters pertaining to the 1932 elections and election results; the Board of Election Commissioners; county political organization for coming elections, county committee appointments; poll tax problems; fraud in election, registration, voting and ballot counting; suggestion of plan for permanent registration of voters. Correspondence of Francis M. Wilson and Jerry Culbertson. See also: St. Louis Election Commissioners and Kansas City Election Commissioners.
- f. 518-519 Embalming, State Board of , 1933-June 1936. Requests that the Board be permitted to continue to operate as separate and independent of the State Board of Health; recommendations and requests for appointment to the Board; the problem of political patronage in making appointments to the Board; examination report of applicant for embalmer's license. Correspondence of Floyd C. Calloway, Walter Meierhoffer and Charles C. Meek.
- f. 520-532 Extraditions and Requisitions, September 1932-1936. Requests for rendition of extraditions (requisitions); requests not to issue requisitions for extraditions; requests for extradition hearings; issuance of warrants for arrest; letters concerning payment of agents commission expenses for delivery of fugitive in extradition-requisition cases; refusals of Governor to honor requisitions and extraditions; letters from Georgia's Governor Talmadge concerning a fixed state fee for extraditions
- f. 533-558 Farm Problem, 1933-1936. Letters suggesting changes in policies, programs and personnel in both state and federal agricultural agencies; reorganization of the Missouri State Department of Agriculture under M.A. Breshears; reorganization of the State Fruit Experimental Station; letters from farmers urging the Governor to save their farms and homes from tax and mortgage foreclosure and to call a special session of the legislature to pass a mortgage moratorium; bulletins from state and federal Departments of Agriculture. Agencies set up to relieve the farm problem include: Agricultural Adjustment Administration, National Recovery Administration, Rural Rehabilitation Program, Missouri Relief Commission, Rural Resettlement Administration, Commission on Farm Tenancy. Also correspondence on the further relief needs raised by the severe drouth which struck the mid-western states and correspondence with President Franklin D. Roosevelt on special conference to consider farm relief program. Correspondence of Julien N. Friant, M.A.

- Breshears, and Lloyd C. Stark. See also: Agricultural Agencies, Foreclosures, Mortgage and Tax.
- f. 559 Federal Soldier's Home, State, March 1933-February 1935. Suggestions for appointments to the Board of Managers of the institution; commendations on the work of J.L. Peatross, Superintendent; request to transfer appropriations from expense fund to personal service fund. Also correspondence concerning need of a federal home for aged people and applications for work in the home.
- f. 560-580 Finance Department, State, 1933-1936. Letters about O.H. Moberly, Commissioner of Finance; the liquidation of banks; bank runs; bank insurance; bank legislation; individual Missouri bank problems; applications for jobs in the Finance Department; Home Loan Bank Enabling Act; Reconstruction Finance Corporation; difficulties of the Bank and Trust Companies; 1935 state budget, report, "a study of internal debts."
- f. 581-586 Flood Control, February 1933-October 1936. Flood control; canals; irrigation; dam at Osceola; St. Lawrence Waterway; Arkansas River Commission; Gasconade River Dam; Fort Peck project; St. Francis River project; Overton Bill; Mississippi Valley Association; and National River and Harbor Convention.
- f. 587-610 Foreclosures, 1933-1936. Farm, home and business property mortgage and tax foreclosures. Most letters indicate inability to make one or both payments. Requests for loans and advice on what can or should be done to prevent foreclosure. Requests for moratorium legislation. Letters placing blame for failure to meet payments on unemployment, drought conditions, and low farm prices. Letters about unethical or illegal activities of some small loan companies and banks in regard to foreclosure practices. Letters explaining banks' positions in regard to foreclosures. Protest from mortgage holders against moratorium legislation.
- f. 611-615 Fraternity Organizations, 1933-1936. Beta Theta Pi, collegiate fraternity; Phi Delta Phi, professional legal fraternity of which Park is a member; Mystical Seven of which Park was elected a member by Missouri University group while in office. Also correspondence with Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity, Delta Gamma sorority, Alpha Phi Alpha, National American University fraternity, Gamma Alpha Chi: social invitations, requests for letters of endorsement and photos.
- f. 616-634 Game and Fish Department, State, 1933-1936. Applications for jobs in the Department as wardens and inspectors; reports and complaints of violations of the game and fish laws and abuses of them; complaints about the actions of wardens or the lack of it with regard to enforcement of the game and fish laws; Izaak Walton League of America and Congressional Committee reports on wild life conservation; suggestions and signed petitions on the organization and administration of the department proposing a bipartisan commission to direct the conservation program in Missouri; protests on use of license funds for state park work; suggested changes in the game and fish laws; requests for licenses and game fish to stock ponds.

- f. 635-637 General Assembly, Missouri, June 1933-June 1936. Queries from legislators on whether a special session of the legislature will be called in the fall of 1933; requests that it be called and other requests that it not be called; letters of resignation from state senators and representatives; requests that it be called for the passage of some special legislation; requests that the assembly take action to relieve the economic depression; letters to governor concerning political organization of the state assembly; reference to public utility legislative pressure in the General Assembly; appointment of assembly men to fill vacancies created by death or resignation.
- f. 638-761 General Correspondence, 1927-1936. Requests for information of a miscellaneous nature; requests for autographs, photographs, loans, interviews, permission to visit the Governor's Mansion, aid in locating missing or deceased persons; sales letters; greeting cards; gift notices; offers of service; questionnaires of various kinds; correspondence concerning Jesse James; letters from the American Jewish Congress; epic poem on the Houn's Hill massacre of the Latter Day Saints; letters from religious zealots and persons of unsound mind. Correspondence of American League Against War and Fascism, Crusader White Shirts, Crusaders for Economic Freedom.
- f. 762-792 Grain and Warehouse Department, January 1933-January 1934. Applications for positions in the grain and warehouse department; suggestions of those worthy of consideration for these jobs; letters against consolidation of the public service commission with grain and oil inspection (Buford Bill); resolution concerning supply of seed wheat; suggestions as to the operation of the Department; complaints against the grain and warehouse commissioner Mr. J.B. Hopper; letters of appreciation for favors and positions. Correspondence of R.L. Patterson.
- f. 793-815 Health, State Board of, December 1932-1936. Division of Cosmetology and Hairdressing and the division of Food and Drug which are included under the State board of Health. Applications for jobs: food and drug inspectors, commissioners, beauty parlor inspectors. Complaints of laboratory service charges of the State Board of Health; state license for operating a beauty parlor or beauty culture school, and permits, signed petition requesting appropriations sufficient to maintain public health service in the state; letters protesting against some of the rules and laws affecting beauticians, beauty parlors, and the behavior and actions of some inspectors. Letters voicing opposition to Missouri Senate Bill 3 consolidating all public health activities; letters opposing use of antitoxin serums and surgery; United States Public Health Service Conferences. Correspondence from Dr. E.T. McGough, Secretary, State Board of Health.
- f. 816-843 Highway Department, State, 1933-1936. Applications and recommendations for jobs with the department; political patronage; complaints about department officials, services and contracts, and the spending of highway department funds for useless or unnecessary projects; suggested change in method of expending department funds; pressure for all weather farm-to-market roads;

- requests for the stockpiling of road building materials to provide relief work for the unemployed; pressure for and against proposed legislation affecting the department. Correspondence from R.S. Brownlee, William F. Phares, Scott Wilson, H.P. Pyle, T.H. Cutler, Louis V. Stigall, and A.T. Nelson.
- f. 844-847 Highway Patrol, 1933-1936. Applications and recommendations for jobs; complaints re National Recovery Administration code regulations and the low-bid practice in purchase of cars; complaints of arrests; condemnation of the administration of the patrol, B. Marvin Casteel in particular. Correspondence from Lewis Ellis and B. Marvin Casteel.
- f. 848 Hirth, William, Correspondence, 1933-October 1936. Candidate for Democratic nominee for Governor, 1936, and editor and publisher of *The Missouri Farmer*, official organ of the Missouri Farmers' Association. Recommendations regarding proposed legislative (Moratorium) law, Senate Bill 136: power dam rights, \$10,000,000 Eleemosynary Bond Issue; suggestions on use of Rockefeller Foundation funds for government research, patronage job appointments, use of additional funds for Public Works, correspondence with the United State Department of Agriculture on the need for utilizing Works Progress Administration funds for the development of farm-to-market roads. See also: insurance.
- f. 849 Hubbell, Platt, Correspondence, April 1933-November 1936. Lawyer at Trenton, Missouri, was a prominent political figure in the state as well as Grundy County Democratic Central Committee. Political campaign programs, comments and advice to the Governor regarding political issues, strategy and speeches. Also a telegram from Putnam County Bar requesting the Governor's appointment of Hubbell to appellate judgeship in Kansas City. Most correspondence is addressed to the Governor.
- f. 850-886 Insurance Department, 1933-1936. R.E. O'Malley (superintendent of insurance), insurance companies, and Missouri policy-holders. Suits on insurance and insolvent companies, applications and recommendations for positions in the insurance department, government unemployment compensation, taxation of life insurance and companies, Missouri State Life Insurance Company, Mortgages and loans, rate comparisons, the legal struggle in Missouri on rate litigation and its settlement, and state legislation for unemployment.
- f. 887-1058 Invitations, December 1932-1936. Invitations to civic events: dedications, memorials, county fairs, centennials, legal and special holiday celebrations, jubilees, expositions; public social events, sports, the theatre, art exhibits, church functions, dances; school events, graduations, games, celebrations; private parties; outings; social gatherings; political rallies and other events. Invitations to join the membership of various social organizations.
- f. 1059-1067 Kansas City Board of Election Commissioners, December 1932-October 1936. Requests and applications for appointment to the election commission, correspondence referring to the general conditions of the Kansas City elections. In 1934, the city primary was reported to have been shockingly dishonest with murders, beatings and violence. The 1936 election caused

- much publicity and many people wrote to the governor demanding the cleanup of the Kansas City elections. Correspondence from Fred Bellemere (Chairman), Charles Orr (Secretary), George V. Aylward, Ray Ferrel, Charles U. Becker, William E. Kemp, Tuma R. Holcomb, Charles R. Woodbury (Chairman Republican County Committee).
- f. 1068-1086 Labor Affairs, 1933-1936. Material on prisoner-made goods such as cord, brooms, ice, license plates, and flowers and their sale on the retail market; unemployment insurance legislation; labor conditions; appointments to the Workmen's Compensation Commission; employer-employee relationships; Ford Motor Car Company; strikes in the coal, textile, railroad, and bus transportation systems; requests for union labor on government-sponsored projects. Correspondence of St. Louis Central Trade and Labor Union, American Federation of Labor, United Mine Workers of America, and United States Bureau of Labor Statistics.
- f. 1087-1131 Legal Aid and Advice, Requests for, 1933-1936. Requests for legal aid and advice; reports of alleged law violations; insurance company frauds; protests against decisions and prosecutions by officials; accusations of connivance between law enforcement agents and private parties; domestic problems: divorce, desertion, bigamy, dependent children, and custody disputes; settlement of estates; insanity cases; suits for collection of unpaid bills; forgery cases; property rights transactions; claims disputes; business swindles; narcotics traffic; massacre of peace officers at Union Station Plaza, June 17, 1933; lawlessness in Ozark County, July 31, 1936. Applications for reward money for aid in apprehension of a fugitive. Letters protesting or supporting action taken in criminal cases; letters protesting the competency or honesty of law enforcement agents, state legal officers and court officials; extortion; assault; rape; robbery; gambling cases; and protests against "kickbacks," "bought" juries, excessive delay in and drawn-out court actions, and excessive legal fees.
- f. 1132-1214 Legislation, January 1931-1936. Pros and cons of various bills before the legislature. Consolidation of grain inspection and oil departments; old age security; liquor control; bond issue for penal and eleemosynary institutions; abolition of Missouri Library Commission; consolidation of many boards; legalization of pari-mutual betting on horse and dog racing; public school organization and appropriations; school bond and tax issues; federal aid for schools; legislation pertaining to sales and luxury taxes; chain store tax; tax exemption of credit unions; property taxes; relief legislation; mortgage moratorium; legislation affecting highway, conservation, banking, and small loan organizations; a prohibition of sale of prison-made goods; appropriations for state supported institutions; government operation of railroads; anti-lynching bill; repeal of prohibition; and child labor bill.
- f. 1215-1218 Library Affairs, 1933-April 1936. Bill to abolish the Missouri Library Commission, appropriation of funds for the operation of the Commission, appointment of persons to the Commission, invitations to meetings of the

- Missouri Library Association, conference invitations from the American Library Association, requests for aid in securing local library facilities. Correspondence of Missouri Library Commission and American Library Association.
- f. 1219-1224 Lincoln University, 1933-1936. Appointments to the Board of Curators of the University, Curator meetings, management and curriculum problems, and money appropriations. Political activities at the school, involving the school administration, faculty and student body, student uprising and strikes. Also material on accreditation of the University and expansion of facilities at the school. Correspondence on J.D. Elliff, Curator, Lincoln University; Charles W. Florence, President, Lincoln University; National Colored Democratic Association; *The Call*, Kansas City, Missouri.
- f. 1225-1235 Liquidation, Bank, 1933-November 1936. Recommendations and requests for appointments as bank liquidation agents, suggestions regarding bank liquidation process, creation of a central liquidating agency to handle security accounts, appointments of one agent to coordinate liquidation of more than one bank, suggestion that the federal government guarantee all depositors full return on bank deposits, criticism of the state finance department for its poor management of bank liquidations, problem of patronage appointments, offers of assistance in handling liquidation cases, suspension of operations of the National Lead Company, bank closings and the consequent relief problem in St. Francois County, requests that the Governor take steps to relieve the bank situation, suggested new banking legislation.
- f. 1236-1251 Liquor Control, 1933-1936. Advice on establishing state liquor control laws, Missouri Liquor Control and Advisory Commission, copies of liquor control laws of other states (New York and Maryland), differing views and disagreements with liquor control legislation, suggestion that the Pure Food and Drug Department administer the provisions of the Liquor Control Bill, appointments and applications and recommendations for appointment for a job with the established Missouri State Department of Liquor Control, requests for information on Missouri liquor control laws, reports of violations of the law. Correspondence with William T. Jones, Edwin J. Becker, Walter Williams, National Distillers Products Corporation, National Conference of State Liquor Administrators, National Association of Retail Beverage Dealers, The Crusaders, Women's Organization for National Prohibition Reform, M.J. Henderson, and a letter reporting "high life" drinking and gambling in the State Capital Building, June 30, 1934.
- f. 1252-1256 Mark Twain Centennial Celebration, December. Plans for special events, speeches, invitations to the Mark Twain Centennial celebration, appointment of members to the Mark Twain Centennial Commission. Correspondence of Hannibal Courier: Post, Cyril Clemens, International Mark Twain Society, Frederick A. Middlebush, George A. Mohna, Morris Anderson, Robert M. Claton, Nicholas Murry Butler, Mark Twain Centennial Committee, Incorporated.

- f. 1257-1336 Meetings, Conferences and Conventions, 1933-1936. Invitations to and information on various meetings, conferences, and conventions. Included are meetings on and of public safety, press conferences, national resources, recreational planning, aeronautics, manufacturers' meetings, health conferences, penal institutions, wildlife conservation, Social Welfare, political and social clubs, economics, law enforcement officers, crime prevention, causes and prevention of war, governor's conferences, chambers of commerce, national tax associations, agricultural societies and agencies.
- f. 1337-1345 Memorials, Dedications, April 1933-1936. U.S. Senate Memorial Services: McGuffey Memorial Museum; Grover Cleveland Memorial Committee; Theodore Roosevelt Memorial Committee; Will Rogers Memorial Committee: Battle of Gettysburg Memorial; Lincoln-Douglas Debate Memorial; Soldier's Memorial, St. Louis; Paul von Hendenburg Memorial Services; L.M. Defoe Memorial; Francis Wilson Memorial Services; William Joel Stone Memorial; Knute Rockne Memorial; Jefferson National Expansion Memorial Association; Woodrow Wilson; Memorial Lane in Phelps Grove; The Washington Memorial; The Thomas Jefferson Bi-Centenary Association; Madison Memorial Day; Spanish American Society; John T. Harding.
- f. 1346-1374 Messages and Proclamations, 1933-1936. Requests, replies, and comments on messages and proclamations given by the Governor. Inaugural address and messages to the legislature, proclamations in recognition of special events, days, and occasions.
- f. 1375-1376 Mines, Bureau of, 1933-May 1935. Appointment of state mine inspector and deputy inspectors 1933; letters of application and recommendations; appointment of Arnold Griffeth as chief inspector; state mine inspector's report (summary), 1933. Correspondence of Arnold Griffeth, Evan Jones, George E. Callahan, Frank Bunch.
- f. 1377-1380 Missouri Bar Association, 1933-October 1936. Banquet and speaking invitations to the Missouri Bar Association, national convention meeting, state law examinations, unlawful notary public practice of law, committee appointments, ballot and voting. Missouri Bar Journals included. Correspondence of C.A. Leedy, Judge of the Supreme Court of Missouri; Clifford Langsdale; Frank E. Atwood; Jesse W. Brett, President of the Missouri Bar Association.
- f. 1381-1382 Missouri School for the Blind, May 1933-December 1935. Suggestions for positions in the school; invitations to commencement programs and conventions concerning the blind; praise of the superintendent, S.M. Green, and of the work done by the school; necessity of the transfer of one of the blind boys to Marshall due to his feeble-mindedness; request for an extra appropriation of money. See also: Blind, Missouri Commission for the
- f. 1383-1389 Missouri School for the Deaf, 1933-October 1936. Letters of application and requests for appointments for positions in school and on the Board of Managers; appointment of a new superintendent; praise for work of Herbert E. Day who was asked to resign, superintendency was given to Truman L. Ingle;

- new contracts for teachers; application admittance of child to the school; suggestions from Missouri Association of the Deaf on all matters pertaining to the school.
- f. 1390-1393 Missouri State Fair, 1933-October 1933. Recommendations and applications for jobs; invitations to the governor to attend, make public appearances, speeches, and presentations; bringing Missouri's World's Fair exhibit to the fair, 1933; letters suggesting calling off the fair in 1933 on account of depression, limited funds, and need for repairs; also in 1934 on account of heat and drought; business matters and propositions. Correspondence of J.W. Head, president, and Horace Green, secretary.
- f. 1394-1399 Missouri State Home for Children, 1933-November 1936. State Home for Children at Carrollton; from the Superintendent, Mrs. W.W. Henderson; suggestions not to admit children over twelve, to buy supplies locally and in small quantities. Need expressed for juvenile officers to handle child welfare work, cooperation between temporary relief set-ups in Missouri and the State Children's Bureau. Reports on funds spent and requests for additional appropriations, inquiry into possibility of aid from federal funds, letters of application and requests for employment in the home, correspondence on propriety of Democratic Party campaign activities on the part of school employees, letters asking for help with dependent children and information on adoption of children. The children's bureau is under the jurisdiction of State Eleemosynary Board.
- f. 1400 Missouri State School, 1933-July 1936. Report of financial condition of the school at the close of December 1932; requests for positions and advancements at the state school; request for assistance in securing admittance of a child; praise of the work being done at the school. Correspondence of Dr. R.P.C. Wilson, Superintendent.
- f. 1401 Missouri State Teacher's Association, August 1933-November 1936. Missouri State Teacher's Association; Central Missouri Teacher's Association; South Central Missouri Teacher's Association; financial crisis of the public schools; urging appropriation legislation; and adoption of stricter child labor laws. Included are programs of the annual meeting of the Missouri State Teacher's Association, 1933-1934. Correspondence of Theo. W.H. Irion, President, Missouri State Teacher's Association.
- f. 1402 Narcotics, 1933. Draft of the uniform state narcotic drug law, a statement descriptive of the proposed law, an outline showing twelve principle objects to be accomplished by the enactment and enforcement of the proposed measure, a copy of a special provision concerning the commitment of narcotic drug addicts for treatments. Correspondence of United States Treasury Department; Bureau of Narcotics; H.J. Onslinger, Commissioner of Narcotics.
- f. 1403-1405 National Guard, 1933-1936. Request for state appropriations for the continuation of the Missouri Naval Reserve, Naval Militia; suggested appropriations for the Missouri National Guard, 1933; reports of arrival of officers for duty with the Guard; recommendations for National Guard officer appointments;

invitations to the Guard's annual encampment; discussion on the selection of sites for the new armory buildings for the National Guard; notices regarding eligibility of National Guardsmen for appointment to West Point; letter of appreciation for the Guards' help in St. Louis parade, September 26, 1935; one copy of the master roll; article from Yale Law Journal on the effects of martial law in labor disputes; presentation of the Missouri distinguished medal to General Malin Craig, Chief-of-Staff of the United States Army.

Correspondence of Harold W. Brown, Adjutant General, State; E.M. Stayton, Brigadier General, Missouri National Guard; American Civil Liberties Union; Missouri Naval Reserve-Naval Militia. See also: Civilian Conservation Corps.

- f. 1406-1413 National Recovery Administration, July 1933-June 1935. Solicitation of Governor's help by Hugh S. Johnson, National Recovery Administration (NRA) administrator, in putting over the Blue Eagle campaign and the NRA program in general; request from cotton garment industry south of the Missouri River for recoding to effect an equitable basis for competition with the manufacturing activities of the Federal Relief Corporation; notice of conferences and meeting; enclosure letters of NRA consumer buttons and cards; cotton, construction, coal industry and independent filling station business protests over NRA wage and hour rate regulations; letters from workers asking about NRA wage and hour rate regulations; letters from workers asking about NRA wage and hour provisions; letters and queries concerning administrative and procedure organization problems arising from the act; copies of regulations of the NRA compliance case involving a restaurant owner and an employee; protest of School Textbook Code by Governor Murry of Oklahoma; pressure for passage of state legislation to provide state regulation coding with NRA.
- f. 1414-1423 Negro Problems, 1933-1936. Legislation, patronage, race relations, public school facilities, Lincoln University, State Industrial School for Negro Girls, proposed establishment of separate industrial school for black boys, politics, political patronage, lynching, the use of state troops to prevent lynching, 29 November 1933, and Roosevelt's New Deal program, 31 August 1934. Correspondence of the Peace Movement of Ethiopia; Missouri State Negro Democratic Association; Thomas Hart Benton; Kate Morrow; Thomas J.R. Wilson; J.E. Mitchell, St. Louis Argus Publishing Company; National Association for the Advancement of Colored People; National Federation of Colored Farmers; and Pacific Movement of the Eastern World.
- f. 1424-1437 Notary Public Correspondence, 1933-1936. Applications for notary public commissions, applications returned to applicants because blanks were incompletely or incorrectly filled out, complaints about delays in receiving commissions, questions on qualification for appointment as notary public, disqualifications of persons from holding commissions by reason of their holding a remunerative Federal Government position, letters of resignation of notary public commissions, letter dated November 20, 1933 attests to

- seemingly illegal practices of one Joseph Gebhart in the use of his notary public commission.
- f. 1438-1439 Nurse Examiners, Missouri State Board of, 1933-June 1936. Applications and recommendations for jobs and appointments to the Board; correspondence from the Board and its members protesting Bill 4 and House Bill 125 proposing the abolishing of the Board as an economy measure; correspondence of the Missouri State Nurse's Association.
- f. 1440-1459 Oil Inspection Department, State, November 1932-November 1936. Recommendations and requests for job appointments as deputy oil inspector, protests against and recommendations for the appointment of Roy Cherry as chief oil inspector, problems of distributing political patronage in filling jobs in the department. Correspondence of Roy Cherry, J.W. Farley, Samuel O. Hargus, Samuel W. Fordyce, Phil M. Donnelly, Ray Means and Herbert J. Fallert.
- f. 1460-1521 Old Age Assistance, 1933-1936. Old Age Pension Law, suggestions regarding changes in the law and its administration, requests for extra session of the legislature to appropriate additional money for old age pension relief, letters of criticism, recommendations and requests for appointments to the department jobs. Most of the letters are applications for old age assistance. Allen M. Thompson, Commissioner, Old Age Assistance Department.
- f. 1522-1526 Optometry, State Board of, 1933-July 1936. Applications and recommendations for appointments to the board; applications for registration as optometrists; letters from board and profession protesting abolition of the board and placement of it under the commissioner of health as an economy measure. Persons involved in the dissension over political application and activities include: F.J. Builbault, president of the board; J.F. Brawley, secretary of the board; C.O.G. Mueller; E.C. Ebling, president of St. Louis Society of Optometry; Oliver Abel; and J.I. Chappell.
- f. 1527-1529 Osteopathic Registration and Examination, Missouri State Board of, February 1932-1936. Letters of applications and recommendations for appointments to the Board; letters protesting proposed legislation abolishing the Board and vesting control over its functions in the commissioner of public health; contribution letter of the American Osteopathic Association for the Century of Progress fund; letter, April 22, 1933, claiming corruption in the Board by political influence; licenses being bartered and sold regardless of applicant's qualifications; "graft of the lowest order;" letters on the issue of the Board's barring of the Central College of Osteopathy's graduates from taking the examination for state license. Correspondence of C.E. Still, O.G. Hildreth, A.L. McKenzie, Hopkins B. Shain, F.C. Hopkins, J.L. Allen, H.A. Gorrel, Leon B. Lake, Pearl E. Thompson, H.E. Reuber, Frank P. Walker, and W.E. Bailey.
- f. 1530-1561 Pardons and Paroles, 1933-January 1937. Restoration of citizenship, commutations of sentences, requests and applications for respites and reprieves, stays of execution, requests to examine cases, presentations of new

- evidence, character testimony, requests for clemency, letters of appreciation for pardons and paroles granted by the governor, commutation of the death sentence of Walter McGee. Correspondence of Sonny McDaniels, Roy Hamilton, Walter A. Diple and John Boyless.
- f. 1562-1571 Patriotic Organizations, 1933-October 1936. Ste. Genevieve Bicentennial Celebration; National Society United States Daughters of 1812; United States Patriotic Society, Incorporated; Daughters of the American Revolution; National Defense League, Incorporated; United Daughters of the Confederacy; American War Mothers; American Flay Day Association; National Flag Day Association of the United States; Sons of the American Revolution; American Nationalists, Incorporated; United States Patriotic Society; National Society Daughters of the American Colonists; Patriotic Volunteers of America.
- f. 1572-1595 Patronage, Political, June 1932-1936. Petitions for all types of state positions from individual party member, county and town democratic committees, and political club organizations in St. Louis, Kansas City, and throughout the state; the petition letters usually give account of the political service rendered by the individuals seeking patronage appointments; letters of complaint from some democratic party leaders regarding the appointment of republicans to state jobs or their retention in office after the democrats won the election. Correspondence of George D. Clayton; Mitchell J. Henderson; Pendergast; D. Boone Osborne; Harry B. Howes; Louis V. Stigall; H.O. Maxey, Democratic State Committee; W.F. Murrel; Phil M. Donnelly; Democratic Central Committee; Politics.
- f. 1596-1598 Penal Institution, Board of Penal Commissioners, 1933-November 1936. Job appointments, recommendations, resignations, management problems of the penal farms, appropriations, the Committee on Delinquency, the Intermediate Reformatory (Algoa Farms), the Training School for Boys (Boonville), the State Penitentiary, and the Industrial Home for Negro Girls. Correspondence of Stephen B. Hunter, George D. Bryant, Paul V. Renz, and George W. Tone.
- f. 1599-1604 Penal Institution, Intermediate Reformatory for Young Men (Algoa Farms), 1933-1936. Applications and recommendations for appointments for the positions of superintendent, teacher, parole officer, chaplain and dormitory master. Opinions about Algoa and its management and letters of inquiry concerning parole hearings. Correspondence of Guy W. McLain, superintendent.
- f. 1605-1609 Penal Institution, Industrial Home for Girls, Chillicothe, Missouri, 1933-1936. Application and recommendations for the jobs at the State Industrial Home for Girls, Chillicothe, Missouri, include commissary officer, superintendent, teachers, matron, kitchen help, housekeeper. Also, a field report. Correspondence of Mrs. Dorothy Craig Shinn.
- f. 1610 Penal Institution, Industrial Home for Negro Girls, Tipton, February 1933-January 1936. Protests concerning the fact that Republicans hold most of the positions at the school; inquiry concerning position as superintendent matron

- and teachers; school problems. Correspondence of Ethel Bowles, Superintendent.
- f. 1611-1651 Penal Institution, State Penitentiary, 1933-1936. Applications for positions and appointments for work in the penal institutions, correspondence relating to Penal Bond Issue, building plans and recommendations on financial expenditures for the prison, discussion of the necessity for farm lands, reports of meetings on prison industries, complaints by union labor and private industry on public sale of prison made goods, suggestions on use of parole officers and probation to ease the crowded conditions in the prison, report of Missouri Convict Control Measure, requests to visit penitentiary, speeches on "Smaller Prisons Needed" and "Prisoners Must Work," correspondence from Stephen B. Hunter, Director of Penal Institutions.
- f. 1652-1660 Penal Institution, Missouri Training School for Boys, Boonville. Recommending or requesting appointments; increases in salary; parole of inmates; positions as teachers, chaplains, and chefs; and letters discussing other administrative problems. Correspondence of Harve Grey, superintendent.
- f. 1661-1678 Pendergast Correspondence, October 1932-1936. Thomas J., Thomas J., Jr., James and Hugh Pendergast: letters of introduction and endorsement for jobs; appointment of Thomas J. Pendergast, Jr., as Colonel or the Governor's official staff; correspondence with Thomas J. Pendergast regarding the \$10,000,000 Bond Issue; requests for help from Hugh Pendergast; newspaper clippings and articles concerning Pendergast and his political activities.
- f. 1679-1681 Permanent Seat of Government, 1933-1936. Applications and suggestions for appointments to positions such as janitor and guard in the Permanent Seat of Government. Miscellaneous business correspondence: Board of Permanent Seat of Government, insurance of the Capitol building, property, upkeep and improvement of the property, problems of building space and usage.
- f. 1682-1697 Personal Correspondence, April 1933-1936. Requests for favors usually in the matter of job appointments, letters of appreciation for personal favors granted and gifts received by him, personal invitations to private social events, correspondence on travel and hotel reservations, Christmas and birthday greeting cards, sympathy cards, correspondence with close friends and family relations, personal business correspondence. Correspondence of J. Marvin Krause (son-in-law), Henrietta (daughter), Eleanora (wife), Susan Louise Marsh (Missouri's Poet Laureate), and Guy B. Park.
- f. 1698-1703 Pharmacy, State Board of, February 1933-September 1936. Applications and recommendations for appointment to the Board, applications for license registration with the Board, request for the "Law of Pharmacy" in force in Missouri, letters of protest against legislation consolidating the Pharmacy Board with the other health boards under a commissioner of public health, 1933, letters protesting against reduction of the Board to three members, letter requesting legislation to provide two inspectors for the Board, letter on the politics of the Board members and applicants for Board membership. Correspondence of W.H. Ellis, H.W. Reuter, Newton Gardner, Walter T.

Meissler, John J. Mueller, Walter C. Bender and Missouri Pharmaceutical Association.

- f. 1704-1725 Politics, August 1932-1936. Patronage, letters asking for appointments and endorsements, complaints from disappointed job hunters, information on the political situation in St. Louis County, correspondence about the arguments of Senator Shotwell and Mr. Currans, pros and cons on the appointment of C.A. Leedy as Judge of the State Supreme Court, reports on the progress of the 1934 state and national campaign. Correspondence of H.S. Truman, Henry L. Dillingham and C.A. Leedy. See also: Patronage, Political; Democratic State Committee; and Democratic National Committee.
- f. 1726-1732 Post Office Affairs, 1933-April 1936. Suggestions and applications for positions in the postal service, reports of attempts to illegally use the mails, suggestions to change some of the civil service policies, correspondence relating to the application of J.M. Donaldson for Chief Post Office Inspector.
- f. 1733 Poultry Experimental Station, Missouri State, March 1933-1936. Correspondence: recommendations and requests for job appointments in the department (egg and poultry inspector, board member, director), list of names of republicans still on the payroll of the station, list of persons appointed to the state poultry board, report on the work of the station. Correspondence of Eden C. Booth. See also: Agricultural Agencies.
- f. 1734-1738 Prohibition, 1933-February 1935. Statements on the effects of repeal of the 18th amendment in the state, requests that provisions of the Weeks Bill pertaining to setting up the machinery for the repeal election be carried out directly, request for data on tax revenue anticipated by the state, requests for repeal of McCauley's state "bone dry law," letters urging repeal of the 18th amendment but urging ban on saloons, discussions of the proposed state referendums, opposition to a state convention for the ratification of an amendment to the federal constitution, reports of how towns voted on the repeal amendment. Correspondence of Missouri Association Against Prohibition, International Geneva Association of Hotel and Restaurant Employees, Anti-Saloon League of Missouri, Cordell Hull and Women's Organization for National Prohibition Reform.
- f. 1739-1760 Public School Education, 1933-November 1936. Teacher retirement legislation, opinions on reorganizing the State Teachers Colleges and the University of Missouri, protests against married women teaching public school, discussion of teacher's pay, financial plight of the public schools, criticism of the public school education and curriculum in Missouri, suggestions n farm and vocational education programs, minutes of Board of Education meetings, threatened four month school year, appeals from pupils for state aid so that they may attend a nine month school; National Congress of Parents and Teachers, American Association of University Women, Parent-Teachers Association, Future Farmers of America, School of the Ozarks, and The David Ranken, Jr., School of Mechanical Trades.
- f. 1761-1791 Public Service Commission, December 1932-1936. Applications and suggestions

for positions on the Public Service Commission, financial dockets of Interstate Commerce Commission and letters concerning these, complaint of high rates charged by public utilities, proposed legislation for financing municipal utilities, debate on the unfair practices of public utilities, complaints and claims against all types of public services, suggestions on the policies of these public services, license for power project on Gasconade River, discussion of the abolition of the Public Service Commission (Buford Bill), Sam Hargus appointed General Counsel for the Public Service Commission and later chairman, trucking franchises and railroad rates. Sam O. Hargus, J.C. Collet, William Stocker.

- f. 1792-1798 Purchasing Department, Missouri State, 1933-October 1936. Proposed appointment of Samuel O. Hargus as state purchasing agent; appointment of George C. Johnson as state purchasing agent, applications and recommendations for jobs in the purchasing department; business correspondence with firms and individuals regarding purchases, accounts, payments of merchandise; proposed legislation designed to establish a central purchasing agency, April 22, 1933; all state purchases bear National Recovery Administration label; mimeographed rules and regulations of the purchasing department; letter on "fight" to destroy the purchasing department, 1935. Correspondence of Samuel O. Hargus and George C. Johnson.
- f. 1799 Radio Broadcasting, February 1933-May 1936. Pressuring broadcasting stations to improve the quality of their radio programs; request that the Governor use his influence to help the *News-Press* obtain a radio license from the Federal Communication Commission; opposition to this move from stations KWTO and KGBX; address by G.H. Payn, Federal Communication Commission member, "Safeguarding the Public Interest in Radio;" request from Pittsburgh Publishing Company (Kansas) for the Governor's aid in securing a broadcasting licenses from the Federal Communication Commission; radio bulletins from station KFUO.
- f. 1800-1844 Relief Agencies, Federal, 1933-1936. Letters asking for positions and appointments in agencies; rulings on taxability of funds made available to state by Emergency Relief Construction Act; letters from industries requesting consideration in the public works and from municipalities to obtain funds from Emergency Administration of Public Works Plans to build new school buildings and libraries; creation of Civil Works Administration, Public Works Administration and Works Progress Administration; several projects discussed with regard to expenses and worthiness of cause; highway, airports, bridges, dams, Lake of Ozarks project, penal and eleemosynary institution work done with federal aid in construction; interstate projects, quantitative data covering Civil Works Administration projects in Kansas City and St. Louis; notices of meetings of various agencies and committees and their reports; additional federal relief funds allotted to Missouri. Correspondence of Harold L. Ickes; Harry Hopkins; Matthew Murray; Howard O. Hunter (Field Representative of Federal Emergency Relief Administration); W.M.

- Sonn (Acting State Director); and Emergency Relief Committee for Missouri: E.R. Cockrell, F.B. Mumford, John T. Harding, Colonel J. Harry Rehme. See also: Relief Agencies, State; Relief Problem; and Civilian Conservation Corps.
- f. 1845-1865 Relief Agencies, State, 1933-1936. State relief organization in Missouri; discussion of problem and administration of relief; information on need of old age pensions in Missouri, minutes of meetings of relief agencies, appointment to relief agencies; listing of expenses of relief agencies; recommendations of relief programs; investigation of relief cases; petition for special session of legislature to appropriate funds for relief; discussion of Social Security Bill, state benefits, cost to employers, eligible receivers, necessary personnel to handle problems; booklets on Social Security Act. Correspondence of Committee on Social Security; Missouri Commission on Relief and Reconstruction; Missouri Relief Commission; Wallace Crossley; F.B. Mumford; E.R. Cockrell; Colonel J. Harry Rehme; William L. Igoe; Bernard F. Dickmann; E.J. Wallace; W.C. Connett (St. Louis); E.E. Amick (Kansas City).
- f. 1866-1923 Relief Problem, 1933-1936. Relief problems; letters from individuals asking for help, requests for loans, jobs, relief, and pensions; suggestions to help relieve relief problem, reports of local and county relief funds, individual relief reports; requests from organizations for financial aid to administer relief; resolutions sent by clubs and unions concerning relief, petitions for a special session of the legislature to appropriate additional relief funds; newspaper clipping referring to the relief situation in Missouri. Correspondence of Wallace Crossley, Director of State Relief and Colonel Claude C. Earp, Local Administrator of Relief. See also: Relief Agencies, Federal and Relief Agencies, State.
- f. 1924-1925 Resources Museum Commission, State of Missouri, 1933-October 1936. Bequesting the museum various historical material (old shotgun, first model using percussion cap, old Missouri bank bill, photograph of Honorable Alexander M. Robinson, the Territorial papers), records of department personnel, problem of discovering the whereabouts of missing museum chairs, appointment of a research assistant for the museum and other office appointments, descriptive inventory of museum's exhibits, appropriations and purchases of exhibit cases, Work Progress Administration's writer's project, *American Historical Guide of Missouri*. Correspondence of O.C. Burrill, Curator, Missouri Resources Museum and James S. Rollins, Missouri Senator.
- f. 1926-1936 Road Building, 1933-1936. Road laws and taxes, jobs, road contractors, Missouri River bridge, heavy truck damage on roads, trans-continental highways, American Road Builder's Association, location of roads, safety and railroad barriers, farm-to-market roads, Route C, Highways 60 and 40 and 71. See also: Highway Department.
- f. 1937-1939 Roosevelt, Franklin D., February 1933-November 1936. National forest appropriations, public works program, interstate assembly, navy, minister, and

- other assignments, flood control project, bank holiday, "Constellation," Missouri national guards, highway safety, letters of congratulations. Correspondence of Julien N. Friant, Guy A. Thompson, Louis McHowe, Richard Hobson, Gatewood Lincoln, and Malvina Thompson Scheider.
- f. 1940-1956 Safety, 1933-1936. Records and other data on traffic and fire accidents; fatalities and property losses; safety campaign literature, slogans, stickers, posters; proposed plan for unification of highway traffic for accident prevention. Correspondence of Accident Prevention Conference, Washington, D.C.; National Board of Fire Underwriters; St. Louis Safety Council; Missouri Traffic Safety Commission; National Safety Council; American Automobile Association.
- f. 1957-1962 St. Joseph Police Department, 1933-November 1936. Suggestions for appointments to the Board of Police Commissioners, applications for positions on the police department, requests to be reinstated; newspaper clippings concerning protection racket operating in connection with St. Joseph road houses; congratulations and suggestions on the operation of the police force; papers relating to the police force of Kansas City; request to be reinstated to the Kansas City police force; protest of treatment of two men circulating communist literature.
- f. 1963-1975 St. Louis Election Commission, 1933-1936. Applications and appointments. Includes reports and newspaper articles on the negligence, illegal or unethical practices of the board; complaints regarding appointments of election officials; connivance of election officials in registering unqualified voters, publicly supporting candidates, and disregarding principles of patronage; public pressure for resignations and dismissal of board members; letters commenting favorably on new appointments. Correspondence of Owen G. Jackson, Martha McAtee, J.C.A. Hiller, James A. Waechter, Stephen M. Wagner, Charles L. Moore, Charles P. Williams, Marvin E. Singleton, George L. Dyer, and Arthur J. Freund.
- f. 1976-1988 St. Louis Police Department, 1933-1936. Appointments and advancements in the St. Louis Police Department, police investigation reports and journals, letters of complaint and commendation regarding the actions of the police department, favorable comments on the police work of Captain Moran, correspondence between the Governor and St. Louis police on the matter of calling out the national guard to help in St. Louis at the time of the American Legion Parade. Correspondence of William Igoe, President of St. Louis Board of Police Commission; Albert Lambert; George T. Priest; John Phelan, member of commission.
- f. 1989 School of Mines and Metallurgy, April 1933-September 1936. Appointments to the board of curators of the school; problems at the School; financial reports; notice of release of funds to the school. Correspondence of John K. Walsh.
- f. 1990-2012 Secretary to the Governor, 1933-1936. Personal letters; requests that certain information or materials be passed on to the governor; letters to governor which were answered by secretary; letters requiring secretary to act as liaison

- between writer and governor in making arrangements for various affairs and functions and exerting influence on the governor; letters of congratulations. W. Woodson Cockrill, Samuel O. Hargus, A.M. Thompson.
- f. 2013 Secretary of State, Missouri, 1933-September 1936. Correspondence from milling company expressing concern over the Secretary of State appointment and administration of the feed law; recommendations and requests for appointments; letters concerning settlement of county boundary lines for taxation purposes; correspondence on the Missouri-Iowa "Honey War" dispute; and inquiry on availability for purchase of old school lands.
- f. 2014-2021 Soldier's Home, December 1932-November 1936. Correspondence of the Confederate Home of Missouri, Higginsville, Missouri: applications and recommendations for appointments to the home; appointment of John C. Stone as superintendent, his later death in office, followed by the appointment of his son Roy E. Stone to finish his father's term of office; death of Lee Wallace, Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Home; invitations to various affairs at the Home. See also: Federal Soldier's Home.
- f. 2022-2063 Speeches and Addresses, February 1933-1936. Political, social and economic topics (the farm problem, foreclosures, sales tax, eleemosynary bond issue, old age pensions, relief situation, religion, and education). Speeches to political and veterans' organizations; real estate, insurance, school and church groups; chambers of commerce gatherings; the Elks, Jesters, Lions, Rotary and other social clubs; and civic events. Correspondence of Anthony A. Buford; F.B. Mumford; William L. Igoe; Thomas N. Dysart; Orestes Mitchell; A.D. Gresham; M.J. Henderson; George D. Clayton; W.F. Murrell; R.E.L. Marrs; and Mary E. Ryder.
- f. 2064-2068 Stark, Lloyd C., Correspondence, 1933-1936. Personal letters of social invitations and gifts to the Governor, recommendations of persons for state job appointments, patronage for Pike County, news of political interest to Governor Park, letters supporting Park's view on economy legislation regarding automobile license cut and proposed 25 percent cut in state employee's pay, letter on his business problems created by the moratorium and bank holiday, letter on Arbor Day Proclamation, letters on the Missouri State Plant Division, its personnel and legislation regarding it, material on Stark's gubernatorial campaign and election. Correspondence of Francis M. Wilson.
- f. 2069-2080 State Government Conferences, 1933-November 1936. Governor's Conference; the American Legislators' Association and its Interstate Assembly, the Council of the States; the Mississippi Valley Association; notices and program schedules of meetings; topics of government and legislation concerning the states (ratification of the St. Lawrence Treaty, Great Lakes to Gulf waterway, and the national recovery, problems of taxation, interstate cooperation, milk control, homestead exemption).
- f. 2081-2087 State Historical Society of Missouri, 1933-1936. Requests for appropriation of funds; inquiries about the historical value or importance of various literary

- and art material; requests for state historical information; notes on Missourians prominently identified with the history of Texas, May 30, 1936; reference to articles of interest in the *Missouri Historical Review*, personal correspondence. Correspondence of Floyd C. Shoemaker, Mississippi Valley Historical Association, history of Texas.
- f. 2088-2109 State Hospitals, July 1932-1936. Board of managers of the state eleemosynary institutions, appointments to this board, and W.E. Jameson, president of the board; state hospitals No. 1,2,3,4 and the State Sanatorium at Mt. Vernon, requests for positions such as steward, matron, and attendant at state hospitals; suggestions on administration, personnel, improvements in buildings and equipment; reports on progress in institutions; pamphlet on sterilization of the insane, congratulations and letter of thanks on selection of employees; complaints from disappointed job seekers, criticisms on treatment of patients. Correspondence of W.E. Jameson.
- f. 2110-2118 State Parks, September 1925-October 1936. Correspondence: application and recommendation for positions in the Park Division of the State Game and Fish Department (chief of parks or custodian, keeper of state parks); discussion of government permit to purchase land for national parks in the state; reports on the effectiveness of the operation and management of the state parks; parks mentioned are Indian Trail State Park, John J. Pershing National Park, Roaring River State Park, Sugar Lake, Deer Run State Park, Alley Spring Park, Montauk State Park, Big Lake and Big Spring State Park.
- f. 2119-2127 State Planning Board, 1933-1936. Correspondence: definition of the planning board's functions; state construction plans in cooperation with the National Planning Board and the Federal Works Progress Administration (WPA); the minutes of meetings; organization of the Board; appropriation of funds; requests and applications for jobs; information for the National Planning Board and other state boards; Greene County survey report; national water plan; agricultural land usage; Thomas Benton murals for the state capital; geologists' surveys; and the Lake Meramec Dam project. Correspondence of Dr. H.A. Buchler, Wilbur C. Buford, T.H. Cutler and R.W. Selvidge.
- f. 2128-2139 State Teachers Colleges, Missouri, 1933-1936. Political patronage and partisan politics with regard to job appointments and the Board of Regents, discussion of planned reorganization of the Teachers Colleges to provide for a central control body for the colleges, financial reports, appropriation legislation, operation of the colleges.
- f. 2128 General Issues.
- f. 2129 Central Missouri State Teachers College, Warrensburg.
- f. 2130-2132 Northeast Missouri State Teachers College, Kirksville.
- f. 2133-2134 Northwest Missouri State Teachers College, Maryville
- f. 2135-2137 Southeast Missouri State Teachers College, Cape Girardeau.
- f. 2138-2129 Southwest Missouri State Teachers College, Springfield.
Correspondence of E.L. Hendrick, Eugene Fair, Uel W. Tomkin, W.F. Murrell, George Munger, W.W. Parker, Julien Friant, Roy Ellis and John R.

Kirk.

- f. 2140-2147 Tax Commission, 1933-November 1936. Requests, many from Jackson County, for reduced tax valuations on city real estate and farm land; appointments in tax commission; request for waiving tax penalties; delinquent tax bill passed; claims presented on overpaid taxes; service bulletin from Mississippi State Tax Commission; analysis of building costs from 1896-1934; figures on assessment of steam railroads operating in Missouri. Correspondence of State Board of Equalization, William C. Chapman, Andy W. Wilcox, Real Estate Board of Kansas City, and St. Louis Real Estate Exchange.
- f. 2148-2185 Taxation, 1933-1936. Raising sales tax; lowering assessed valuation on property; cancelling all property tax penalties; tax slot machine; consolidating city and county tax office; increasing taxes on chain stores; amending of personal tax law; raising tobacco tax; raising gasoline tax; not to raise retailers occupational tax; repealing 16th Amendment (Federal Income Tax); drastic reduction of governmental expenditures requested; delegates who attended National Tax Association Meeting; correspondence with other states as to tax methods and effectiveness; petitions and letters to help relieve people from tax burden; bulletins, pamphlets, and papers concerning taxation.
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