

# Missouri State Archives

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### Office of Secretary of State

### Dwight H. Brown, 1933-1944

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### Historical and Biographical Notes

Dwight Huber Brown was born on January 12, 1887 in Benton, Scott County, Missouri. He worked as the editor of the *Poplar Bluff Evening Citizen* before being elected to the Missouri Senate in 1924. In 1928 he was nominated by the Democratic party for Secretary of State but was defeated by Charles Becker. He was nominated for Secretary of State again in 1932, and won. He was reelected in 1936 and 1940. He died at his home

in Poplar Bluff on May 8, 1944 while serving his third term. Governor Donnell appointed Gregory C. Stockard to finish the term.

Dwight H. Brown married Mrs. Katherine Arrendale of Poplar Bluff in 1929. He is buried in Woodlawn Cemetery in Poplar Bluff.

## **Additional Descriptive Information**

### **Bibliography**

*Official Manual of the State of Missouri* (Jefferson City, MO: Office of Secretary of State, legislative years, 1943-1944), pp. 17.

### **Other Finding Aids**

RG3.38 Governor Guy Brasfield Park, 1933-1937  
RG3.39 Governor Lloyd Crow Stark, 1937-1941  
RG3.40 Governor Forrest C. Donnell, 1941-1945  
RG000.005 Secretary of State, State Documents  
RG5.27 1943-1944 Convention  
RG250 State Planning Board  
RG321 State Building Commission  
RG325 State Board of Equalization

### **Related Material**

Brown, Dwight H. (1887-1944), Papers, 1938-1940, State Historical Society of Missouri  
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### **Series**

The records of Secretary Brown are broken down into the below series which for ease of use, are listed in this document in alphabetical order:

Commissioners of Public Printing, 1937-1942  
Constitutional Convention, 1922-1943  
Motor Vehicle Department, 1937-1942  
State Board of Equalization, 1935-1942  
State Building Commission, 1941-1943  
State Planning Board, 1938-1943  
Subject Files, 1933-1941

## Commissioners of Public Printing, 1937-1942

*Extent:* 42 folders

*Arrangement:* Alphabetical

### Scope and Content

Internal documents, correspondence, memos, and notes relating to the Commissioners of Public Printing. Mostly concerned with the state printing contract for 1941-1942, and issues of paper shortages and rationing during World War II.

### Container List

BOX	FOLDER	CONTENTS	Date
1	1	Affidavits of publication	1934
1	2	Affidavits of publication	1936
1	3	Affidavits of publication	1937
1	4	Affidavits of publication	1939
1	5	Affidavits of publication	1940
1	6	Bidding contract with Midland Printing Company [Photostat]	July 11, 1940
1	7	Calls for bids for state binding and ruling contract	1937-1942
1	8	Corrections, possibly to meeting minutes	Circa 1940
1	9	Correspondence	June, 1940
1	10	Correspondence	July, 1940
1	11	Correspondence	August, 1940
1	12	Correspondence	November, 1940
1	13	Correspondence	May, 1941

BOX	FOLDER	CONTENTS	Date
1	14	Correspondence	November, 1941
1	15	Correspondence	January, 1942
1	16	Correspondence	March, 1942
1	17	Correspondence	April, 1942
1	18	Correspondence	May, 1942
1	19	Correspondence	June, 1942
1	20	Correspondence	September, 1942
1	21	Correspondence with newspapers regarding printing legal notices	1937-1941
1	22	Correspondence with paper companies regarding proposed paper contract beginning July 1, 1942	June 2, 1942
1	23	Draft regarding Attorney General investigation into petitions for unicameral legislature	July 17, 1942
1	24	Handwritten notes	n.d.
1	25	Supreme Court case In re. Irving Alderson, Bernard Von Hoffmann, George Von Hoffmann and Paul Weke, petition for writ of mandamus	May term, 1940
1	26	In re. printing contract – transcript of meeting between Commissioners and The Von Hoffmann Press	July 1, 1940

<b>BOX</b>	<b>FOLDER</b>	<b>CONTENTS</b>	<b>Date</b>
1	27	Instructions for submitting sealed proposals for binding and ruling, July 1, 1941-June 30, 1942	1941-1942
1	28	Invoices	1940
1	29	Meeting minutes	1940
1	30	Memo to Commissioners of Public Printing	n.d.
1	31	Miscellaneous drafts	n.d.
1	32	Modus operandi, purchase of printing by executive departments	March 16, 1942
1	33	Press clippings	1941-1942
1	34	Press releases	1940
1	35	Prices for folding, stitching, gathering, and trimming pamphlets	n.d.
1	36	Receipts	1942
1	37	Requisition for printing and binding form	n.d.
1	38	Resolution regarding Midland Printing Company	Circa July 1, 1940
1	39	Resolution regarding state printing contracts	July 1, 1940
1	40	Sample printing, proposed amendments to the Constitution of Missouri	Circa 1942
1	41	Specifications and instructions for paper for state printing for years 1941-1942	1941-1942

<b>BOX</b>	<b>FOLDER</b>	<b>CONTENTS</b>	<b>Date</b>
1	42	Summary of printing and binding costs of all state departments	November, 1941- March, 1943

## Constitutional Convention, 1922-1943

*Extent:* 24 folders

*Arrangement:* Alphabetical

### Scope and Content

Correspondence, document drafts, certificates of nomination, and notes regarding the 1943-1944 Constitutional Convention. Includes correspondence and documents regarding the 1921-1922 convention.

### Container List

BOX	FOLDER	CONTENTS	Date
1	43	Are delegates at-large to the Constitutional Convention state officers?	n.d.
1	44	Brief of the State-Wide Committee for the Revisions of the Missouri Constitution for the Consideration of the Governor	August 26, 1942
1	45	Certificates of nomination, blank	1943
1	46	Certificate of nomination A. Evans Hughes, 25 <sup>th</sup> Senatorial District	February 25, 1943
1	47	Constitutional ballot, special election	April 6, 1943
1	48	Correspondence	February, 1942
1	49	Correspondence	September, 1942
1	50	Correspondence	November, 1942
1	51	Correspondence	January, 1943

BOX	FOLDER	CONTENTS	Date
1	52	Correspondence	February, 1943
2	1	Correspondence	March, 1943
2	2	Draft instructions to voters	n.d.
2	3	Draft regarding general primary law	August 28, 1940
2	4	Draft regarding nominating candidates	n.d.
2	5	Election returns for delegates	September 21, 1943
2	6	Handwritten notes	n.d.
2	7	Instructions for nominating delegates-at-large	n.d.
2	8	In the matter of objections to certificate of nomination of E. Evans Hughes as Democratic delegate from the 25 <sup>th</sup> Senatorial District	March 3, 1943
OB 1	4	Official ballot	April 6, 1943
2	9	Official canvass of votes for delegates-at-large	April 20, 1943
2	10	Official tabulation of votes for district delegates	April 20, 1943
2	11	Party emblems	March 10, 1943
2	12	Press clippings	1943
2	13	Procedure for constitutional convention election [photostat]	February 18, 1943



BOX	FOLDER	CONTENTS	Date
2	14	Regarding 1921-1922 constitutional convention, information from the State Historical Society	1942
2	15	Regarding candidates from the 19 <sup>th</sup> Senatorial District	1943
2	16	Sample ballot for delegates-at-large	April 6, 1943
2	17	Supreme Court State ex rel Frank Catron vs. Dwight Brown, petition for writ of mandamus	March 22, 1943
2	18	Supreme Court order denying writ of mandamus [first page missing]	n.d.
2	19	Tabulation showing official vote for and against proposed Constitutional amendment providing effective date of laws of the General Assembly	April 20, 1943
2	20	Unofficial lists of candidates	n.d.
2	21	Unofficial list of delegates	n.d.
2	22	Unofficial tabulation of signers required per senatorial district	n.d.

## Motor Vehicle Department, 1937-1942

*Extent:* 4 folders

*Arrangement:* Alphabetical

### Scope and Content

Correspondence and memorandum concerning the Motor Vehicle Department. Mostly regarding issues with sending applications for motor vehicle and driver's licenses through the United States Postal Service.

### Container List

BOX	FOLDER	CONTENTS	Date
2	23	Correspondence	1937
2	24	Correspondence regarding license plates for motor vehicles	1942
2	25	General limitation order L-32 regarding metallic license plates	March 18, 1942
2	26	Memorandum concerning transmissions of applications for motor vehicle licenses and driver's licenses	Circa 1937

## State Board of Equalization, 1935-1942

*Extent:* 31 folders

*Arrangement:* Alphabetical

### Scope and Content

Internal documents, correspondence, memos, and notes relating to the State Board of Equalization. The State Board of Equalization hears appeals from corporations and property owners regarding state tax assessments.

### Container List

BOX	FOLDER	CONTENTS	Date
2	27	61 CJ p 757 [possibly an extract from <i>Corpus Juris: Being a Complete and Systematic State of the Whole Body of the Law</i> , Volume 61, page 757, regarding State Boards of Equalization]	n.d.
2	28	Assessment of franchises and intangibles of public utilities	January 6, 1942
4	1	Assessment of pipeline companies, electric light and transmission companies, telegraph companies, telephone companies, street railway companies, railroad companies, and bridge companies by State Tax Commission as of June 1, 1942	1942
2	29	Action of State Board of Equalization of utilities property in 1935	1935
2	30	Amended and supplemental petition for 10% reduction in assessed valuation of St. Louis real estate for 1943 taxes	April 5, 1943
2	31	Correspondence	May, 1942
2	32	Correspondence	January, 1943

BOX	FOLDER	CONTENTS	Date
2	33	Correspondence	March, 1943
2	34	Correspondence	April, 1943
2	35	Correspondence	September, 1943
2	36	Correspondence	November, 1943
2	37	In the matter of Sears, Roebuck and Company, file #69	1942
4	2	Land [county map with numbers, possibly tax assessments, in each county]	1942
4	3	Land [county map with numbers, possibly tax assessments, in each county]	1943
2	38	Meeting notices	1942
2	39	Memorandum in support regarding assessment of property of Cairo Bridge Commission	April 14, 1943
2	40	Miscellaneous notes	n.d.
2	41	Missouri assessments of traffic bridges by year	1935-1942
2	42	Perfected Senate Bill #16, 62 <sup>nd</sup> General Assembly	1943
2	43	Petition and argument in behalf of Kansas City in Support of an increase in the proposed valuation of Kansas City Power and Light Company	n.d.

BOX	FOLDER	CONTENTS	Date
2	44	Petition and argument in behalf of Kansas City in support of an increase in the proposed valuation of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company	n.d.
2	45	Photostat of last page of letter from Tyre W. Burton, Assistant Attorney General	July 30, 1941
2	46	Press clippings	1943
2	47	Recommendations of the State Tax Commission as to values as of June 1, 1941	1941
2	48	Recommendations of the State Tax Commission as to values as of June 1, 1942	1942
2	49	Regarding four properties in North Kansas City: Canada Dry Building, Goodyear Building, National Bellas Hess Building, Pepsi Cola Building	n.d.
4	4	Regarding valuation of the Cairo Bridge Company	1942
2	50	Senate Resolution 44, 62 <sup>nd</sup> General Assembly	April 12, 1943
2	51	Statement of governor to regional conferences of state board and county officers	Circa 1943
2	52	SC36505 State ex rel St. Louis Union Trust Company vs. State Tax Commission and State Board of Equalization, writ of certiorari	March 2, 1943
2	53	SC38892 State ex rel Cairo Bridge Commission vs. State Tax Commission and State Board of Equalization	December 7, 1943

## State Building Commission, 1941-1943

*Extent:* 24 folders

*Arrangement:* Alphabetical

### Scope and Content

Internal documents, correspondence, memos, notes, relating to the State Building Commission. Mostly regarding issues with the eleemosynary institutions, particularly the Fulton State Hospital.

### Container List

BOX	FOLDER	CONTENTS	Date
3	1	Correspondence	January, 1942
3	2	Correspondence	February, 1942
3	3	Correspondence	March, 1942
3	4	Correspondence	May, 1942
3	5	Correspondence	June, 1942
3	6	Correspondence	July, 1942
3	7	Correspondence	1942
3	8	Correspondence	February, 1943
3	9	Correspondence	September, 1943
3	10	Correspondence	October, 1943
3	11	Correspondence	November, 1943

BOX	FOLDER	CONTENTS	Date
3	12	Correspondence with the Public Works Administration regarding docket 5131-1	February 26, 1942
3	13	Draft letter to Governor Donnell regarding Public Works Administration grant bases	May 14, 1942
3	14	Drafts of untitled, undated letter or report regarding issues with Public Works Administration	n.d.
3	15	Meeting minutes	1941
3	16	Meeting minutes	1942
3	17	Meeting minutes	1943
3	18	Meeting notices	1942-1943
3	19	Press clippings	1943
3	20	Present status of amounts excluded from grant base claimed on docket 5131-1	May 13, 1942
3	21	Public Works Reserve prospectus forms and instructions, construction	1942
3	22	Public Works Reserve prospectus forms, non-construction	n.d.
3	23	Report of Committee to Investigate Eleemosynary Institutions	May 21, 1943
3	24	Report of negotiations with the Public Works Administration regarding dockets 5131-1 and 1460-F	May 13, 1942

## State Planning Board, 1938-1943

*Extent:* 14 folders

*Arrangement:* Alphabetical

### Scope and Content

Reports, correspondence, meeting minutes, and memorandum relating to the State Planning Board. The State Planning Board worked with the National Resources Planning Board to plan use of state resources and priorities.

### Container List

BOX	FOLDER	CONTENTS	Date
3	25	Arkansas Valley Authority	1942-1943
3	26	Correspondence	1942
3	27	Correspondence	1943
3	28	Meeting minutes	1942
3	29	Meeting notices	1942-1943
3	30	Memorandum in reference to relief expenditures in the area covered by Missouri-Souris Project investigations	November 16, 1942
3	31	Missouri State Parks	1938-1942
3	32	Post war planning	1942-1943
3	33	Problems in Areas Adjacent to Camp Crowder report	1941
3	34	Public Work Reserve	1942



BOX	FOLDER	CONTENTS	Date
3	35	Report of the Missouri delegation to the meeting of Lower Missouri Drainage Basin Committee D	July 21, 1942
3	36	<i>Saint Louis After World War II</i> , by the St. Louis Missouri City Plan Commission	1942
3	37	Senate Bill 29	1943

## Subject Files, 1933-1941

*Extent:* 5 folders

*Arrangement:* Alphabetical

### Scope and Content

Correspondence, memos, proceedings, and internal notes.

### Container List

BOX	FOLDER	CONTENTS	Date
3	38	Central Missouri Trust Company	1934-1935
3	39	Correspondence regarding the Board of Education	November, 1941
3	40	First National Bank of Butler	1934
3	41	Handwritten notes	n.d.
3	42	Notes regarding Supreme Court cases	1939
3	43	Proceedings of convention called in accordance with the proclamation of the governor of the State of Missouri to consider and act upon the ratification of the amendment of the United States Constitution providing for the repeal of the 18 <sup>th</sup> amendment	August 29, 1933
3	44	Report detailing the duties and offices of the Secretary of State	Circa 1940
4	5	United States House Joint Resolution 184 "Child Labor Act" red letter	January 31, 1935