

Missouri State Archives

Finding Aid [998.309]

MANUSCRIPT COLLECTIONS

Donald C. Love Collection

Abstract: Materials related to Republican Missouri politics, especially to Missouri Governors Christopher “Kit” Bond and John Ashcroft. Other materials include published speeches of Missouri politicians, bumper stickers and other ephemera such as corncob pipes, soap made at the Missouri State Penitentiary, sales tax tokens and pens.

Extent: 1/6 cubic foot

Physical Description: Paper; Photograph; Ephemera

Location: Missouri State Archives; Stacks

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Alternative Formats: TIF of postcard

Access Restrictions: None

Publication Restrictions: None

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HISTORICAL AND BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

This collection includes Missouri Republican political materials collected by the donor, Donald C. Love. Love contributed to several political campaigns, primarily in the 1970s and 1980s. He collected programs, letters, invitations and ephemera related to the campaigns. Of particular interest are series of materials related to Missouri Governors Christopher “Kit” Bond and John Ashcroft.

ADDITIONAL DESCRIPTIVE INFORMATION

Related Collections

MS055 Governor Christopher Bond Collection
RG3.47 Christopher Samuel Bond, 1973-1977
RG3.48 Joseph Patrick Teasdale, 1977-1981
RG3.49 Christopher Samuel Bond, 1981-1985
RG3.50 John David Ashcroft, 1985-1993
RG5.27 1943-1944 [Constitutional] Convention
RG008 Office of Attorney General
RG213 Missouri State Penitentiary

Additional External Resources

Various. Many institutions have records of Missouri governors and conventions.

SERIES

Published Documents (1857-1945)
Postcard and Photograph (1890-1922)
Governor Christopher “Kit” Bond Materials (1972-1976)
Governor John Ashcroft Materials (1973-1985)
Additional Political Materials (1976-1988)
Ephemera (1937-1984)

PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS, 1857-1945

Arrangement: Chronological

Scope and Content

The General Assembly would often order copies of important speeches or addresses printed and distributed to legislators and others across Missouri. The first two items in this collection were printed and distributed in that way. The 1943-1944 Constitutional Convention of Missouri formed in order to write a new Constitution for the state. They brought the Constitution to a vote of the public in February 1945.

Container List

Location	Box	Folder	Contents	Date
	101	14	Inaugural Address of Gov. R.M. Stewart to the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, Adjourned Session [Note: same text as appears in the 1857 Senate Journal Adjourned Session , pp. 18-25]	10/19/1857
	101	15	Address of Hon. Elihu B. Washburne. Response of Governor Thos. T. Crittenden on the Occasion of the Presentation of the Portrait of Hon. Edward Hempstead to the State of Missouri [Note: same text as appears in the 1881 Senate Journal , pp. 148-163]	02/03/1881
	101	16	Proposed New Constitution Adopted by the 1943-1944 Constitutional Convention of Missouri to Be Submitted at Special Election to Be Held Tuesday, February 27, 1945	c1945

POSTCARD AND PHOTOGRAPH, 1890-1922

Arrangement: None

Scope and Content

One postcard sent from an unknown individual to Arthur Diggs of Sedalia, MO. The front features a black and white image of the Lincoln Institute (now Lincoln University). The card is in fair to poor condition. Both sides have been digitized and are available on Manuscript DVD #3 in the Reference Room.

The second item is a small photograph of Botz-Hugh Stephens Press with cars parked in front. It includes a small tablet of letterhead with an illustration of the building and the company name at the top. Seven sheets remain in the tablet.

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Location	Box	Folder	Contents	Date
	101	17	Postcard of the Lincoln Institute in Jefferson City. Addressed to Mr. Arthur Diggs of Sedalia, MO. Postmark date is illegible. Published by Samuel H. Smith & Co.	No date; early, definitely pre-1922
	101	17A	1) Botz-Hugh Stephens Press letterhead tablet 2) Botz-Hugh Stephens Press photograph	No date

GOVERNOR CHRISTOPHER “KIT” BOND MATERIALS, 1972-1976

Arrangement: Chronological

Scope and Content

Christopher “Kit” Bond had a lengthy political career in Missouri and graduated to the federal level before he retired. He served as Auditor of Missouri (1971-1973), Governor twice (1973-1977 & 1981-1985), and US Senator for four consecutive terms (1987-2011). These materials relate to his Missouri campaigns.

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Location	Box	Folder	Contents	Date
	101	18	Fake \$1000 bill entitled, “Here’s the \$1,000 McGovern promised everyone!” and the reverse “Promissory Note: ‘McGovern <u>says</u> he’s behind me 1000 percent!’” with a picture of Senator Thomas F. Eagleton.	1972
	101	18	Invitation to Governor-Elect Christopher Samuel Bond’s Inauguration on the South Steps of the Capitol Building followed by the Inauguration Ball	01/08/1973 (2 copies)
	101	18	Program for Governor-Elect Christopher Samuel Bond’s Inauguration Ceremonies	01/08/1973
	101	18	Program for the Inaugural Worship Service for Governor-Elect Christopher Samuel Bond, First Presbyterian Church, Jefferson City	01/08/1973 (2 copies)
	101	18	Missouri Association of Republicans 73 rd Annual Lincoln Day 1973 brochure, Alameda Plaza Hotel, Kansas City	02/17/1973
	101	18	Round button-sized sticker “Bond / Phelps”	c1976
	101	18	Letter from Governor Christopher Bond’s Citizens for Bond Committee 76 addressed to Mr. Don Love thanking him for his help with the campaign	10/27/1976
	101	18	Bond – Phelps Election Night Party invitation, Ramada Inn, Jefferson City	11/02/1976
	101	18	Letter from Governor Christopher S. Bond addressed to Mr. Donald C. Love thanking him for his letter regarding the recent election with a personal handwritten note, “You have contributed generously to this administration and I shall call on you again”	11/22/1976
	101	18	Letter from Governor Christopher S. Bond addressed to Mr. Donald C. Love thanking him for his letter regarding the recent election with a personal handwritten note, “You played a great part in our record. We will call on you in the future.”	12/15/1976

GOVERNOR JOHN ASHCROFT MATERIALS, 1973-1985

Arrangement: Chronological

Scope and Content

John Ashcroft also had a lengthy political career that began in Missouri and ended on the national stage. He served as Auditor of Missouri (1973-1975), Attorney General of Missouri (1977-1985), Governor of Missouri (1985-1993), US Senator (1995-2001) and US Attorney General (2001-2005). These materials relate to his Missouri career.

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Location	Box	Folder	Contents	Date
	101	19	Letter from State Auditor John D. Ashcroft to Mr. & Mrs. Don Love expressing his regret that he was unable to meet with them in Kansas City	02/20/1973
	101	19	Program for "A Salute to John Ashcroft," Victorian Ball Room, Drury Inn, Springfield, MO. Ashcroft was appointed State Auditor earlier in the year. Also includes an invitation and reminder card.	07/14/1973
	101	19	"The Ashcroft Courier" newsletter Vol. 1 No. 2, published by Citizens for Accountability in Government	Aug. 1973
	101	19	Letter from John D. Ashcroft addressed to Mr. Donald Love thanking him for his support at the July 14 luncheon ("A Salute to John Ashcroft") with a personal note "Regards to your good wife"	08/01/1973
	101	19	Program for the Swearing-In Ceremony of John Ashcroft as Attorney General of Missouri	12/27/1976
	101	19	Invitation to the Inaugural Luncheon for Lt. Governor William C. Phelps and Attorney General John Ashcroft, Ramada Inn, Jefferson City	01/10/1977
	101	19	Letter from Attorney General John Ashcroft addressed to Mr. Donald C. Love thanking him for his support	08/10/1981
	101	19	Bumper sticker "Ashcroft – Governor"	1984
	101	19	Christmas card from the John Ashcroft family featuring a picture of the family on the front and facts on each member inside	Dec. 1984
	101	19	Letter from Attorney General John Ashcroft addressed to Mr. Donald C. Love thanking him for giving him some photographs of a recent event	01/03/1985
	101	19	Program for Governor-Elect John Ashcroft's Inauguration Ceremonies	01/14/1985
	101	19	Four napkins embossed with "Inauguration of John Ashcroft January 14, 1985"	01/14/1985

ADDITIONAL POLITICAL MATERIALS, 1976-1988

Arrangement: Chronological

Scope and Content

This series contains various political advertisements (primarily bumper stickers) and programs related to Republican Missouri politics.

Container List

Location	Box	Folder	Contents	Date
	101	20	Bumper sticker "Jack Danforth U.S. Senate"	c1976
	101	20	Letter from U.S. Senator John "Jack" Danforth to "Loyal Friend" thanking him for his contribution	10/25/1976
	101	20	Program for Governor-Elect Joseph Teasdale's Inauguration Ceremonies	01/10/1977
	101	20	Bumper sticker "Wendell Bailey Missouri Treasurer"	1984 or 1988
	101	20	Bumper sticker "Webster Attorney General"	1984 or 1988
	101	20	Bumper sticker "Roy Blunt Secretary of State"	1984 or 1988
	101	20	Brochure "Republican vs. Democrat Philosophies" published by the National Federation of Republican Women	c1987
	101	20	Republican State Convention booklet, Adam's Mark Hotel, St. Louis. Includes two tickets to the event	06/03-04/1988
	101	20	Two bumper stickers: 1) "The Number <u>One</u> Man for the Number <u>Two</u> Job Baalman Lt. Governor '88" 2) "Baalman Lt. Governor '88"	1988

EPHEMERA, 1937-1984

Arrangement: Chronological

Scope and Content

Miscellaneous three-dimensional materials related to Missouri.

Container List

Location	Box	Folder	Contents	Date
	102	none	Three Missouri sales tax receipt tokens: 1) a red plastic 1 mill token, warped and cracked (1943-1954) and 2) two zinc 1 mill tokens, tarnished (1937-1942)	1937-1954
	102	none	Two ballpoint pens: 1) Joseph P. Teasdale Governor of Missouri and 2) Christopher S. Bond Governor State of Missouri. The Bond pen is no longer in working condition.	1977-1984
	102	none	Two corn cob pipes stamped "Governor Christopher S. Bond"	1973-1976 or 1981-1984
	102	none	A bar of red soap manufactured by inmates of the Missouri State Penitentiary	n.d.