



Missouri Covered Bridges Photograph Album (C4359)

Collection Number: C4359

Collection Title: Missouri Covered Bridges Photograph Album

Dates: circa 1930s

Creator: unknown

Abstract: An album of 20 11x14 black and white photographs of Missouri bridges. The album is labeled “Covered Bridges.” The first 13 images are of covered bridges and the last seven are of a variety of other bridges in Missouri. Most images are captioned with information about the location of the bridge and sometimes dates of operation.

Collection Size: One oversize album
(20 photographs)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

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Historical Note:

According to the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, approximately 30 covered bridges were built in Missouri in the nineteenth century. Covered bridges developed as a way of strengthening and protecting wooden bridges from weather, but by end of the nineteenth century they were no longer necessary, as bridges began to be built out of metal instead of wood. Throughout the twentieth century, Missouri lost many of its historic covered bridges, and others fell into disrepair. Popular nostalgia for covered bridges emerged in the 1930s and continues to this day. By 1942, 11 covered bridges remained in Missouri; by 2018, four historic covered bridges still stood, restored and managed by Missouri State Parks' Historic Sites division.

Arrangement:

The collection consists on one photograph album that has been dis-bound. The original order of the images has been maintained. The first 13 images are covered bridges, and the last seven are images if a variety of bridges around Missouri.

Scope and Content Note:

The album is of unknown provenance, though some of the images were used in the 1929-1930 *Biennial report of the Missouri State Highway Commission*. In all likelihood, the photograph album, which was developed circa 1930 but apparently maintained into the 1970s, documented many of the covered bridges still standing in Missouri in the 1930s. The non-covered bridge images include photographs of famous bridges, such as the Eads Bridge, as well as images of unusual bridges, such as one of a temporary one-lane wooden bridge. Most images are captioned with information such as bridge location, date built, and occasionally historical significance or date destroyed.

Container List:

Item 1 Album, "Covered Bridges," circa 1930s

Index:

Index Term	Mediums	Image
Bridges--Missouri	Item 1	Yes
Bridges--Missouri--Meramec River	Item 1	Yes
Covered bridges--Missouri	Item 1	Yes
Covered bridges--Missouri--Boone County	Item 1	Yes
Covered bridges--Missouri--Cape Girardeau County	Item 1	Yes
Covered bridges--Missouri--Grand River	Item 1	Yes
Covered bridges--Missouri--Jefferson County	Item 1	Yes
Covered bridges--Missouri--Knox County	Item 1	Yes
Covered bridges--Missouri--Little Platte River	Item 1	Yes
Covered bridges--Missouri--Livingston County	Item 1	Yes
Covered bridges--Missouri--Locust Creek	Item 1	Yes

Index Term	Mediums	Image
Covered bridges--Missouri--Maries County	Item 1	Yes
Covered bridges--Missouri--Monroe County	Item 1	Yes
Covered bridges--Missouri--Pettis County	Item 1	Yes
Covered bridges--Missouri--Salt River	Item 1	Yes
Covered bridges--Missouri--Whitewater Creek	Item 1	Yes
Eads Bridge (Saint Louis, Mo.)	Item 1	Yes
Mills--Missouri	Item 1	Yes