

Missouri State Archives

Finding Aid [998.065]

MANUSCRIPT COLLECTIONS

Carthage Marble Corporation Collection

Abstract: A history of the Carthage Marble Corporation and photographs.

Extent: 1 folder

Physical Description: Paper; Photographs

Location: Missouri State Archives; Stacks

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Alternative Formats: PDF of one document, TIFs of the photographs

Access Restrictions: None

Publication Restrictions: None; permission granted by Carthage Marble

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HISTORICAL AND BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

The Carthage Marble Corporation was formed during Reconstruction outside of Carthage, Missouri, Jasper County. In the 1890s, the Company supplied the marble used to build the Jasper County Courthouse. The company acquired Lautz-Missouri Marble Company in 1927. Lautz had been well known because it contracted with John Gill and Son Company in 1913 to supply the marble for the new State Capitol Building. This and five other companies were consolidated with the Carthage Marble Company in 1927.

Not only did Carthage Marble harvest from the nearby quarries, the Corporation also finished marble quarried from other mines in the United States and the world. By the 1960s and '70s, the demand for marble slowed to a trickle and the Corporation – now called Carthage Crushed Limestone Company – had to change with the times. It closed down the marble division and focused solely on crushed limestone.

ADDITIONAL DESCRIPTIVE INFORMATION

Related Collections

RG000.110 Department of Natural Resources State Documents
RG110 Department of Natural Resources
RG395 Capitol Commission Board

Additional External Resources

The State Historical Society of Missouri has collection [#R873 Southwestern Miner](#) newsletter that includes references to Carthage Marble Corporation. Additionally, collections [#C3874 W. Stuart Symington Papers](#), [#R010 American Zinc, Lead and Smelting Company](#), [#C2306 C. Jasper Bell Papers](#), and [#K0106 J.C. Nichols Company Records](#) all have references to Carthage Marble. The SHSM also possesses a book called Carthage Marble Corporation published in Carthage, no year. Citation is on WorldCat.org.

Missouri Southern State University George A. Spiva Library has a book called The Story of Carthage Marble published by the Carthage Marble Corporation, no year. Citation is on WorldCat.org.

Missouri State University and Springfield-Greene County Library District have copies of A Story about Carthage Marble by the Carthage Marble Corporation, no year. Citation is on WorldCat.org.

Yale University Library has a booklet called Solid Security: Carthage Marble for Beauty, Strength and Permanence by the Carthage Marble Corporation, no year. Citation is on WorldCat.org.

Some records may be available at the Eastern Jasper County Historic Sites Association.

CARTHAGE MARBLE COLLECTION, 1913-1980

Arrangement: Original order maintained

Scope and Content

In 1980, MO Senator Dick Webster visited the Carthage Marble Corporation and brought back some historic photographs and modern written histories of the marble business. He loaned the photographs to Capitol historian Bob Priddy who in turn had copies of the photographs made by Wright Studio in Jefferson City. Priddy returned the originals then donated the written records and copy prints to the Archives with the understanding that Carthage Marble gives Priddy and the Archives permission to duplicate.

Item #2 and the three photographs are digitized and available on the Z Drive. Photo #1 is on Flickr.

Container List

Location	Box	Folder	Contents	Date
	9	6	Item #1: Letter from Senator Dick Webster describing the documents and photographs he is giving or loaning to Bob Priddy. In turn, Priddy donated the records to the Archives.	07/22/1980
	9	6	Item #2: a) History of the Carthage Marble Corporation by Roy E. Mayes, Jr., President b) portion of an article from <u>Missouri Geological Survey and Water Resources</u> , "Missouri Marble," p. 33 by Norman S. Hinchey c) portion of an article d) <u>Pause in Missouri: People, Places, Events</u> by Margaret A. Witt, p. 111-112	a) none b) none c) none d) 1979
	9	6	Photograph #1: 8"x10" copy print and 4"x5" negative made c1980-2 of the stone processing building under construction in 1913	1913
	9	6	Photograph #2: 8"x10" copy print and 4"x5" negative made c1980-2 of the interior of the stone processing building, 1930s	1930s
	9	6	Photograph #3: 8"x10" copy prints (2) and 4"x5" negative made c1980-2 of an aerial view of the stone processing building and surrounding structures, c1940s	1940s