

# Missouri State Archives

## Finding Aid [998.008]

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### MANUSCRIPT COLLECTIONS

#### Governor Warren E. Hearnes Collection

*Abstract:* Three Christmas cards distributed by the Hearnes family during Gov. Hearnes' administration

*Extent:* 1 folder

*Physical Description:* Paper

*Location:* Missouri State Archives; Stacks

### ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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### HISTORICAL AND BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

Warren Eastman Hearnes was born on July 24, 1923 in Moline, Illinois to Earle B. and Edna Mae Eastman Hearnes. Educated in Charleston (Mississippi County) public schools, Hearnes graduated in 1946 from the U. S. Military Academy at West Point, New York. He served with the 35<sup>th</sup> Division, U. S. Army during World War II, leaving military service in 1949. Hearnes received a law degree in 1952 from the University of Missouri and practiced law in East Prairie until 1961. He married Betty Cooper on July 2, 1947, and the couple raised three daughters.

Elected to the Missouri House of Representatives as a Democrat from Mississippi County in 1950, Hearnes retained that office until elected as Missouri Secretary of State in 1960, a position

he held until 1965. Warren Eastman Hearnese defeated Ethan A. H. Shepley in the 1964 gubernatorial election and was sworn in as Missouri's 46<sup>th</sup> governor on January 11, 1965. He was re-elected in 1968, the first governor to serve two terms.

During his tenure, Hearnese signed a Public Accommodations Law ending housing segregation, strengthened the Fair Employment Practices Act, and increased the staff of the Human Rights Commission. Funding for public education was doubled, state aid to higher education tripled, and aid to vocational education increased from \$856,000 to \$8.8 million.

Also during the Hearnese administrations, 350 miles of four-lane highways were constructed, the Missouri Division of Highway Safety was created, the Missouri State Highway Patrol added 250 new officers, and he signed legislation providing for mandatory breath tests of suspected drunken drivers.

After leaving office, Hearnese mounted an unsuccessful campaign for the U. S. Senate in 1976, losing to John Danforth and in 1978 was defeated by James F. Antonio for State Auditor. He was appointed Circuit Court Judge for the 33<sup>rd</sup> District (Mississippi and Scott Counties) in 1980, thereby becoming the only Missourian to hold office in all three branches of state government. Hearnese worked for the Southeast Missouri Legal Services as executive director from 1981 to 1997. Warren Eastman Hearnese died on August 16, 2009 in Charleston and is interred in the International Order of Odd Fellows Cemetery.

*(quoted directly from Finding Aid 3.46 as written by SB)*

## ADDITIONAL DESCRIPTIVE INFORMATION

### Related Collections

MS165 Regional Planning & Development Commission Certificates  
MS407 Friends of the Missouri Governor's Mansion Collection  
MS435 Marie Oliver State Flag Photograph Collection  
RG000.003 Office of the Governor State Documents Collection  
RG3.46 Warren Eastman Hearnese, 1965-1973  
RG450 State Reorganization Commission  
RG550 General Assembly

Crouse, Rob. Warren Eastman Hearnese: A Memoir from the Personal Notes and Recollections of Betty C. Hearnese. Marcelline, MO: Walsworth Publishing, 2007. Call No. R 923.2 C8849

Numerous photographs of Hearnese can be found in RG104 Department of Economic Development as well as Manuscript Collections MS192, MS346, and MS439.

### Additional External Resources

The State Historical Society of Missouri has at least three collections related to Hearnes:  
CA0989, C3274 & C3522.

## SERIES

Christmas Cards, 1965-1973

### Scope and Content

This series contains three color Christmas cards sent by the Hearnes family during Governor Warren E. Hearnes' administration. Family members are his wife Betty, daughters Lynne, Leigh and Julie B, and his son-in-law C.J. These cards have been digitized as PDFs and are available on Manuscript DVD #1 in the Reference Room.

### Container List

Location	Box	Folder	Contents	Date
	1	18	Christmas cards	1965-1973