

Missouri State Archives

Finding Aid [998.438]

MANUSCRIPT COLLECTIONS

St. Louis Criminal Collection

Abstract: Documents related to wanted alleged criminals and jail manufacturing in St. Louis City: wanted posters.

Extent: Five documents

Physical Description: Paper

Location: Missouri State Archives; Stacks

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Alternative Formats: PDF

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HISTORICAL AND BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

Wanted posters date back to the beginning of statehood. Wanted posters could come from local county, state or federal officials, private detectives, slave owners, businesses or private citizens.

Pauly Jail Works was established in 1856 in St. Louis and incorporated in 1885. Its owner and president was P.J. Pauly, Jr. The company constructed prison cells, doors, window bars, iron bunks, etc. out of steel and iron.

ADDITIONAL DESCRIPTIVE INFORMATION

Related Collections

RG005 Secretary of State's Office Business Services Division (incorporations)
RG213 Missouri State Penitentiary (convicted criminals)

Missouri State Penitentiary database online (1836-1931):
<https://s1.sos.mo.gov/records/archives/archivesdb/msp/>.

Additional External Resources

Specifications for the Monroe County, Arkansas Jail by Pauly Jail Building and Manufacturing Company can be found online through the Library of Congress here:
<https://www.loc.gov/item/ar0047/>.

The Missouri History Museum in St. Louis holds the following collections:
[#CDM:LIB:14462 Illustration of Peter J. Pauly, Sr.](#)
[#P0403-04526A Industry: Switches at the Pauly Jail Building Company](#)

WANTED POSTERS, 1903-1906

Extent: 3 Posters

Arrangement: Chronological

Scope and Content

This is a series of three “WANTED” flyers or posters from St. Louis. The posters contain descriptive information on the subject, a brief statement on the crime and a photograph. All have been digitized as PDFs and are on Manuscript DVD #7 in the Reference Room.

Container List

Location	Box	Folder	Contents	Date
	200	1	Wanted poster for John Scullin, alias John, alias Kid, alias Dink Taylor, alias Clarence Robinson. Wanted for grand larceny. \$50.00 Reward. Wanted by Mathew Kiely, Chief of Police, St. Louis, MO. (No MSP Register found.)	03/27/1903
	200	2	Wanted poster for Thomas “Bud” Vincent. Wanted for murder. Wanted by C.G. Gillaspy, Acting Chief of Police, St. Louis, MO. (See his MSP Register online here .)	08/30/1906
	200	3	Wanted poster for Walter Creed, Edward Carroll, and Edward Gleason. Wanted for murder, assault to kill, and attempted robbery by E.P. Creecy, Chief of Police, St. Louis, MO. (See Carroll’s MSP Register online here . See Gleason’s MSP Register online here . None found for Creed.)	12/27/1906

DOCUMENTS, 1885-1888

Extent: 2 Documents

Arrangement: Chronological

Scope and Content

This series consists of two advertising documents from Pauly Jail Manufacturing Company in St. Louis. Both documents have been converted to PDFs and are available on Manuscript DVD #7 in the Reference Room.

Container List

Location	Box	Folder	Contents	Date
	200	4	Six-page brochure by Pauly's Steel-Clad Jail Cells, manufactured by P.J. Pauly & Brother, St. Louis, MO. Includes testimonials from customers.	c1885
	200	5	Notice printed by the Pauly Jail Building and Manufacturing Company of St. Louis, MO informing county officials of the Company's products.	06/09/1888