

# Missouri State Archives

## Finding Aid [998.055]

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### MANUSCRIPT COLLECTIONS

#### Governor Christopher Kit Bond Collection

*Abstract:* Six position papers written by Governor Christopher “Kit” Bond during his second term as Governor.

*Extent:* 1 folder

*Physical Description:* Paper

*Location:* Missouri State Archives; Stacks

### ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

*Alternative Formats:* None

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### HISTORICAL AND BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

“Christopher Samuel Bond was born in St. Louis on March 6, 1939 to Arthur Doerr and Elizabeth Green Bond, of Mexico, Missouri. He is the grandson of the late A. P. Green, who founded the refractories company of that name in Mexico. Bond received his college education at Princeton University and his law degree in 1963 from the University of Virginia. He married Carolyn Reid on May 13, 1967 in Lexington, Kentucky. They met in Atlanta, where she was employed as a speech therapist in the public schools. They divorced in 1995. Bond married Linda Pell of Kansas City in 2002.

“On July 1, 1963, Bond accepted a clerkship with the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit in Atlanta, Georgia, and held that position until June 30, 1964. In November 1964 he was employed by Covington and Burling, a law firm in Washington, D.C. He remained with the firm until October 1967 when he returned to Mexico to practice law. He ran for ninth district U.S. Congressman from Missouri in 1969.

“In January 1969 Bond became Assistant Attorney General with Attorney General John C. Danforth and served as Chief Counsel of the Consumer Protection Division, resigning that position in June 1970 to run for State Auditor.

“Bond was elected State Auditor on November 4, 1970, and took office on January 12, 1971. He was the twenty-eighth State Auditor of Missouri and at 31 years of age, the youngest person to hold that office up to that time. He was State Auditor when he ran for Governor in 1972.

“Elected for a first term as Governor in 1972, Bond was narrowly defeated for a second consecutive term in 1976 by Joseph Patrick Teasdale. Bond successfully ran for re-election in 1980 and was sworn in as the 49<sup>th</sup> Governor of Missouri on January 12, 1981.

“During the second Bond administration, the Governor expanded the Parents as Teachers Program, which was founded in St. Louis, statewide and balanced the budget shortfall from the previous administration.

“In 1986 after U. S. Senator Thomas Eagleton decided not to run for re-election, Bond was elected to the U. S. Senate. He served as chairman of the Senate Small Business Committee from 1995 until 2001. Bond was re-elected in 1992, 1998, and 2004 but decided against a fifth term. Bond left the Senate in January 2011 and joined the law firm of Thompson Coburn of St. Louis and Washington, D. C. He launched his own firm, Kit Bond Strategies in November 2011.”

(quoted from Finding Aid RG3.49 by SB)

## ADDITIONAL DESCRIPTIVE INFORMATION

### Related Collections

MS309 Donald C. Love Collection  
RG3.47 Christopher Samuel Bond, 1973-1977  
RG3.49 Christopher Samuel Bond, 1981-1985  
RG005 Secretary of State Publications Portrait Collection  
RG550 General Assembly

### Additional External Resources

Multiple. See Finding Aids 3.47 and 3.49.

## SERIES

Governor Kit Bond Position Papers, 1980-1981

### Scope and Content

This is a series of six position papers written by Governor Christopher “Kit” Bond between 1980 and 1981.

### Container List

Location	Box	Folder	Contents	Date
	5	3	Position Paper #1: Older Missourians	1980-1981
	5	3	Position Paper #2: Economic Development	1980-1981
	5	3	Position Paper #3: Education	1980-1981
	5	3	Position Paper #4: Energy	1980-1981
	5	3	Position Paper #5: Crime	1980-1981
	5	3	Position Paper #6: Agriculture	1980-1981