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HISTORICAL AND BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

The Missouri State Capitol Commission, created in 2001 (renamed 2009) is tasked with “the preservation, restoration, and renovation of the Missouri State Capitol and the recording of its history.” This charge includes the care of Capitol artwork (over 120 pieces) such as murals, sculptures and stained glass windows.

The Commission is made up 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 published in 2011 by Bob Priddy and Jeffrey Ball and it contains background of the Capitol Decoration

Committee's choices, the artists who created the pieces, and the historical figures who inspired them.

Timeline

02/05/1911	Capitol building in Jefferson City struck by lightning and burned
03/24/1911	(Original) State Capitol Commission formed
1917	Capitol Decoration Committee formed
10/06/1924	New Capitol Day celebration
07/13/2001	The Second State Capitol Commission was established with SB470
07/10/2009	The Commission's name was changed to the Missouri State Capitol Commission with SB480
2011	Publication of Priddy/Ball book <i>The Art of the Missouri Capitol: History in Canvas, Bronze and Stone</i>

ADDITIONAL DESCRIPTIVE INFORMATION

Related Collections

MS006 Edwin William Stephens Collection
 MS013 Theodore Lacaff Diaries
 MS027 Thomas Garfield Cooper Photograph Collection
 MS066 Peter Herman Rackers Photograph Collection
 MS111 Ralph Miller Capitol Fire Photograph Collection
 MS369 Bob Priddy Collection
 MS376 Colonial Dames of America Collection
 MS433 Dr. Joseph Summers Photograph Collection
 MS441 Alfred A. Speer Capitol Collection
 RG395 State Capitol Commission Board
 RG395 State Capitol Commission Board Photographs
 RG395.2 Missouri State Capitol Commission
 RG396 Capitol Decoration Commission

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

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

Summers, Joseph S. Jr. [The Day the Capitol Burned.](#) Jefferson City, MO: CeMoMedServ Publications, 1986. (On the Cole County shelf in Reference.)

Additional External Resources

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

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

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MISSOURI STATE CAPITOL COMMISSION CORRESPONDENCE, 2002-2007

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Scope and Content

This series is unprocessed and is therefore **RESTRICTED**. Staff members must evaluate the materials for confidential information (SSNs, etc.) before releasing to the public. Most items concern the Commission's book Art of the Capitol by Priddy and Ball.

Container List

Location	Box	Folder	Contents	Date
	1	1	Second State Capitol Commission member Sen. Wayne Goode's materials	2002-2005
	1	2	Second State Capitol Commission member Bob Priddy's materials	2007

RECORDS OF THE MISSOURI STATE CAPITOL COMMISSION

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Arrangement: N/A

Accession: #2015-0172

Scope and Content

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.

<https://www.mo.gov/timecapsule/>

Container List

Location	Box	Folder	Contents	Date
	1	3	List of items placed in the new 2015 Time Capsule, including color computer-printed photographs of the items.	07/03/2015

ART ASSESSMENT, 2015

Extent: 1 Volume

Accession: #2015-0174

Scope and Content

This is the final report submitted by Van Witt Fine Art Conservation to the Second State Capitol Commission in July 2015. They were asked by the Commission 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.

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Location	Box	Folder	Contents	Date
	1	4	<u>Conservation Assessment & Treatment Proposal of 51 Murals for the Missouri State Capital</u> [sic] Performed by Van Witt Fine Art Conservation, Overland Park, KS. Includes final report, cover letter and spreadsheet of costs.	07/23/2015