

Missouri State Archives

Finding Aid 5.39

Office of Secretary of State

Edgar C. Nelson, 1947-1949

Abstract: Records (1944-1948) of Secretary of State Edgar C. Nelson (1883-1970).

Extent: 10 folders

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Administrative Information

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Historical and Biographical Notes

Edgar Chilton Nelson was born on August 17, 1883 near Bunceton, Missouri. He joined his brothers in the newspaper business with the publication of *The Bunceton Weekly Eagle*. He also acquired *The Boonville Advertiser*, *The Boonville Daily News*, *The Linn County News*, and *The Blade and Messenger*.

In 1933, Governor Park appointed Edgar C. Nelson chairman of the Missouri Workmen's Compensation Commission. Governor Donnelly appointed Edgar C. Nelson as Secretary of State after the death of Wilson Bell. Edgar C. Nelson did not run for election in 1948, and was replaced by Walter Toberman.

Edgar C. Nelson married Celeste Allison Chamberlain on January 16, 1912. The couple had one daughter, Mrs. T. A. Duckworth. Celeste Nelson died on July 12, 1955 in Boonville, Missouri. Edgar C. Nelson died on September 9, 1970 in Wausau, Wisconsin, where he was living with his daughter.

Additional Descriptive Information

Bibliography

Official Manual of the State of Missouri (Jefferson City, MO: Office of Secretary of State, legislative years, 1947-1948), pp. 57.

Related Material

RG3.41 Governor Phillip Matthew Donnelly, 1945-1949
RG000.005 Secretary of State, State Documents

Series

The records are organized into the following series:

Correspondence, 1947-1949
Personnel Records, 1944-1948

Correspondence, 1947-1949

Extent: 1 folder

Arrangement: Alphabetical

Scope and Content

This series contains correspondence regarding the state seal.

Container List

Box	Folder	Contents	Date
1	13A	State Seal	1947, 1949

Personnel Records, 1944-1948

Extent: 10 folders

Arrangement: Alphabetical

Scope and Content

Personnel records and correspondence relating to staffing the Secretary of State's office.

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1	15	Dorothea Cassil	1947
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1	19	Ruby Lewis	1947
1	20	Alice Mae Schauwecker	1944-1947
1	21	John F. Spalding	1947-1948
1	22	Correspondence with Director of Revenue	1947
1	23	Correspondence to Walter Toberman	1948