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From the Julien Friant Collection

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Brown Correspondence, Governor B. Gratz (Microfilm), 1871-1873. 1 reel. 2007.080.
General correspondence of Missouri Governor Benjamin Gratz Brown, during his term as governor.

Bruckerhoff, a graduate of Southeast Missouri State College, served as a representative in the Missouri State Legislature from 1970 to 1983. Collection consists of records concerning his pre-legislative political career as state chairman of the Young Republicans and his teaching career; correspondence; files and records detailing his career and activities in the State Legislature through the year 1976, including materials concerning the building of the Chester Bridge over the Mississippi River.

Typed letter, signed from United States Vice-President George Bush to Sidney Pollack, Cape Girardeau, October 29, 1984, regarding Bush’s visit to Cape Girardeau.

Clippings Collection, 1871-2001. 12.0 linear feet. 2007.204.
Consists of newspaper clippings, from a variety of sources, on topics relating to the history of southeast Missouri and the surrounding region. Clippings are arranged by subject.

Constitutional Convention Scrapbook, 1875. 1 item. 2007.176.
Newspaper articles of transcriptions of speeches delivered at the Constitutional Convention in Jefferson City, Missouri, 1875.

Recording of lecture by Dawson, from the State Department’s Human Rights division, presents “How Foreign Policy is Made.” This speech was made on July 18, 1968, in the Language Arts building at Southeast Missouri State University, and offers an interesting perspective on foreign affairs and policy during the Vietnam War era. Running time: 00:57:28.

Donnell vs. McDaniel Scrapbook, 1941. 1 item. 2007.186.
Articles covering the political battle for the position of Missouri Governor between Hon. Lawrence McDaniel and Gov. Forrest C. Donnell.

Emerson Memorial Bridge Dedication Collection, Bill, 2003. 0.5 linear feet. 2004.112.
Planning materials from the dedication ceremonies of the Emerson Bridge over the Mississippi River at Cape Girardeau. Emerson was an eight-term Southeast Missouri Congressman who was influential in securing funds to construct the bridge. Collection includes correspondence with Southeast Missouri State University’s University Relations Department, which coordinated the event, planning committee minutes, newspaper clippings, planning notes, photographs, and a VHS tape and DVD of the dedication ceremony on December 13, 2003.

Ephemeral items distributed at dedication to bridge over Mississippi River at Cape Girardeau, and invitations to bridge dedication in December.
Friant Papers, Julien N., 1909-1939. 3.5 linear feet. 1998.005.
Papers relating to Friant’s careers in business and public service, an important promoter of economic development for Southeast Missouri, as an officer in the Himmelberger-Harrison Land and Investment Company (1915-1925), as special representative for the Little River Drainage District Association, as Secretary-Treasurer of the National Drainage Association (1931-1933), and as Special Assistant to the Secretary of Agriculture (1933-1935). Includes correspondence, copies of federal documents regarding rural population, flood control, land reclamation, drainage, and farm relief, copies of Friant’s speeches, photographs, and documents relating to his service with the Southeast Missouri State University Board of Regents and the Cape Girardeau Rotary Club.

Pamphlet (12p) excerpting newspaper articles on Lloyd, Lieutenant Governor of Missouri, created for his gubernatorial campaign.

Materials from Marvin E. Proffer’s time as a Missouri State Representative. Includes legislation and awards.

Scrapbook (20p) compiled by Reed, a Cape Girardeau county realtor and former court judge, of his published newspaper political cartoons, letters to the editor, with hand illustrations.

A program from the dedication ceremony of the Rush Hudson Limbaugh Sr. United States Courthouse and a pamphlet about the building.

Correspondence, financial records, high school and college papers, campaign materials (1948-1980), case reviews, material related the Missouri Trade Mission in Europe in 1964, photographs of political appearances, family, and Cape Girardeau scenes, interview transcript with Spradling, maps, clippings and publications, documenting Spradling’s career as an attorney in Cape Girardeau and a Missouri State Senator (1952-1976). *Oversized

Taft Itinerary, President William Howard, 1909. 1 item. 2002.333.
Itinerary of President Taft’s visit to Cape Girardeau, with ceremonies taking place at the Missouri State Normal School.