

# Missouri State Archives

## Finding Aid RG998.474

### Record Group 998 Manuscript Collection

### MS474 Dave DeLaney Photograph Collection

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#### Photographs, 1911-1924

*Abstract:* Digital scans of seven photographs related to Jefferson City history: Capitol Building, World War I parade.

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#### Historical and Biographical Notes

On Oct. 7, 1919, a large Homecoming event was held in Jefferson City, Missouri for all Cole County returning and deceased soldiers from World War I. Events included a parade down High Street with participants marching below a Victory Arch inscribed with the names of Cole Countians who died in the War. According to contemporary newspaper articles, the day also featured swimming contests, food, and entertainment. Flowers were laid at the graves of those

soldiers from WWI who were buried in Jefferson City. Estimated crowd attendance was 7,000 to 20,000.

The other two images in this collection are of the Capitol Building in Jefferson City. The first shows the aftermath of the February 1911 fire. The second shows the new Capitol building before the Ceres statue was raised to the top of the dome.

## **Additional Descriptive Information**

### **Bibliography**

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### **Related Material**

MS027 Thomas Garfield Cooper Photograph Collection  
MS111 Ralph Miller Capitol Fire Photograph Collection  
MS411 Tim Dollens Postcard Collection  
MS433 Dr. Joseph Summers Collection  
MS509 H. Dwight Weaver Collection  
RG005 SOS Publications  
RG133 Adjutant General’s Office

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*Extent:* 7 images, 269 MB.

*Arrangement:* Chronological.

### Scope and Content

Five of the images below concern a World War I parade. A large Victory Arch was erected over High Street in Jefferson City and names of men and women inscribed on its pillars. The banner across the top read, "To Our Fallen Heroes."

The names on the arch are reprinted below as written with corrections in parentheses; links are to the soldiers' records from the Archives's online database.

Hershey, Grace W.

[Bond, John](#)

Bermecke, Louis A.

[Burnsmeyer, Henry](#) (Bernsmeyer)

[Connely, Lyle J.](#)

Daniel, Albert P.

[Dunn, Russel B.](#)

Distler, Geo.

[Enloe, Roscoe](#)

[Fisher, Walter](#) (Fischer)

Wode, Fred

[Christian, Tom](#)

[Ramley, Earl M.](#) (Remley)

[Scott, David](#)

[Lage, Lawrence](#) (Lawrence)

[Nilges, Frank](#)

[Wade, Percy O.](#) (Percy C.)

[Garnett, Henry](#) (Hervy)

[Schubert, Louis H.](#) (Lewis)

[Smallwood, Joe](#)

[Schepker, Jake](#) (Jacob Henry)

[Williams, Chas F.](#) (Charles Ferdinand)

[Payne, John](#)

McKinney, Vivian

[Farmer, Arvy A.](#) (Arvey)

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All images are available as TIFs on Manuscript DVD #7 in Reference as well as the Z Drive.

### Container List

Image Name	Description	Date
MS474_01	People use shovels and wheelbarrows to clean up rubble following the February 1911 fire that destroyed the Missouri State Capitol Building.	1911
MS474_02	World War I Homecoming Parade: Helias Council marches under the Arch.	10/07/1919
MS474_03	World War I Homecoming Parade: soldiers and sailors march under the Arch.	10/07/1919

<b>Image Name</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Date</b>
MS474_04	World War I Homecoming Parade: a military band marches under the Arch.	10/07/1919
MS474_05	World War I Homecoming Parade: soldiers march under the Arch.	10/07/1919
MS474_06	World War I Homecoming Parade: Chief of Police Frank Gretlein and a few others on horseback ride under the Arch at the start of the parade.	10/07/1919
MS474_07	View of the State Capitol Building as seen from the top of the old U.S. Courthouse/Post Office building. The statue of Ceres is missing from the top of the dome, which dates this image to before 10/29/1924. There are cars in the parking lot. (See also MS411_001 and RG005 SOS Pubs Vanishing MO II Box 17 F. 28 for similar images. See MS509 for a slightly modified image.)	1920-1924