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Finding Aid 5.67

Office of Secretary of State

Judith Moriarty, 1993-1994

Abstract: Records (1959-1995, bulk 1993-1994) of Secretary of State Judith Moriarty (1942-).

Extent: 16.0 cubic ft. (32 Hollinger boxes, 2 oversize boxes, 1 sleeve of photographs).

Record Description: Paper, VHS tapes, Beta-cam, Photographs.

Alternative Formats: None.

Location: Missouri State Archives.

Administrative Information

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Historical and Biographical Notes

Judith K. Moriarty was born on February 2, 1942 in Fairfield, Missouri to Earl and Blanch Spry. She had four sisters (Geraldine, Betty, Earlene, and Connie) and one brother (Steven). She graduated from high school in Warsaw, Missouri in 1959 and

attended Central Missouri State University in Warrensburg, Missouri. Moriarty is married to Harv Ebers and has three children, Derek, Michael, and Timothy.

Moriarty settled in Sedalia, Missouri and became active in state and local politics. Governor Teasdale appointed her to the local license fee office in 1977. In 1982, she was elected county clerk of Pettis County and re-elected in 1986 and 1990. In 1992, Moriarty ran for Missouri Secretary of State, winning a four-way primary. She won the general election against John Hancock to become the 34th Missouri Secretary of State and the first woman to hold the office.

Moriarty pushed for voter registration and participation during her term by supporting legislation in the Missouri General Assembly that allowed voter registration by postcard. This legislation passed in the 1993 General Assembly. She is also known during her term for changing the color of the Official Manual (called the Blue Book) from its traditional color of blue to mauve, as a tribute to women in Missouri politics.

Moriarty's term as Secretary was filled with controversy, with accusations of improper financial practices, cronyism, and harassment of employees. The accusation that triggered calls for impeachment involved her allegedly using her position as Secretary to help her son file for political office after the deadline for filing had already passed and back-dating a form issued by the office. Governor Carnahan called a special session on September 22, 1994 to consider impeachment. On October 6, 1994, the House, with bipartisan votes, voted to impeach on three charges and Moriarty was replaced by Richard Hanson as interim Secretary of State. Moriarty, despite these votes, refused to resign citing that she had done nothing wrong. She was officially suspended on October 12, 1994. She challenged the suspension in front of the Missouri Supreme Court. On December 12, 1994 the Missouri Supreme Court voted unanimously that Moriarty had committed impeachable offenses and that her removal from office was permanent. Governor Carnahan appointed Rebecca Cook as her successor.

After impeachment, Moriarty attempted to get back into Missouri politics. She considered running again for Secretary of State in 1996, but decided against it. In 1998, she ran for the Democratic nomination for Pettis County Recorder of Deeds. In 2002, she ran for the Missouri House seat representing Sedalia, but lost in the general election. In 2005, she switched parties, leaving the Democratic Party for the Libertarian Party, and reportedly considered running for governor in 2008 but did not meet the filing deadline.

Additional Descriptive Information

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Series

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Audio-Visual Files, 1993-1994

Extent: .8 cubic ft (1 oversize box)

Arrangement: Alphabetical

Scope and Content

This series contains various media produced by the administration or concerning it. Of note, it contains the entirety of the impeachment hearing in 1994.

Container List

Box	Contents	Format	Date
OB1	Legislative Video Information Services, Monthly Programs	VHS	Feb. 1993
OB1	Moriarty Impeachment Hearing Tapes (9/22/1994-10/06/1994) (18 tapes)	VHS	1994
OB1	Moriarty State Manual Presentation (01/20/1994)	Betacam	1994
OB1	Press Conference (10/21/1993)	Betacam	1993

Correspondence, 1993-1995

Extent: 1.6 cubic ft (4 Hollinger boxes)

Arrangement: Alphabetical, then chronological

Scope and Content

This series contains various correspondence to and from the Secretary's office. Of note are separate files for Constituent and General correspondence that were maintained with different organizational structures, Constituent being alphabetical and General being chronological.

Container List

Box	Folder	Contents	Date
23	1-2	Anniversary Wishes	1994
23	3	Constituent Correspondence	1994-1995
23	4	Constituent Correspondence	1993
23	5	Constituent Correspondence A	1994
23	6	Constituent Correspondence B	1994
23	7	Constituent Correspondence C	1994
23	8	Constituent Correspondence D	1994
23	9	Constituent Correspondence E	1994
23	10	Constituent Correspondence F	1994
23	11	Constituent Correspondence G	1994
23	12	Constituent Correspondence H	1994
23	13	Constituent Correspondence J	1994
23	14	Constituent Correspondence K	1994
23	15	Constituent Correspondence L	1994
23	16	Constituent Correspondence M	1994
23	17	Constituent Correspondence N	1994
24	1	Constituent Correspondence P	1994
24	2	Constituent Correspondence Q	1994
24	3	Constituent Correspondence R	1994
24	4	Constituent Correspondence S	1994
24	5	Constituent Correspondence T	1994
24	6	Constituent Correspondence V	1994
24	7	Constituent Correspondence W	1994
24	8	Constituent Correspondence X-Z	1994
24	9-10	Drop-by Letters	1993-1994
24	11	Elected Officials	1993
24	12-13	General	1993-1994
24	14	General, December	1992
24	15	General: January	1993

Box	Folder	Contents	Date
24	16	General: February	1993
25	1	General: March	1993
25	2	General, April	1993
25	3	General, May	1993
25	4	General, June	1993
25	5	General, July	1993
25	6	General, August	1993
25	7	General, September	1993
25	8	General, October	1993
25	9	General, November	1993
25	10	General, December	1993
25	11	General: January	1994
26	1	General: February	1994
26	2-3	General: March	1994
26	4-5	General, April	1994
26	6	General, May (1 of 2)	1994
27	1	General, May (2 of 2)	1994
27	2	General, June	1994
27	3	General, July	1994
27	4	Government Officials	1992-1994
27	5	Letters of Congratulations	1993
27	6	Letters of Recommendation	1993
27	7	Office Correspondence	1993-1994
27	8	Out of State Requests	1994
27	9	Requests	1993-1994
27	10	Thank You Letters	1993-1994
27	11	US Congress	1993

Daily Schedule, 1993-1994

Extent: 2 cubic ft (5 Hollinger boxes)

Arrangement: Chronological

Scope and Content

This series contains the Secretary's weekly schedule from 1993-1994.

Container List

Box	Folder	Contents	Date
29	1	January 11 – 17	1993
29	2	January 18 – 24	1993
29	3	January 25 – 31	1993
29	4	February 1 – 7	1993
29	5	February 8 – 14	1993
29	6	February 15 – 21	1993
29	7	February 22 – 28	1993
29	8	March 1 – 7	1993
29	9	March 8 – 14	1993
29	10	March 15 – 21	1993
29	11	March 22 – 28	1993
29	12	March 29 – April 4	1993
29	13	April 5 – 11	1993
29	14	April 12 – 18	1993
29	15	April 19 – 25	1993
29	16	April 26 – May 2	1993
29	17	May 3 – 9	1993
29	18	May 10 – 16	1993
29	19	May 17 – 23	1993
29	20	May 24 – 30	1993
30	1	May 31 – June 6	1993
30	2	June 7 – 13	1993
30	3	June 14 – 20	1993
30	4	June 21 – 27	1993
30	5	June 28 – July 4	1993
30	6	July 5 – 11	1993
30	7	July 12 – 18	1993
30	8	July 19 – 25	1993
30	9	July 26 – August 1	1993
30	10	August 2 – 8	1993
30	11	August 9 – 15	1993
30	12	August 16 – 22	1993

Box	Folder	Contents	Date
30	13	August 23 – 29	1993
30	14	August 30 – September 5	1993
30	15	September 6 – 12	1993
30	16	September 13 – 19	1993
30	17	September 20 – 26	1993
30	18	September 27 – October 3	1993
30	19	October 4 – 10	1993
30	20	October 11 – 17	1993
31	1	October 18 – 24	1993
31	2	October 25 – 31	1993
31	3	November 1 – 7	1993
31	4	November 8 – 14	1993
31	5	November 15 – 21	1993
31	6	November 22 – 28	1993
31	7	November 29 – December 5	1993
31	8	December 6 – 12	1993
31	9	December 13 – 19	1993
31	10	December 20 – 26	1993
31	11	December 27 – January 2	1993-1994
31	12	January 3 – 9	1994
31	13	January 10 – 16	1994
31	14	January 17 – 23	1994
31	15	January 24 – 30	1994
31	16	January 31 – February 6	1994
31	17	February 7 – 13	1994
31	18	February 14 – 20	1994
31	19	February 21 – 27	1994
32	1	February 28 – March 6	1994
32	2	March 7 – 13	1994
32	3	March 14 – 20	1994
32	4	March 21 – 27	1994
32	5	March 28 – April 3	1994
32	6	April 4 – 10	1994
32	7	April 11 – 17	1994
32	8	April 18 – 24	1994
32	9	April 25 – May 1	1994
32	10	May 2 – 9	1994
32	11	May 9 – 15	1994
32	12	May 16 – 22	1994
32	13	May 23 – 29	1994
32	14	May 30 – June 5	1994
32	15	June 6 – 12	1994
32	16	June 13 – 19	1994
32	17	June 20 – 26	1994

Box	Folder	Contents	Date
32	18	June 27 – July 3	1994
32	19	July 4 – 10	1994
32	20	July 11 – 17	1994
32	21	July 18 – 24	1994
32	22	July 25 – 31	1994
33	1	August 1 – 7	1994
33	2	August 8 – 14	1994
33	3	August 15 – 21	1994
33	4	August 22 – 28	1994
33	5	August 29 – September 4	1994
33	6	September 5 – 11	1994
33	7	September 12 – 18	1994
33	8	September 19 – 25	1994
33	9	September 26 – October 2	1994
33	10	October 3 – 9	1994
33	11	October 10 – 16	1994
33	12	October 17 – 23	1994
33	13	October 24 – 30	1994
33	14	October 31 – November 6	1994

Reports, 1993-1994

Extent: 1 cubic ft (1 Hollinger box)

Arrangement: Alphabetical

Scope and Content

This series is comprised of reports delivered to the Secretary of State Office concerning issues under the purview of the Secretary.

Container List

Box	Folder	Contents	Date
28	1	Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy Report	1993
28	2	Federal Election Commission Annual Report	1992
28	3	Kauffman Foundation	1993
28	4	Missouri Market Share	1993
28	5	Missouri Population Projections	1994
28	6	State Restrictions on Landownership	1992
28	7-8	"Visions of Hope" St. Louis Empowerment Zone Neighborhoods	1994

Subject Files, 1959-1994

Extent: 10.2 cubic ft (22 Hollinger boxes, 1 folder, and 1 Oversized box)

Arrangement: Alphabetical

Scope and Content

This series contains topical files covering a variety of subjects during the administration.

Box 12, folder 10 Legal is closed due to attorney work product per RSMO 610.021.

Container List

Box	Folder	Contents	Date
1	1	1993 Flood Aftermath	1993
1	2-3	1993 Flood Relief Effort	1993
1	4	1993 Prospects University of Missouri	1993
1	5	1994 Office Objectives	1994
1	6	Administrative Rules	1994
1	7	Americans with Disabilities Act	1990
2	1	Archives	1993-1994
2	2	Articles	1988-1994
2	3	Articles of Impeachment	1994
2	4	Attorney General	1993-1994
2	5	Barton County	1994
2	6	Benton Murals	n.d.
2	7	Bill Clinton	1993
2	8	Bill Tracking 1993	1993
2	9-10	Bill Tracking 1994	1994
2	11	Biography	1993
2	12	Birthday Letters (Office)	1993
2	13	Black History	1959-1990
2	14	Bob Holden	1993
2	15	Boys State Publications	1993
2	16	Budget	1994
2	17	Budget Request 1995	1994
3	1	Budget, Missouri FY 1995	1995
3	2	Business Services	1994
3	3	Calendars	1993
3	4	Campaign Contribution Limits	1992-1994
3	5	Capitol Fire Anniversary	1986
3	6	Capitol Report	1993

Box	Folder	Contents	Date
3	7	Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital	1993
3	8	Carolyn Smith File	1993-1994
3	9	Certifications (Initiative petition)	1994
3	10	Chamber of Commerce	1994
3	11	China Trip	1994
3	12	Christmas Cards	n.d.
3	13-14	Clippings	1992-1993
3	15	Commencement Speeches	1993
3	16	Conservation	1994
3	17	Cookbook	1993
3	18	Cookbooks	1991
3	19	Corporations	1993-1994
3	20	Council of State Governments	1993-1994
4	1	Council on Governmental Ethics Laws	1993
4	2	County Issues	1993
4	3	County Record	1993
4	4	Debra Tatkov	1992-1993
4	5	Democratic National Committee	1993
4	6	Department of Economic Development	n.d.
4	7	Disney	1994
4	8	Division Mission Statements	1994
4	9	Eagle Scouts	1990-1994
4	10	Election Services	1994
4	11	Elections	1993-1994
4	12	Elections	1993-1994
4	13	Employment Requests	1993
4	14	Ethiopian Project	1994
5	1-5	Events	1993-1994
6	1-6	Events	1993-1994
7	1-6	Events	1993-1994
8	1-4	Events	1993-1994
9	1-5	Events	1993-1994
10	1	Fair Employment "Ireland"	1993
10	2	Federal Election Commission	1993
10	3	Federal Voting Assistance Program	1994
10	4	Files of Freda McKee	1993-1994
10	5	Files of Jim Kolb	1993
10	6	Files of John Lyng	1993
10	7	Files of Ken Winn	1993-1994
10	8	Files of Randy Sparks	1993
10	9	Files of Secretaries to SoS	1993

Box	Folder	Contents	Date
10	10	Financial Disclosures (Moriarty)	1992
10	11	Flag Requests	1991-1992
10	12	Flood	1993
10	13	Franchise Tax	1993
10	14	Friends of Missouri State Archives	1993-1994
10	15	Friends of the Missouri State Archives Board of Directors Meeting	1994
10	16	"Frustrated Federalism"	1994
10	17	Ft. Leonard Wood	1990-1992
10	18	"Good News"	1994
11	1	Greater Missouri Leadership Program	1994
11	2	Harry S. Truman Memorial Veterans Hospital	n.d.
11	3	Health Care	1993-1994
11	4	Impeachment	1994
11	5	Initiative Petitions (Other States)	1993
11	6	Innovations in Election Administration	1992
11	7	International Foundation for Electoral Systems	1994
11	8-10	Investigation of the Office of Secretary of State (Parts 1-3)	1994
12	1-2	Investigation of the Office of Secretary of State (Parts 4-5)	1994
12	3	Invitations	1994
12	4	Iron Workers	1993
12	5	Jay Nixon	1994
12	6	Joe Carroll	1993-1994
12	7	Judith K. Moriarty	1993-1994
12	8	Leadership Missouri	1993-1994
12	9	League of Women Voters	1993
12	10	Legal (Closed)	1993-1994
12	11	Legislative Research	1995
12	12	Liberty Publications	1993
12	13	Libraries	1993-1994
13	1	Library	1994
13	2	Library Remarks	1993
13	3-4	Literacy Investment for Tomorrow	1994
13	5	Local Records	1993-1994
13	6	Lynn Morrow	1993
13	7	Madonna Laws	1993
13	8	Mailroom	1994

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13	9	Management Re-organization Study	1994
13	10	Margaret Kelly	1992-1993
14	1	Mel Carnahan	1993
14	2	Memos	1993-1994
14	3	Misconduct (Notary)	1993-1994
14	4	Missouri "1 st Vote"	1993-1994
14	5	Missouri Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Task Force	1990-1993
14	6	Missouri Botanical Garden	1994
14	7	Missouri Commission on Human Rights	1992-1993
14	8	Missouri Council on Economic Education	1993-1994
14	9	Missouri Department of Corrections	1993
14	10	Missouri Election Authorities Conference	1993
14	11-12	Missouri Election Reporting Service (MERS)	1992-1994
14	13	Missouri Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs	1993
14	14	Missouri Historical Records Advisory Board	1993
14	15	Missouri Innovations Center	1993
14	16	Missouri Lottery	1993
14	17	Missouri Manual Essay	n.d.
15	1	Missouri Manuel	1993-1994
15	2	Missouri Sheriff's Association	1993
15	3	Missouri State Democratic Party	1993-1994
15	4	Missouri State Fair	1993-1994
15	5	Missouri State Flag Bill	1988
15	6	MO Women's History	1994
15	7	"Missouri Women in Political Life"	1993
15	8	Monthly Activity Report	1993
15	9	Moriarty Biographic Information	1993-1994
15	10	National and Community Service Act	1993
15	11-13	National Association of Secretaries of State	1993-1995
16	1	National Health Care	1993-1994
16	2	National Student/Parent Mock Elections	1993
16	3	National Voter Registration Act of 1993	1993-1994

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OB2		National Voter Registration Week Promotional Poster	1994
16	4	News Releases	1993
16	5	Newsletters	1994
16	6	Office Files	1993
16	7	Office Organization	1993
16	8-9	Official State Manual	1993
16	10	Oklahoma	1993
16	11	Operations Manuel	1994
16	12	Organizational Structure	1994
16	13	Out of State Flag Requests	1989-1990
16	14	Outstanding Schools Act	1993
17	1	Pace v. Moriarty	1994
17	2	Personal	1993
17	3	Personnel Material (Booklets)	1990-1993
17	4	Political Cartoon	n.d.
17	5	Position Duties	1992
17	6	Postcard Registration	1992
17	7-8	Press Releases	1990-1994
17	9	Proclamation Drafts	1993
17	10	Public Defenders Office	1993
17	11	Publications	1990-1994
17	12	Quitclaim Deed	1993
17	13	Randy Sparks (Citizen Correspondence)	1993
17	14	Randy Sparks (General Counsel) (Closed)	1985-1994
18	1-2	Randy Sparks (General Counsel) (Closed)	1991-1995
18	3	Recipes	n.d.
18	4	Records	1993
18	5	Records Center	1994
18	6	Resignation material	1994
18	7	Rural Health Care	1993-1994
18	8	Rural Missouri	1994
18	9	Salary Compensation Schedules	1994
18	10-12	Schedule	1993-1994
19	1	School Tours	1986
19	2	Secretary of State/Georgia	1993
19	3	Secretary of State/Oklahoma	1993
19	4-5	Securities	1994-1995
19	6	SoS Job Appointments	1993-1994
19	7	SoS Publications	1994
19	8	SoS State Vehicles	1993

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19	9	South Carolina	1993
19	10	Southwest Baptist University	1993
19	11	Special Committee on Impeachment Proceedings	1994
19	12	Speech Materials	1993-1994
19	13	Speeches	1993-1994
19	14	Sports Hall of Fame	1993
19	15	St. Louis City Election Board	1993
19	16	St. Louis Clergy Coalition	1993
20	1	St. Louis Empowerment Zone Proposal	1994
20	2	St. Patrick's Day	1993
20	3	Staff	1993-1994
20	4	State Archives	1988
20	5	State Elections	1994
20	6	State Fair Poll	1992-1994
20	7	State Government Benefits	1993
20	8	State Historical Society of Missouri	1993
20	9	State Holidays	1993
20	10	State Libraries	1992-1994
20	11	State Library	1994
21	1-2	State Library	1993
21	3	State Records Agenda	1994
21	4-5	State Seal	1985-1990
21	6	State Seal Pins	1993
Vault		State Seal Slides	n.d.
21	7	Stationary	1993
21	8	Steve Ahrens	1993-1994
21	9	Stu Dunkel	1993
21	10	Supreme Court Cases	1993
21	11	Talking points for University of Missouri Teleconference	1993
22	1	Truman Day Dinner	1993
22	2	Uniform Commercial Code	n.d.
22	3	Union Lakes	1993
22	4	United Ways	1993
22	5	University of Missouri Health Care	1994
22	6	University of Missouri-Columbia	n.d.
22	7	University of Missouri-Rolla	1993
22	8	University of Missouri-St. Louis	1993
22	9	US Olympic Festival	1994
22	10	Virginia Young	1993
OB2		Visitors Register	1993-1994
22	11	Volunteerism	1993

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22	12	Voting Legislation	1991-1993
22	13	“Who’s Who in America”	1993
22	14	Women Executives in State Government	1993
22	15	Women in Missouri History	1994
22	16	World Trade Club	1993