MANUSCRIPT COLLECTIONS
Mary Wilhite Jefferson City Photograph Collection

Abstract: Copies of photographs documenting the construction of the Governor's Hotel, aka Hotel Governor, in Jefferson City as well as three additional images of Mitchell Hall, the Governor’s Mansion, and the Capitol Building.

Extent: 13 Images

Physical Description: Photographs; Negatives

Location: Missouri State Archives; Stacks

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Alternative Formats: TIFFs

Access Restrictions: None

Publication Restrictions: None; permission granted

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HISTORICAL AND BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

The donor’s father Leonard Johnson worked for Brunson Construction, which was based out of Cape Girardeau, MO. Brunson received one of the contracts to build the Hotel Governor in Jefferson City, which was designed by or for William C. Berberich of St. Louis. Construction began at 200 Madison Street in March 1941 and was completed in 1942. Construction was briefly halted during the summer of 1941 because of a steel workers’ strike in St. Louis. The building opened for business on September 4, 1942.
Hotel Governor was abandoned in 1988. The State of Missouri acquired it in 1993 and renovated it, turning it into state offices. The State Public Service Commission takes up a majority of the space.

During Johnson’s time in Jefferson City, the Construction Company was also contracted to build Mitchell Hall on the campus of Lincoln University.

**ADDITIONAL DESCRIPTIVE INFORMATION**

**Related Collections**

- MS064 David Denman Photograph Collection
- MS266 Historic City of Jefferson Collection
- MS272 Ehrhardt Photograph Collection
- MS297 Mark Schreiber Photograph Collection
- MS314 Tom Sater Capital City Collection
- MS315 Lynn Shaffer Jefferson City Photograph Collection
- MS317 Duke Diggs Jefferson City Photograph Collection
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- MS360 Dr. Arnold G. Parks Jefferson City Postcard Collection
- MS369 Bob Priddy Collection
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- MS394 Priesmeyer Shoe Factory Photograph Collection
- MS399 Bill Fannin Jefferson City Photograph Collection
- MS400 Gary Kremer Jefferson City Photograph Collection
- MS402 Jefferson City Circus Photograph Collection
- MS421 Henry Gensky Photograph Collection
- MS426 Jefferson City News Tribune Photograph
- MS433 Dr. Joseph Summers Collection
- MS463 Jefferson City Photographs by Kendal Mertens
- MS467 Ott Construction Company Photograph Collection
- MS479 Joe Kleene Photograph Collection
- MS482 Martha Rutledge Jefferson City Photograph Collection
- RG106 Department of Higher Education

**Additional External Resources**

SERIES

Photographs, 1941-1943

Scope and Content

This series contains 5”x7” copy photographs and matching 4”x5” copy negatives of originals retained by the donor. Images cover the construction of Hotel Governor and Mitchell Hall (Lincoln University) as well as the Governor’s Mansion and the Capitol Building. All photographs have been digitized and are on Manuscript DVD #8 in Reference. Image 19 is also on the Z Drive.

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