

# Missouri State Archives

## Finding Aid RG 395.04

### Missouri State Capitol Commission

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*Abstract:* Minutes and other records of the Missouri State Capitol Commission, 2002-2021 (bulk dates, 2005-2021).

*Extent:* 0.6 cubic ft. (1.5 Hollinger boxes) and 1 CD-ROM.

*Record Description:* Paper, CD-ROM.

*Alternative Formats:* None.

*Location:* Missouri State Archives.

### Administrative Information

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### Historical and Biographical Notes

The Second State Capitol Commission was created in 2001 via Senate Bill 470 (*Law 2001*, p. 1415). The Commission is tasked with preserving, restoring, and renovating the Missouri State Capitol and documenting its history. This includes the care of Capitol artwork (over 120 pieces) such as murals, sculptures and stained glass windows. The

commission was renamed to the Missouri State Capitol Commission in 2009 via Senate Bill 480 (*Laws 2009*, p. 1133). The original name “Second State Capitol Commission” references the 1911 to 1924 State Capitol Commission which existed to oversee the construction of the current Capitol building after the May 1911 fire.

The Commission is comprised of two Senators, two Representatives, an employee from each of the legislative houses, the Commissioner of the Office of Administration, and four members appointed by the Governor.

One of the first major undertakings of the Commission was to write and research a book that would illustrate the history and importance of the Capitol artwork. The book was approved as a project on November 6, 2001, and published in 2011 by Bob Priddy and Jeffrey Ball. The book contains background of the Capitol Decoration Committee’s choices, the artists who created the pieces, and the historical figures who inspired them.

### Timeline

Year	Event
2001	The Second State Capitol Commission was established with Senate Bill 470 approved June 28 and effective August 28.
2009	The Commission’s name was changed to the Missouri State Capitol Commission with Senate Bill 480 approved on July 10 and effective August 28.
2011	Publication of Priddy/Ball book <i>The Art of the Missouri Capitol: History in Canvas, Bronze and Stone</i> .

## Additional Descriptive Information

### Bibliography

Ball, Jeffrey L. *The Missouri Murals: A History of the Decorations for the State Capitol*. University of Missouri-Columbia Dissertation: 1997. Call No. R 725.11 B2101

Edelman, Nancy. *The Thomas Hart Benton Murals in the Missouri State Capitol: A Social History of the State of Missouri*. Jefferson City: Missouri Department of Natural Resources, 1978. Call No. R 759.13 Ed276

Missouri State Capitol Commission’s website: <https://capitol.mo.gov/>.

*The Missouri State Capitol: A Collection of Information about Its Architectural Design*. Jefferson City: Missouri Senate, 1979. Call No. R 725.11 M6918

Priddy, Bob and Jeffrey Ball. *The Art of the Missouri Capitol: History in Canvas, Bronze, and Stone*. Columbia: University of Missouri Press, 2011.

Summers, Joseph S. Jr. *The Day the Capitol Burned*. Jefferson City, MO: CeMoMedServ Publications, 1986.

### **Related Material**

MS369 [Bob Priddy Collection](#)

MS433 [Dr. Joseph Summers Photograph Collection](#)

RG 5.57 [Record Services Administrators](#)

- Contains notes from the State Archivist and Principal Assistant for Boards and Commissions attending commission meetings.

RG395.01 [State Capitol Commission Board Photographs, 1911-2017](#)

RG395.02 [Missouri State Capitol Commission Photograph Collection, 1911-2017 \(Second Board\)](#)

RG395.03 [State Capitol Commission Board, 1911-1924](#)

RG550.02 [Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives, 1820-](#)

RG552.24 [Wayne Goode, 1962-2005](#)

### **Series**

The records are organized into the following series:

Art Assessment, 2015

Correspondence, 2002-2014

General Records, 2004-2017

Minutes, 2005-2021

## Art Assessment, 2015

*Extent:* 1 folder

*Arrangement:* Alphabetical

### Scope and Content

This series includes the final report submitted by Van Witt Fine Art Conservation to the Second State Capitol Commission in July 2015. The Commission asked Van Witt to assess the conservation and restoration needs of 51 murals in the Capitol. The report contains specifications on each mural and embedded color photos.

The report, a spreadsheet of costs, and cover letter are also available as PDFs on USB drives in the Vault (SMART Barcode #0004338365).

### Container List

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Contents</b>	<b>Date</b>
1	5	<i>Conservation Assessment &amp; Treatment Proposal of 51 Murals for the Missouri State Capital [sic]</i> Performed by Van Witt Fine Art Conservation, Overland Park, Kansas. (Includes final report, cover letter and spreadsheet of costs.)	07/23/2015

## Correspondence, 2002-2014

*Extent:* 3 folders

*Arrangement:* Alphabetical

### Scope and Content

The Correspondence series contains correspondence related to the commission. Most items of Goode and Priddy's correspondence concern the Commission's book *Art of the Capitol* by Priddy and Jeffrey Ball.

### Container List

Box	Folder	Contents	Date
1	6	General Correspondence	2013-2014
1	1	Second State Capitol Commission member Senator's Wayne Goode's Correspondence	2002-2005
1	2	Author Bob Priddy's Correspondence	2007

## General Records, 2004-2017

*Extent:* 5 folders and 1 CD-ROM

*Arrangement:* Alphabetical

### Scope and Content

The General Records series contains miscellaneous items that did not fit the other series, including dedication materials, the 2015 Time Capsule contents, photo agreements, and a CD-ROM of photos.

### Container List

Box	Folder	Contents	Date
1	3	List of 2015 Time Capsule Contents (The new time capsule was dedicated on Friday, July 3 at 1:00 p.m. during a ceremony on the south side of the Missouri State Capitol commemorating the 100-Year Anniversary of the Capitol Cornerstone. List includes color computer-printed photographs of the items.)	07/03/2015
1	4	Liberty Tree Dedication (Certificate of Authenticity for a Liberty Tree seedling planted on the Capitol grounds. Also a copy of the speech delivered by Senator Brian Munzlinger during the dedication ceremony.)	04/28/2017
1	7	Missouri Second Capitol Commission Funding and Photography Contract Documents	2011
1	8	Missouri Second Capitol Commission Wine Tasting	2014
1	9	Photo Agreements	c. 2004, 2013, and No date
0005492859		Second State Capitol Commission	March 30, 2011

## Minutes, 2005-2021

*Extent:* 0.4 cubic ft. (1 Hollinger box)

*Arrangement:* Chronological

### Scope and Content

The Minutes series contains the minutes and meeting packets of the Missouri State Capitol Commission. The State Archivist and in their absence, the Principal Assistant for Boards and Commission at the Archives served as support staff for the commission.

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### Container List

Box	Folder	Date
1	10	November 4, 2005
1	11	April 3, 2006
1	12	September 13, 2006
1	13	April 16, 2007 (Closed)
1	14	September 19, 2007 (Closed)
1	15	April 14, 2008 (Closed)
1	16	August 11, 2008 (Closed)
1	17	April 20, 2009 (Closed)
1	18	September 16, 2009
1	19	April 26, 2010
1	20	September 15, 2010
1	21	September 21, 2011
1	22	May 15, 2013
1	23	September 10, 2013
1	24	March 24, 2014 (Closed)
1	25	May 12, 2014
1	26	September 9, 2014
2	1	January 12, 2015
2	2	May 11, 2015
2	3	September 15, 2015
2	4	February 1, 2016
2	5	October 18, 2016
2	6	August 24, 2017
2	7	August 7, 2019
2	8	January 15, 2021 (Closed)
2	9	April 8, 2021