



John T. Barker Papers (C0002)

Collection Number: C0002

Collection Title: John T. Barker Papers

Dates: 1912-1958

Creator: Barker, John T., 1877-1958

Abstract: Correspondence, speeches, reviews, photographs, and scrapbooks of John T. Barker, an attorney from Macon, Missouri, who was attorney general of Missouri, 1913-1917.

Collection Size: 2 rolls of microfilm

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

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Historical Note:

John T. Barker of Macon, Missouri, was attorney general of Missouri from 1913 to 1917, and waged an unsuccessful campaign for the Democratic nomination for governor in 1916. He returned to private law practice in 1917 and settled in Kansas City, Missouri, where he served as city counselor for several years. Barker served as special attorney for the state of Missouri in the fire insurance rate case from 1923 to 1934. He also served in the same capacity in Kentucky. He acted as a chief counsel for the defense in the Welch murder trial, 1943. Active in Democratic politics throughout his lifetime, he was appointed to a position on the U.S. attorney general's staff by his close friend, Harry S. Truman.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into the following five series:

Correspondence
Speeches and Reprints
Photographs
Interview
Scrapbooks

Scope and Content Note:

Correspondence

This series contains primarily of letters of congratulation on speeches, and on Missouri Lawyer, Barker's autobiography.

Speeches and Reprints

This series contains Barker's speeches and reprints of the review of his autobiography.

Photographs

This series consists mainly of photographs of individual politicians, but there are also photos of group events such as dinners, etc.

Interview

This series contains an interview with James N. Primm about Missouri speakers and speeches, 1953

Scrapbooks

This series consists of newspapers clippings covering Barker's career as Attorney General of Missouri; Chautauqua activities; his campaign for gubernatorial nomination; his term as city

counselor; the Welsh Murder Trial of 1943; clippings and mementos of the 1930s and 1940s and clippings and mementos from Barker's stay in Washington and his period of retirement. 1913-1958

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 - v. 2 Material about his campaign for the gubernatorial nomination and clippings from his term as city counselor
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