

# Missouri State Archives

## Finding Aid [998.054]

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### MANUSCRIPT COLLECTIONS

#### John A. Gallaher Geology Manuscript Collection

*Abstract:* Three manuscripts written by Missouri State Geologist John A. Gallaher.

*Extent:* 1 folder

*Physical Description:* Paper

*Location:* Missouri State Archives; Stacks

### ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

*Alternative Formats:* None

*Access Restrictions:* None

*Publication Restrictions:* None

*Preferred Citation:* [paper title], 1897-1900; *John A. Gallaher Geology Manuscript Collection*, Record Group 998.054; Missouri State Archives, Jefferson City.

*Acquisition Information:* Gift; Accession #1982-0063

*Processing Information:* Processing completed by EW on 12/12/2016.

### HISTORICAL AND BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

“John A. Gallaher (Democrat), elected State Geologist July 13, 1897, by the State Board of Geology and Mines, is a native of Missouri; born of James Arbuthnot Gallaher and Mary Thompson Wear, residents of Johnson county, October 5, 1842; his early education was in the public and select schools of his native state; at the close of the civil war Mr. Gallaher entered the Christian Brothers’ College, in St. Louis, where he devoted three years to the pursuit of classical and scientific knowledge, in that and the adjoining Missouri Medical College; after three years of training under illustrious educators, Mr. Gallaher took up mine engineering, and has made it, along with geology, the study of his life; his field of observation reaches from ocean to ocean

and from Canada to Mexico, inclusive.” (quoted from the Official Manual of the State of Missouri 1899-1900, p. 504)

Gallaher died of cancer while in office on June 21, 1900.

## ADDITIONAL DESCRIPTIVE INFORMATION

### Related Collections

RG102 Department of Agriculture  
RG000.102 Department of Agriculture State Documents  
RG110 Department of Natural Resources  
RG000.110 Department of Natural Resources State Documents

Oversized Map Collection Excel spreadsheet

Conrad, Howard L., ed. Encyclopedia of the History of Missouri, a Compendium of History and Biography for Ready Reference: Vol. II. New York: The Southern History Company, 1901. Pp. 549-550. Available in the Reference Room, call no. 977.8 C7636.

Gallaher, John A. Preliminary Report on the Structural and Economic Geology of Missouri. Jefferson City, MO: Bureau of Geology and Mines, 1900. (See the DNR State Documents finding aid for location information.)

The History of Johnson County, Missouri, Including a Reliable History of the Townships, Cities and Towns.... Kansas City: Kansas City Historical Company, 1881. Pp. 505, 786-787. Available in the Reference Room on the Johnson County shelf. Also available online through [Missouri Digital Heritage](#) courtesy of The State Historical Society of Missouri.

### Additional External Resources

Cockrell, Ewing. History of Johnson County Missouri. Topeka, KS: Historical Publishing Company, 1918. Pp. 896-897. Available online through [Missouri Digital Heritage](#) courtesy of St. Louis Mercantile Library.

## SERIES

John A. Gallaher Geology Manuscript Collection, 1897-1900

### Scope and Content

This is a series of three manuscripts written by hand on State Geologist John A. Gallaher's letterhead. They concern the geologic history of Missouri. These essays will later be incorporated into his published work Preliminary Report on the Structural and Economic Geology of Missouri.

### Container List

Location	Box	Folder	Contents	Date
	5	2	a) "The Primordial Shell of the Earth: Introduction to Prelim Report" b) "The Synthetic Method of Nature: Introduction to Preliminary Report" c) "The Geological Record: Third Part of Introduction to Preliminary Report on the Structural & Economic Geology of Missouri"	1897-1900