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Office of State Auditor

Haskell Holman, 1953-1971

Abstract: Correspondence of State Auditor Haskell Holman, 1953-1971 (bulk dates, 1953-1968).

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Historical and Biographical Notes

Haskell Holman was born November 29, 1908 in Moberly, Missouri. He graduated from the University of Missouri with a bachelor of arts degree in 1931 and was a businessman for two years. In 1933 Holman became a highway account clerk in the State Auditor's office. In February, 1941, Holman volunteered to serve in the United States Army but

was medically discharged and returned to the State Auditor's office as State Income Tax Division supervisor.

After the *1945 Constitution* reorganized state government, Holman was transferred to the Department of Revenue as the supervisor over the income, inheritance, franchise, and intangible tax units. In January, 1949, he was appointed assistant state treasurer. When State Auditor William H. Holmes unexpectedly passed away on March 31, 1953, Governor Phil M. Donnelly appointed Holman to fill the remainder of Holmes' term on April 6, 1953. In 1954, Holman was elected State Auditor, having run on the Democratic ticket. He won the office again in 1958, 1962, and 1966. Holman ran for a fifth time in 1970, but lost to Christopher "Kit" Bond.

After leaving statewide office, Holman became the executive secretary of the Missouri Real Estate Commission, a position he held until 1973.

Holman married Beverly Hodge on October 12, 1946, becoming stepfather to her son Micheal Hodge. The couple had two grandchildren. Holman passed away on July 12, 1974 from a stroke and was buried at Riverview Cemetery in Jefferson City.

Timeline

Year	Event
1908	Holman was born on Moberly on November 29.
1931	Holman graduated from the University of Missouri.
1933	Holman became a highway account clerk in the State Auditor's office.
1941	From February until fall, Holman served in the United States Army. He returned to the Auditor's office afterwards as supervisor of the State Income Tax Division.
1945	Holman was transferred to the Department of Revenue to oversee taxes.
1946	Holman married Beverly Hodge on October 12.
1949	Holman was appointed assistant state treasurer.
1953	Holman was appointed to fill William H. Holmes remaining term on April 6 after Holmes's death on March 31.
1954, 1958, 1962, 1966	Holman ran for and won the State Auditor's office.
1970	Holman ran for and lost the State Auditor's office.
1971-1973	Holman served as Missouri Real Estate Commission's Executive Director.
1974	Holman passed away on July 12.

Additional Descriptive Information

Bibliography

"Obituary for Haskell Holman (Aged 65)" Newspapers.com. *Mexico Ledger*, July 12, 1974. Accessed March 13, 2026. <https://www.newspapers.com/article/mexico-ledger-obituary-for-haskell-holma/38631221/>.

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Related Material

RG 6.01 [Audit Reports](#)

RG 6.02 Office of State Auditor

Series

The records are organized in the following series:

Correspondence, 1953-1970

Publications, c. 1953-1970

Reports, 1968-1971

Correspondence, 1953-1970

Extent: 1 cubic ft. (3 Hollinger boxes)

Arrangement: Alphabetical

Scope and Content

The Correspondence series was organized alphabetically by the State Auditor's office. However, that organization is loose as the letter designation is variable and could be a person's name, organization's name, county name (regardless of office), other state of origin, or a topic beginning with that letter. For example, the "State Board of Accountancy" and "Probate Court of Andrew County" are both filed under "A."

Records may include correspondence detailing bank contracts awarded, audit issues, committee work, and interactions with other state and territorial governments. Some letters also illustrate political favors from Holman's administration.

Of interest items:

- Head Start Grant data from 1966 is filed under "E" for education.
- Guidelines for school audits are included under "E" for education.
- The City and School District of Kinloch, Missouri, Special Audit is the majority of the "K" folder.
- State Tax Commission statistics are filed under "T."

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Container List

Box	Folder	Contents	Date
1	1	A	1953-1970
1	2	B-Be	1953-1970
1	3	Bf-Bz	1953-1970
1	4	C-Ci	1953-1970
1	5	Co-Cz	1953-1970
1	6	D	1953-1970
1	7	E	1953-1970
1	8	F	1953-1970
1	9	G	1953-1970
1	10	H	1953-1970
1	11	I	1953-1970
2	1	J	1953-1970
2	2	K	1953-1970
2	3	L	1953-1970

Box	Folder	Contents	Date
2	4	Mc	1953-1970
2	5	M-Mf	1953-1970
2	6	Mg-Mz	1953-1970
2	7	N	1953-1970
2	8	O	1953-1970
2	9	P (Closed)	1953-1970
2	10	Ra-Ret	1953-1970
2	11	Revenue	1953-1970
2	12	Rew-Ru	1953-1970
2	13	St.	1953-1970
2	14	St. Louis (city)	1953-1970
3	1	St. Louis (county and cities within)	1953-1970
3	2	Sa-Sl	1953-1970
3	3-4	Sm-Sz	1953-1970
3	5	T	1953-1970
3	6	U	1953-1970
3	7	V	1953-1970
3	8	Wa	1953-1970
3	9	We-Wy	1953-1970
3	10	Y	1965

Publications, c. 1953-1970

Extent: 2 folders

Arrangement: Chronological

Scope and Content

Series includes two volumes of the St. Louis County Auditor Accountant's Manual, which was mentioned in Holman's correspondence.

Container List

Box	Folder	Contents	Date
4	1	St. Louis County, Missouri Accounting Manual: Volume 1 Accounting Procedure	c. 1953-1970
4	2	St. Louis County, Missouri Accounting Manual: Volume 2 Chart of Accounts	c. 1953-1970

Reports, 1968-1971

Extent: 2 folders

Arrangement: Alphabetical

Scope and Content

The Reports series contains one Supreme Court brief and a set of weekly reports listing the audits and bonds issued in a given week. Refer to RG 6.01 Audit Reports for the mentioned audits.

Container List

Box	Folder	Contents	Date
3	11	Audits Delivered and Bonds Registered Weekly Reports	October 18, 1968-January 8, 1971
4	3	Supreme Court Brief State of Missouri and the School District of the City of Jefferson vs. Haskell Holman, State Auditor	April Session, 1961