

Missouri State Archives

Finding Aid 133.5

OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL

RECORDS OF LEWIS MANNING MEANS, 1937-1941

Abstract: Records (1923-1937) of Missouri Adjutant General Lewis Manning Means (1890-1971) contain bills of lading, conference minutes, correspondence, maps and blueprints, memoranda, photographs, public announcements, reports, telegrams, teletype communication logs, troop rosters, and communications with state and federal officials.

Extent: .23 cubic feet, oversize items

Physical Description: Paper records and black and white photographs

Location: MSA stacks

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Alternative Formats: Oversize maps

Access Restrictions: No special restrictions.

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HISTORICAL AND BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

Lewis Manning Means was born July 15, 1890 in Montreal, Camden County, Missouri to Andrew Clemons Means and Rebecca Holder Means. He married Evangeline Boggs on August 19, 1917 in Fayette, Howard County.

Means served as captain of Troop F, Missouri State Highway Patrol from November 24, 1931 to April 30, 1933. He served as captain of Troop B from May 1, 1933 until he was appointed Missouri Adjutant General on January 12, 1937.

He resigned December 11, 1941 to join the U. S. Army at the onset of World War II. Means died June 8, 1971 in Fayette, Howard County, Missouri and is interred in Walnut Ridge Cemetery, Fayette.

ADDITIONAL DESCRIPTIVE INFORMATION

Bibliography

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[http://www.mshp.dps.mo.gov/MSHPWeb/PatrolDivisions/TroopHeadquarters/TroopB/documents/TroopBHistory_006.pdf] and "Troop F History"
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Official Manual of the State of Missouri, 1937-1938 (Jefferson City, Mo.: compiled and published by Dwight H. Brown, Secretary of State).

Official Manual of the State of Missouri, 1940-1941 (Jefferson City, Mo.: compiled and published by Dwight H. Brown, Secretary of State).

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Related Material

The National World War I Museum, Kansas City holds the John Lewis Barkley Collection which contains references to Lewis M. Means.

The State Historical Society of Missouri, Columbia holds the following collections which contain references to General Means:

C4	Lloyd Crow Stark (1886-1972) Papers, 1931-1941
C293	Lloyd Crow Stark (1886-1972) Papers, 1941-1972
C194	Forrest C. Donnell (1884-1980) Papers, 1941-1945

C796	Forrest C. Donnell (1884-1980) Senatorial Papers, 1945-1950
C2151	Phil M. Donnelly (Papers, 1944-1957
C2271	James Thomas Blair, Jr. (1902-1962) Papers, 1957-1961
C2466	George A Spencer (1906-1997) Papers, 1931-1963
C3000	Thomas C. Henning, Jr. (1903-1960) Papers, 1901-1960
C3302	Frederick A. Middlebush (1890-1971) Papers, 1932-1962

Harry S. Truman Presidential Library, Independence holds the Truman Papers which contain references to Means within the President's Personal Files.

[<http://www.trumanlibrary.org>]

SERIES

The records are broken down into the following series:

Correspondence, 1927-1937

Maps, 1923-1937

Photographs, 1937

CORRESPONDENCE, 1927-1937

Extent: .23 cubic feet

Arrangement: Chronological and thereunder alphabetical by surname or recipient.

Scope and Content

The series contains correspondence, bills of lading for relief supplies, conference minutes, signed and unsigned memoranda, public announcements, telegrams, teletype communication logs, Missouri National Guard troop rosters for soldiers who served in the relief effort, and communications from federal agencies including Harry L. Hopkins, administrator of the Works Progress Administration, U.S. Senator Harry S. Truman and Secretary of Agriculture Henry A. Wallace.

Folder 8 contains three reports created for W. C. Weeks pertaining to relief efforts during the 1927 Mississippi River flood. The reports were sent from Colonel James Totten on February 2, 1937 to Adjutant General Means and other military and federal officials.

Folder 10 contains minutes from a relief conference held on February 16, 1937 in Washington, D.C. between Harry L. Hopkins and state officials of Kentucky regarding federal aid available for all citizens affected by the flood. Also included is a study prepared by the Quartermaster General on emergency relief rations and methods of relief feeding.

Memoranda (folder 2) are arranged alphabetically by author if known and thereunder by recipient. Unsigned memoranda are filed together at the back of the folder.

Container List

Box	Folder	Date	Contents
1	1	Undated	Miscellaneous documents
1	2	1937	Memoranda
1	3	January 17-23, 1937	Letters, telegrams
1	4	January 24-25, 1937	Letters, memoranda, telegrams
1	5	January 26-28, 1937	Letters, memoranda
1	6	January 29, 1937	Letters, memoranda, teletype logs, telegrams
1	7	January 30-31, 1937	Letters, memoranda, rosters, telegrams, teletype logs
1	8	February 1-7, 1937	Letters, roster, reports, telegrams
1	9	February 8-15, 1937	Letters, public announcement, telegrams
1	10	February 16-26, 1937	Letters, conference minutes, memoranda, study
1	11	March 1937	Letters, telegrams, unsigned memoranda
1	12	April-November, 1937	Letters, memoranda, report, telegrams
1	13	1923-1937	Maps, oversize (moved to Map Case 3, folder 5)

MAPS, 1923-1937

Extent: 2 blueprints, 6 maps

Arrangement: Chronological

Scope and Content

Maps and blueprints of the Mississippi River from the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers pertaining to Birds Point-New Madrid Floodway. These oversize documents were moved to Map Case M Drawer 3. See box 1, folder 13 for separation sheet.

Container List

Folder	Date	Contents
5	No date	Map, Birds Point-New Madrid Floodway, gauges and discharge ranges; U. S. (Army Corps of) Engineer Office, Memphis, Tennessee
5	No date	Blueprints (2), Birds Point, New Madrid Floodway; includes detailed legend; scale indicated
5	December 1923	Maps (2) of the Little River Drainage District and adjacent territory, Office of Chief Engineer, U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, Cape Girardeau, Missouri
5	1930	Map, Alluvial Valley of the Mississippi River, preliminary edition; northern sheet, Memphis District; plan of the Army Corps of Engineers, prepared by the Mississippi River Commission
5	1936	Map, Mississippi River, High Water Organization; Army Corps of Engineers, First Field area; legend describes specific levee breaks and the danger involved for each
5	February 2, 1937	Map, Mississippi River, Birds Point New Madrid Floodway levee, St. Johns Bayou levee profile, Memphis Engineer District, U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, adopted project 1928; accompany high water situation report (1937-02-02); includes scale and flood crests from Cairo to Sunflower (written notes in pencil)

PHOTOGRAPHS, 1937

Extent: 5 black and white images

Arrangement: Chronological

Scope and Content

Photographs taken (possibly by Army Corps of Engineers) in 1937 during the Mississippi River flood in Mississippi County, Missouri. The images are four inches by five inches in size.

Container List

Box	Folder	Date	Contents
1	14	February 1937	Missouri Naval Militia armory buildings, St. Louis
1	14	1937	Boats on river, four span bridge in background
1	14	1937	Four men in flight gear, standing near airplane
1	14	1937	Mississippi County, Mo., flooded fields
1	14	1937	Mississippi County, Mo., three rowboats on flooded land; buildings in background with water to roofs