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INTRODUCTION

The collection of David Blake Sasse contains mostly correspondence between Sasse and military veterans describing their experience with Missouri National Guard units. Sasse also collected military unit histories and political campaign materials.

DONOR INFORMATION

The collection was donated to the University of Missouri by David Blake Sasse on 12 May 1992 (Accession No. 5174). Additions were made by David Blake Sasse on 7 December 1992 (Accession No. 5246) and 13 January 1993 (Accession No. 5254).

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

David Blake Sasse was born on June 29, 1969. He lived for a period of time in Columbia and Rocheport, Missouri. From 1984 to 1987, Sasse was a member of the Civil Air Patrol.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The David Blake Sasse Collection consists of correspondence and news clipping related to Missouri National Guard unit histories, Missouri National Guard operational clippings, personal writings, and materials concerning the public elections of 1992. The collection has been arranged into five series: Military Operations, Unit Histories, 1992 Elections, Miscellaneous Print, and Audio Recordings.

The Military Operations series has been arranged chronologically. It contains newspaper clippings related to Missouri National Guard’s involvement in Operation Just Cause, Operation Desert Shield, and Operation Desert Storm. This series also contains correspondence in which a variety of soldiers relate their first-hand experiences with the 1989 invasion of Panama and Operation Just Cause.

The Unit Histories series has been arranged chronologically by battalion and division. Focusing almost exclusively on the involvement of Missouri National Guardsmen in World War II; this series contains newspaper clippings, unit histories, and personal correspondence with retired soldiers relating their experiences leading up to and during the Second World War.

The 1992 Elections series has been arranged chronologically. It contains newspaper clippings and campaign materials covering the U.S. presidential election, Missouri Ninth Ward elections, and Boone County, Missouri elections. This series also contains invitations and itineraries for the 1993 presidential inaugural ceremonies.

The Miscellaneous Print series is arranged alphabetically. It contains a profile of Musselforck, Missouri, a central Missouri village that no longer exists. The profile consists of maps and correspondence with former town members describing the locations of buildings and shops within the township. This series also includes an unpublished working copy of a manuscript by Ira Jones entitled “Company ‘G.’”
The *Audio Recordings* series has been arranged chronologically. It consists of four audio cassettes containing an interview with Phil Copas of the 231st Artillery Battalion, and interviews with attendees of the 1991 reunion of the 203rd Coastal Artillery Battalion.

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