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LEGISLATOR PAPERS

EMORY MELTON, 1973-1997

Abstract: Papers (1972-1993) of Missouri State Senator Emory Melton (1923-2015) include correspondence, Jefferson City Reports, and Tourism Commission files.

Extent: 8.8 cubic ft. (22 Hollinger boxes)

Physical Description: Paper

Location: MSA Stacks

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Access Restrictions: No special restrictions.

Publication Restrictions: Copyright is in the public domain only for state publications and for correspondence to and from Melton in his official capacity. Researchers bear sole responsibility for following applicable copyright laws.

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HISTORICAL AND BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

Emory Melton was born in McDowell, Barry County, Missouri on June 20th, 1923. He became interested in politics after attending meetings with his father, who was the presiding commissioner of Barry County from 1932 to 1934. He graduated Verona High School in 1940 and from there attended Monett Jr. College, Southwest Missouri State University, and ultimately the Law School of the University of Missouri-Columbia, where he graduated in 1944. He was drafted into the United States Army in 1945. After basic training in Camp Robinson in Arkansas and after attending criminal investigation school in Texas, Melton was stationed in Tokyo until he was discharged in 1946. Upon returning, he married Jean Sanders on June 19, 1949.

Having practiced law in Barry County for a number of years and serving the Barry County Prosecuting Attorney from 1947 to 1951, Emory Melton ran for senator of the 29th District of Missouri in 1972. Running unopposed for five out of his six terms in the senate, Emory often went door to door when campaigning, particularly in the rural areas of his district. A life-long Republican, Emory Melton supported a smaller and simpler state government, fought the perceived funding and power imbalance between urban and rural Missouri, and voted against the expansion of gambling in the State of Missouri, including the institution of the Missouri Lottery and the legalization of casinos within Missouri. At the conclusion of his 24 years in the Missouri State Senate, he was a chairman of the Missouri Tourism Commission, in which he facilitated the construction of an inn and conference center in Roaring Rivers State Park. The Saint Louis Democrat honored him with their award for public service.

Among other notable accomplishments, Emory Melton wrote and published two books: *The First 150 Years in Cassville, Missouri* and *Hanged by the Neck Until Dead*. He established two businesses, Litho Printers and Barry County Advertiser. He was also the owner of the Crane Chronicle and Stone County Republican newspaper and was an ownership partner in the Barry County Abstract Company.

His dedication to the preservation and conservation of historical and natural resources consumed much of his later life.

Emory Melton passed away at the age of 92 on December 26, 2015, in his home in Cassville. He was preceded in death by his wife, Jean Sanders Melton, in March 2010.

SERIES

The papers of Emory Melton are broken down into the following series:

Correspondence, 1972-1989
Jefferson City Reports, 1973-1993
Tourism Commission Files, 1973-1975

CORRESPONDENCE, 1972-1989

Extent: 8.2 cubic ft. (20 Hollinger boxes and 1 partial)

Arrangement: Chronological

Scope and Content

This series contains legislative and constituent correspondence to and from Senator Emory Melton during his years in office. Correspondents include John Ashcroft, Roy D. Blunt, Christopher S. Bond, Paul L. Bradshaw, John C. Danforth, Edwin L. Dirck, Mary L. Gant, Norman L. Merrell, John E. Scott, Ike Skelton, Gene Taylor, Joseph P. Teasdale, Richard M. Webster, William L. Webster, Harry Wiggins, Robert S. Wiley, Jim Wolfe, and Robert A. Young.

Container List

Location	Box	Folder	Contents
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JEFFERSON CITY REPORTS, 1973-1993

Extent: 0.2 cubic ft. (1 partial Hollinger boxes)

Arrangement: Chronological

Scope and Content

This series contains newsletters from Senator Emory that he entitled Jefferson City Reports, which date from 1973 through 1993. A gap exists between 1985 and 1992.

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Location	Box	Folder	Contents
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56A/3/6	21	16	Jefferson City Reports, 1984
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TOURISM COMMISSION FILES, 1973-1975

Extent: 0.4 cubic ft. (1 Hollinger box)

Arrangement: Alphabetical and thereunder chronological

Scope and Content

This series contains records from Senator Melton's tenure as chairman of the Tourism Commission, including budget material, correspondence, and news releases.

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