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Abstract: Publications from the Missouri Public Expenditure Survey, the State Reorganization Commission, Missouri Advisory Commission on State Government Recruitment, Retention and Compensation, and other miscellaneous state government-related publications.

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HISTORICAL AND BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

The collection consists of various publications by two state commissions and the Missouri Public Expenditure Survey. Robert Van Ark (1930-2014) was a member of the Expenditure Survey group from 1958-1990 and then the Missouri Tax Commission from 1990 until his retirement in 1998.

ADDITIONAL DESCRIPTIVE INFORMATION

Related Collections

RG3.46 Warren Eastman Hearnes, 1965-1973
RG450 State Reorganization Commission

Additional External Resources

The State Historical Society of Missouri in Columbia has several collections concerning the Missouri Public Expenditure Survey:

[#C0016 Missouri Constitutional Convention Papers, 1941-1945](#)
[#C0018 Marshall E. Ford Constitutional Convention Papers, 1943-1944](#)
[#C0019 A. Evan Hughes Constitutional Convention Papers, 1943-1944](#)
[#C0020 Alva F. Lindsay Constitutional Convention Papers, 1943-1944](#)
[#C0022 Franc L. McCluer Constitutional Convention Papers, 1943-1944](#)
[#C0023 Allen McReynolds Constitutional Convention Papers, 1941-1944](#)
[#C0025 Vivian E. Phillips Constitutional Convention Papers, 1937-1949](#)
[#C0026 Israel A. Smith Constitutional Convention Papers, 1943-1944](#)
[#C0027 Ethan A.H. Shepley Constitutional Convention Papers, 1943-1944](#)
[#C0030 Edward M. Stayton Constitutional Convention Papers, 1943-1944](#)
[#C0293 Lloyd Crow Stark Papers, 1941-1972](#)
[#C0895 Lewis E. Meador Constitutional Convention Papers, 1943-1944](#)
[#C2529 Dwight H. Brown Papers, 1928-1944](#)
[#C2556 William L. Bradshaw Papers, 1912-1973](#)
[#C2665 Russell L. Dearmont Papers, 1929-1965](#)
[#C2732 Dutton Brookfield Papers, 1844-1979](#)
[#C3213 Robert S. Green Papers, 1943-1944](#)
[#C3301 Robert E. Blake Papers, 1943-1945](#)
[#R674 Lewis Elbern Meador Papers, 1904-1982](#)

The State Historical Society of Missouri in Columbia has one collection concerning the Taxpayers Research Institute:

[#SA0881 Focus St. Louis/Coro Foundation](#)

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Missouri Public Expenditure Survey, 1941-1983
Taxpayers Research Institute of Missouri, 1983-1993

Scope and Content

From the newsletter *Missouri Survey*: “The [Missouri Public Expenditure] Survey is a non-profit, non-partisan organization supported by Missouri citizens and businesses. It is engaged in a program of governmental research, public information and working co-operatively with public officials in the interest of efficient, economical government.” It has a three-fold purpose: to conduct research, work with legislators, and mold public opinion. The Survey group was founded in 1939 and incorporated as a benevolent corporation in 1940 with Frank B. Williams as president. In 1957, the articles of incorporation were re-written and the group converted officially to a non-profit organization. In 1983, the group re-imaged itself again and approved a formal name change to the Taxpayers Research Institute of Missouri, or TRIM. The TRIM dissolved on June 24, 1991, although two subsequent annual reports were produced.

Container List

Handbook of Missouri State Taxes:

Location	Box	Folder	Contents	Date
	106	13	Handbook of Missouri State Taxes	Nov. 1957
	106	13	Handbook of Missouri State Taxes	Dec. 1960
	106	13	Handbook of Missouri State Taxes	Oct. 1963
	106	13	Handbook of Missouri State Taxes	Jan. 1975
	106	13	Handbook of Missouri State Taxes	Nov. 1980
	106	13	Handbook of Missouri State Taxes	Dec. 1984
	106	13	Handbook of Missouri State Taxes	Jan. 1988

Property Tax Rates:

	106	14	Property Tax Rates in Missouri 1962 and 1963	Jan. 1964
	106	14	Property Tax Rates in Missouri 1964 and 1965	Dec. 1965
	106	14	Missouri Property Tax Rates 1962-1966	Dec. 1966
	106	14	Missouri Property Tax Rates 1966 and 1967	Nov. 1967
	106	14	Missouri Property Tax Rates 1967 and 1968	Jan. 1969
	106	14	Missouri Property Tax Rates 1968 and 1969	Jan. 1970
	106	14	Missouri Property Tax Rates 1969 and 1970	Jan. 1971
	106	14	Missouri Property Tax Rates 1970 and 1971	Jan. 1972
	106	15	Property Tax Rates of Missouri Local Governments 10 th Annual Edition	Feb. 1973
	106	15	Property Tax Rates of Missouri Local Governments 11 th Annual Edition	Feb. 1974
	106	15	Property Tax Rates of Missouri Local Governments 12 th Annual Edition	Feb. 1975
	106	15	Property Tax Rates of Missouri Local Governments 13 th Annual Edition	Dec. 1975

	106	15	Property Tax Rates of Missouri Local Governments 14 th Annual Edition	Feb. 1977
	106	15	Property Tax Rates of Missouri Local Governments 15 th Annual Edition	Feb. 1978
	106	15	Property Tax Rates of Missouri Local Governments 16 th Annual Edition	Jan. 1979
	106	15	Property Tax Rates of Missouri Local Governments 17 th Annual Edition	Jan. 1980
	107	1	Property Tax Rates of Missouri Local Governments 18 th Annual Edition	Feb. 1981
	107	1	Property Tax Rates of Missouri Local Governments 19 th Annual Edition	Feb. 1982
	107	1	Property Tax Rates of Missouri Local Governments 20 th Annual Edition	Feb. 1983
	107	1	Property Tax Rates of Missouri Local Governments 21 st Annual Edition	Dec. 1983
	107	1	Property Tax Rates of Missouri Local Governments 22 nd Annual Edition	Jan. 1985
	107	1	Property Tax Rates of Missouri Local Governments 23 rd Annual Edition	Jan. 1986
	107	1	Property Tax Rates of Missouri Local Governments 24 th Annual Edition	Jan. 1987
	107	1	Property Tax Rates of Missouri Local Governments 25 th Annual Edition	Feb. 1988
	107	1	Property Tax Rates of Missouri Local Governments 26 th Annual Edition	Feb. 1989
	107	2	Property Tax Rates of Missouri Local Governments 27 th Annual Edition	Jan. 1990
	107	2	Property Tax Rates of Missouri Local Governments 28 th Annual Edition (1989 & 1990)	Feb. 1991
	107	2	Property Tax Rates of Missouri Local Governments 29 th Annual Edition (1990 & 1991)	Mar. 1992
	107	2	Property Tax Rates of Missouri Local Governments 30 th Annual Edition (1991 & 1992)	Jan. 1993

Brochures on addresses at the annual meetings:

	107	3	"State Reorganization...Foundation for Tomorrow," an address by Dutton Brookfield	05/30/1974
	107	3	"Oppression by Bureaucracy," an address by G. Duncan Bauman	05/28/1975
	107	3	"Yearpost 200," an address by Charles J. Dougherty	05/19/1976
	107	3	"Strangulation by Regulation" an address by Edwin S. Jones	05/11/1977
	107	3	"Spend a Little Less," an address by Donald E. Lasater	05/17/1978
	107	3	"Productivity – Key to Price Stability," an address by Zane E. Barnes	05/16/1979
	107	3	"The Press and Your First Amendment Rights," an address by Robert M. White, II	05/13/1981
	107	3	"American Business is Learning to Compete," an address	05/19/1987

			by Murray L. Weidenbaum	
	107	3	“Pulling Together for a Prosperous Missouri,” an address by Donald J. Hall	05/19/1988

Newsletters and Press Releases:

	107	4	<i>The Missouri Tax Payer</i> , Vol. 1 No. 1 – Vol. 4 No. 7	01/01/1941 – July 1947
	107	5	<i>Actiongram</i> press releases	11/23/1942 – 04/14/1944
	107	6	<i>Your Tax Money</i> , Vol. 1 No. 1 – Vol. 44 No. 1 (a few issues are missing)	Aug. 1944 – Jun. 1989
	107	7-8	<i>Missouri Survey</i> newsletter	Oct. 1958 – April 1984
	107	9	Press releases	01/08/1959 – 05/12/1983
	108	1	<i>Research Report</i> newsletter	June 1984 – Nov. 1989
	108	2	<i>Legislative Report</i> press releases	10/11/1985 – 03/02/1989

Miscellaneous:

	108	3	By-Laws of Missouri Public Expenditure Survey, Incorporated	05/22/1957
	108	4	Missouri’s Patchwork of Local Governments	Feb. 1958
	108	5	Appropriation by Automation?	Sept. 1958
	108	6	Memo with attached resolution addressed to the members of the 70 th General Assembly regarding saving costs on bill printing	12/30/1958
	108	7	Possible Areas of Cooperation Between City of St. Joseph Buchanan County St. Joseph School District	Jan. 1959
	108	8	Non-Stop Routing of Revenues to State Treasury	Oct. 1959
	108	9	Combined Police and Fire Services for Medium-Sized and Small Cities	Feb. 1960
	108	10	A Pilot Study of Township Government in Vernon County, Missouri	May 1960
	108	11	Increasing Cost of Missouri State Government	Sept. 1960
	108	12	Constitutional Provision for Streamlining County Government Needs Enabling Statutes (2 copies)	Feb. 1962
	108	13	23 rd Annual Report of Actions and Accomplishments	05/31/1963
	108	14	Savings Available through Abolishing Townships, Putnam County, Missouri	May 1964
	108	15	Our 26 th Year of Working for Better Government and Conservation of Your Tax Dollar (annual report)	c1965
	108	16	Our 27 th Year of Working for Better Government and Conservation of Your Tax Dollar (annual report)	c1966
	108	17	Better Local Government for Everyone in Missouri	Oct. 1966
	108	18	Far-Reaching Changes in School Finance May Lie Ahead	July 1972
	108	19	Missouri Property Tax in Turmoil	Jan. 1982
	108	20	Labor-Management Relations in Missouri State and Local	Jan. 1984

			Governments, Collective Bargaining for Public Sector Employees: What Are the Issues?	
	108	21	Growing State and Local Government Indebtedness in Missouri	Oct. 1985
	108	22	Growth in Sales Tax Usage in Missouri Raises Questions	Oct. 1987
	108	23	Taxpayers' Guide to Public School Issues and Finances in Missouri	Nov. 1987
	108	24	50 Years of Service 1939-1989: Working in the Interest of Taxpayers for 50 Years (2 copies)	Nov. 1988
	108	25	Various brochures	(various)

SERIES

State Reorganization Commission of Missouri, 1971-1973

Scope and Content

The State Reorganization Commission conducted a major overhaul of state government organization. It worked from October 1969 until June 30, 1972.

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Location	Box	Folder	Contents	Date
	108	26	Interim Report: The State Reorganization Commission of Missouri 1969	Feb. 1971
	108	27	Inventory of Missouri State Government Functions, Programs and Activities	Apr. 1971
	109	1	To Make Missouri State Government Manageable – A Pressing Need: Proposed Plan of Restructuring the Executive Branch	Nov. 1971
	109	2	Summary Report and Additional Recommendations State Reorganization Commission of Missouri (2 copies)	12/15/1971
	109	3	For a Trimmer State Government Final Report (2 copies)	June 1972
	109	4	Missouri State Government Reorganization, published by the Office of Administration for the Governor	1973

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Missouri Advisory Commission on State Government Recruitment, Retention and Compensation, 1983

Scope and Content

On June 24, 1982 Governor Christopher "Kit" Bond issued Executive Order 11 creating the Missouri Advisory Commission on State Government Recruitment, Retention and Compensation. The full text of the Executive Order, including the Commission's makeup and mission, is on the SOS website here:

http://www.sos.mo.gov/library/reference/orders/1982/eo1982_011.

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Location	Box	Folder	Contents	Date
	109	5	Report of the Missouri Advisory Commission on State Government Recruitment, Retention and Compensation Presented to the Governor and the General Assembly	Mar. 1983