

Missouri State Archives

Finding Aid [998.286]

MANUSCRIPT COLLECTIONS

Jim Wolfe Collection

Abstract: Newspaper clippings, some correspondence, reports etc. regarding Missouri politics clipped by newspaper columnist Jim Wolfe of Kansas City.

Extent: 17 cubic feet

Physical Description: Paper, 1 audio cassette tape

Location: Missouri State Archives; Stacks

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Alternative Formats: None

Access Restrictions: None

Publication Restrictions: State publications may be duplicated, but the non-state publications, newspaper clippings, notes, etc. are under standard copyright rules

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HISTORICAL AND BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

James F. Wolfe (1925-2001) was a noted columnist and independent reporter from Kansas City. Throughout his career he worked for The Kansas City Star, Joplin Globe, Jackson County Sentinel, Raytown News, and more.

James F. Wolfe, 75, Jefferson City, Mo., formerly of Independence, died Thursday, Sept. 27, 2001, of leukemia.

Mr. Wolfe was a former publisher of weekly newspapers in Blue Springs and Raytown.

Since the late 1970s, Mr. Wolfe had lived in Jefferson City and was a state capital correspondent for the Joplin (Mo.) Globe.

He was born Nov. 14, 1925, in Independence, and grew up at Leeton, where his father, J.C. Wolfe, was the high school vocational agriculture instructor.

He learned to set type by hand when he was 12 at the old Leeton Times. He then began writing stories and doing other chores at the paper.

After graduation from Leeton High School in 1942, he attended Central Missouri State College in Warrensburg, Mo., and was co-editor of the campus publication.

After two years, he left to be a reporter for The Kansas City Times. After a year, he became a copyreader and edited other reporters' stories.

In 1955, he married Lois Lauer, who owned the old Jackson County Democrat, a weekly paper at Buckner. He helped with that paper while still working for The Kansas City Star until 1965.

He and his wife, who later divorced, moved the Democrat to Blue Springs, changed its name to Jackson County Sentinel and bought the Raytown News. They sold the newspapers in 1974 to Townsend Communications, which closed the Blue Springs paper and changed the Raytown paper's name.

He was appointed to the Jackson County Board of Election Commissioners by Gov. Warren Hearnes and served about 15 years. He was an honorary colonel on Hearnes' staff and an honorary naval captain on the staff of Governor John Ashcroft.

He wrote a weekly editorial page column for the Joplin Globe.

He was a member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

He was a trustee of the Clifford Willard Gaylord Foundation, a philanthropic trust in St. Louis.

His survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Sherry and Gary Owens, and three grandchildren, Corey Owens, and twins, Bethany and Erin Owens, all of Blue Springs.

Services were today at the Houser Millard Funeral Home in Jefferson City.

Contributions may be made to the Wolfe Memorial Fund, which will benefit the SCV and the pro-life Vitae Society, P.O. Box 1814, Jefferson City, Mo. 65102.

Examiner, The (Independence-Blues Springs-Grain Valley, MO)

Monday, October 1, 2001

Section: Obit

Other Finding Aids

Related Materials

James F. Wolfe Oral History Interview, The State Historical Society of Missouri

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Scope and Content

This collection is unprocessed. It began as 93 cubic feet and was whittled down to 17 at some point. 78 cubic feet of Blue Books, "Keeping Up," and other state docs were distributed to other collections at the Archives.

Container List

Location	Box	Folder	Contents	Date
	1		Biographies: Abboud – Hearnnes	
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	15		Subject Files: Webster – Workers' Compensation	
	16		Miscellaneous Files by Subject; includes a few issues of <u>Wolfe's Version</u> newsletter	
	17		Miscellaneous Files; includes one audio cassette tape "William Webster Airline Consumer Complaints" dated 08/04/1987	