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Biographical Note:

Francis Murray Wilson was born in Platte County, Missouri, on June 13, 1867. His family was prominent in the history of the state. His father, Robert P.C. Wilson, lawyer, served as U.S. Congressman from Missouri from 1889-1893. His mother was Caroline F. Murray. Francis Wilson's grandfather, John Wilson, served Missouri as a pioneer lawyer.

After growing to boyhood in Platte County, Francis graduated from Vanderbilt University and Centre College. Returning to Platte County, he read law in his father's office and worked in Kansas City as a stenographer for Pratt, McCreary and Perry. He started practicing law in 1889 at the age of 29. He served as city attorney of Platte County from 1894-1898, and in 1899, he was appointed Missouri State Senator to fill an unexpired term.

He married Ida Elizabeth Cockrell on September 22, 1903. In 1904, he ran for U.S. Representative from the Fourth Missouri District. He was defeated by his Republican opponent. In 1908, Wilson ran for State Senator and won, being re-elected twice. In 1913, he resigned the office in order to accept the position as U.S. District Attorney, Western District of Missouri. He was reappointed by President Wilson in 1917 and remained District Attorney until 1920. That same year, Wilson resigned to accept the position as one of the two receivers of the bankrupt Kansas City Railway Company. After returning the company to solvency, he terminated his position in 1926 when a new company, the Kansas City Public Service Company was formed.

In 1928, Wilson ran for the Democratic nomination for Governor. He defeated his principal opponent, Alfred L. McCauley, but was defeated in November by Henry S. Caulfield. In 1932, he again ran for Governor in the Democratic primary, defeating Russell Dearthmont. On October 12, 1932, less than a month before the election, Wilson suddenly died of a stomach and intestinal disorder which had weakened him over the course of several years.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into the following 22 series:

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Gubernatorial Campaign Correspondence, 1932
Out-of-State Correspondence, 1929- 1932
Correspondence and Papers, 1932, 1928
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Gubernatorial Campaign
Biographical Material
Family Material
Platte County Prosecuting Attorney Papers
Missouri State Senate Papers, 1899-1915
State and National Political Pamphlets, 1904-1924
World War I Material
James A. Reed Material
Non-Political Articles and Speeches
General Correspondence, 1918-1930
Funeral and Tributes
Ida E. Wilson Correspondence, 1916-1934

Photographs
Miscellaneous Material
Newspaper Clippings, 1898-1943
Scrapbooks

Scope and Content Note:

The collection largely consists of material pertaining to the 1928 and 1932 campaigns of Wilson for Governor of Missouri on the Democratic ticket. Other material covers his early life as an attorney in Platte County, Missouri, his position as Missouri State Senator in 1899 and from 1908-1913, his job as U.S. District Attorney from 1913-1920, and his position as a receiver of the Kansas City Railway Company from 1920-1926. Family history is also included, both of his father, U.S. Congressman Robert P.C. Wilson, and his brother, Dr. Robert P.C. Wilson, II, who served twice as superintendent for the Missouri State School for the Feeble-Minded at Marshall, Missouri.

Container List:

1928 Gubernatorial Campaign Correspondence Series

This series contains correspondence between Francis M. Wilson and his campaign staff, and Missouri Democratic supporters, pertaining to the 1928 state primary and November election campaigns in the following counties.

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Correspondence, 1927-1932 Series

f. 186-297	Letters, tabulations, and political pamphlet material. Most of it pertains to the 1928 Missouri gubernatorial campaign conducted by Wilson. Wilson's sickness during the 1928 campaign was a point of great interest. Expressions of regret concerning Wilson's defeat by the Republican Henry S. Caulfield. Extensive lists of Democrats by county. Correspondence looking toward the 1932 gubernatorial campaign.
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1932 Gubernatorial Campaign Correspondence Series

Correspondence between Francis M. Wilson and his campaign staff, and Missouri Democratic supporters, pertaining to the 1932 state primary and to Guy B. Park's campaign after Wilson's death, in the following counties:

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f. 797-798	Ripley
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f. 811-812	Schuyler
f. 813-814	Scotland
f. 815-817	Scott
f. 818-821	Shannon
f. 822-827	Shelby
f. 828-830	St. Charles
f. 831-833	St. Clair
f. 834-838	St. Francois
f. 839-840	St. Genevieve
f. 841-845	St. Louis County
f. 846-879	City of St. Louis
f. 880-887	Stoddard
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Out-of-State Correspondence, 1929-1932 Series

- f. 916 Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado
- f. 917 Illinois
- f. 918 Kansas
- f. 919 Kentucky
- f. 920 Michigan, Minnesota, Montana
- f. 921 New Jersey, New Mexico, New York
- f. 922 Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Tennessee
- f. 923 Texas
- f. 924 Virginia, Washington, Washington, D.C.

Correspondence and Papers, 1932 Series

- f. 925-1001 Material pertaining to the Wilson gubernatorial campaign of 1932. Included is correspondence from all parts of Missouri, membership lists of "Wilson-for-Governor" clubs, lists of Democrats supporting Wilson, Wilson biographical, material and political pamphlets printed during the campaign.
- f. 1002-1004 Miscellaneous Papers. Listing of bills introduced and supported by Wilson during his terms in the Missouri Senate. Missouri Senate bills.
- f. 1005 Eulogy of Missouri Supreme Court Judge Elijah Hise Norton by Robert P.C. Wilson I. Includes early Platte County, Missouri, history and state political history, including Jackson Resolutions.
- f. 1006-1020 Court testimony and sworn affidavits concerning vote fraud during the Metropolitan Street Railway Company franchise election, July 7, 1914, in Kansas City. Democratic and Republican politicians of that city.
- f. 1021-1030 Proof copy of *Selected Writings, Speeches and Addresses of Francis M. Wilson*, book of Wilson's non-political writings compiled by his wife, Ida Cockrill Wilson, in 1933.
- f. 1031-1090 Letters and Documents, 1867-1933
 - f. 1031 Deeds of sale of Platte County, Missouri, land to R.P.C. Wilson I., 1865-1896.
 - f. 1032 Documents renting and buying land by R.P.C. Wilson I. Abstract on one piece of Platte County, Missouri, land, 1900-1915.
 - f. 1033 Material pertaining to *Alexander New and Henry G. Ferris vs. Francis M. Wilson, U.S. Attorney*, pertaining to legality of eight-hour day and regulation of wages of railway employees engaged in interstate railway work. R.P.C. Wilson I, business papers, including affairs of his estate. Correspondence relating to Francis M. Wilson as a possible candidate for Governor in 1916.
 - f. 1034-1057 General business material. Correspondence relating to Wilson's possible candidacy for Missouri Governor in 1924.
 - f. 1058-1089 Correspondence, 1925-1928, concerning Wilson's possible candidacy for Missouri Governor on the Democratic ticket in 1928. Scattered personal business.
 - f. 1090 Correspondence, 1929-1933. Includes material relating to

- Wilson's campaign for the Democratic nomination for Missouri Governor, 1932. Memorial address for Wilson, given in Missouri Senate by Senator Michael E. Casey, 1933.
- f. 1091-1125 U.S. District Attorney Papers, 1913-1920
- f. 1091 Correspondence regarding the selection of special assistants, U.S. Attorney, Western District, Missouri. Includes Senator James A. Reed correspondence. Also letters from lawyers applying for position. Letter from U.S. District Judge Arba S. Van Valkenburgh to Wilson, March 30, 1916, advising rest while in Texas. Also, a letter to U.S. Attorney General relating health and condition of Wilson. Mention that Wilson had withdrawn from the 1916 Missouri gubernatorial contest.
- f. 1092 Correspondence from home and office as Wilson rested in Texas. Letter from an uncle regarding part of the history of the Wilson family in Oklahoma. Correspondence regarding the reappointment of Wilson as a U.S. District Attorney. Letter of praise to Wilson mentioning he would be an excellent candidate for U.S. Senator. Letter from U.S. Senator William J. Stone relating praise to Wilson. Telegram to Wilson from Kimbrough Stone, notifying him that his father, William J. Stone, had died. Other telegrams concerning death. Correspondence regarding correct interpretation of Gerry Act.
- f. 1093-1095 Material relating to Jacob Frohwerk case under the U.S. Espionage Act (1919). Wilson-Reed correspondence regarding appointing assistants to the District Attorney's office.
- f. 1094 More Wilson-Reed correspondence regarding above-mentioned appointments (1919-1920). Copy of letter from Solicitor, Post Office Department, concerning the denial of fraud orders against Kansas City land company.
- f. 1095 Correspondence regarding the appointment of Benjamin L. White as U.S. District Attorney or to other post. Letter from Attorney General A. Mitchell Palmer, complimenting Wilson's work as U.S. District Attorney. Upon Wilson's resignation as District Attorney, U.S. District Judge Arba S. Van Valkenburgh letter praising his work (1920).
- f. 1096-1098 District Court of the U.S. for the Western Division of the Western District of Missouri, extracts from record and argument, case No. 4146, *U.S.A. vs. Sixty Barrels of Wine*. Case involves violation of Pure Food and Drug Act.
- f. 1097-1098 Case under Espionage Act, *U.S.A. vs. Rose Pastor Stokes*, which Wilson prosecuted. Government witness testimony. Part of closing argument of counsel for defendant. The indictment against Stokes. Wilson's final plea to the jury.
- f. 1099-1106 Court testimony and official report to the U.S. Attorney General relating to charges made against Wilson that he was not wholly objective in his treatment of *Mountain View Case*, May 8, 1914; also

- question on whether or not Wilson should be permitted to prosecute the connected case, the *Daniels Commission Company*. Both cases concern use of mails to promote frauds.
- f. 1101 Material relating to *Florida Everglades* case, using the mails for fraud. Case originally tried by Wilson in 1914-1915. Report from office of the Attorney General to President Wilson reporting on the application for pardon from the defendants in the case.
- f. 1102-1106 Lists of U.S. District Court cases, Missouri, Western District, Western Division. Majority of cases from 1916-1919.
- f. 1107-1111 Material relating to court decisions upholding the Migratory Bird Treaty Act of July 3, 1918, between Great Britain and the U.S. Both the right of treaty and the right to protect birds come into consideration. Comments on the subject in *Bulletin of the American Game Protective Association Field and Stream*, July 1919, includes other American Game Protective Association comments on the decisions concerning the Migratory Act.
- f. 1111 Court instructions to jury judging the result of a trial under the World War I Draft Act. The group being tried called Federation for Democratic Control.
- f. 1112-1113 Four pamphlets pertaining to anarchistic activity in the U.S. during and immediately after World War I. "We Hate Religion," a reprint from the *Christian Herald*, illustrating what Bolshevism was doing to overthrow the Christian church in America. Two other pamphlets are copies of speeches by U.S. Attorney General A. Mitchell Palmer exposing and denouncing anarchists. The fourth pamphlet relates the life and achievements of Palmer.
- f. 1113 Excerpt of formal conference between Wilson and U.S. District Judge Arba S. Van Valkenburgh. Concerns powers of a court of equity. Powers of the President in time of war under the constitution are also considered. Notes on former Missouri state officials who had been indicted for criminal offenses. Recapitulation of business transactions in Wilson's office, June 30, 1913-October 1, 1920.
- f. 1114-1116 Wilson's closing argument to jury in *U.S.A. vs. Hamilton*, a rape case. Exact date of case not known.
- f. 1115 U.S. Senator William J. Stone's Senate speeches concerning America's preparedness for war, the espionage bill, military conscription, resolution declaring war, bond-issue bill. Songs sung at Kansas City Bar Association dinner, 1920. Includes World War I songs.
- f. 1116 Brief of defendant in error, *Leslie E. Clark vs. U.S.A.* case concerns bribing of draft board official in order to avoid the draft. Brief on behalf of defendants, *Griessedieck Bros. Brewery Co. vs. George H. Moore*. Pertains to constitutionality of National Prohibition Act.

- f. 1117-1120 Brief of complainant, *State of Missouri vs. Ray P. Holland*. Case questions the constitutionality of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act.
- f. 1118 Brief of defendant in error, transcript of record, *O.E. Jennings vs. U.S.A.* Violation of injunction. Case involves Springfield, Missouri, Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Employees and the Springfield Traction Company.
- f. 1119 Brief of defendant in error and court's charge to jury in *Rose Pastor Stokes vs. U.S.A.* World War I Espionage Act indictment.
- f. 1120 Booklet, "Memorandum on the Validity of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act of Congress," by Samuel W. Moore, 1919.
- f. 1121-1125 Booklets, "Civil Docket of the United States district Court for the Western District of Missouri," from April 1915 to April 1920. Listing of cases before that court: civil, trial, jury waived, chancery. Index. Appendix listing counties in the district, times and places of holding courts.
- f. 1126-1128 Kansas City Railways Company Receiver Papers, 1920-1927 Progress report of the Railway. Comparison of Kansas City and Cleveland transportation systems. Wilson statement on courtesy of trainmen.
- f. 1126-1127 Letters of congratulations on work done as a receiver of the Railways Company. Business correspondence; expense statements, negotiations to buy buses. Letters to and from Kansas City Public Service Co.
- f. 1128 Segment of *Electric Railway Journal Convention Daily*, October 5, 1926. Statement to people of Kansas City concerning all phases of the Railways Company business since the receivers took over the management, *Kansas City Journal Post*, June 13, 1926. Dinner program, complimentary dinner held for the retiring receivers, October 9, 1926.
- f. 1129-1131 *Kansas City Refining Co. vs. the Kansas City Railways Co.* Supplemental report and application of Fred W. Fleming and Francis M. Wilson as receivers of the Kansas City Railways Company for instructions concerning installation of buses by them as receivers, and acceptance and approval of Kansas City bus franchise ordinance. Memorandum on legal precedent as to public transportation liability in regard to duty owed to children, those in peril or disabled, and elements of clear last chance or humanitarian doctrine. Fageol Motors Company of Ohio specifications on busses being proposed for Kansas City Motor Coach Survey of needs of Kansas City, 1924.
- f. 1132-1134 Report covering the operation of motor buses and of non-stop deluxe motor coaches by the Kansas City Railways Company, developed for the International Harvester Company, 1924.
- f. 1133 Study of the proposed operation of motor coaches in Kansas City by William G. Woolfolk and Co., Inc., 1924. Includes sketch of the growth of motor coach transportation, purpose and routes, construction, grade profiles, and population studies

- of Kansas City.
- f. 1134 Report from receivers to Kimbrough Stone, Circuit Judge, regarding the feasibility of developing a bus transportation fleet to supplement street railway service.
- f. 1135-1138 Report to receivers regarding the mechanical statistics of the buses being considered for purchase, 1925.
- f. 1136 Highly detailed report on Kansas City's transportation conditions and suggestions on where buses could be used to improve the system; report by Yellow Coach Manufacturing Company. Includes graphs on city, bank clearings and streetcar passengers, proposed costs, and routes, including elaborate maps.
- f. 1137 Price quotations on buses being proposed for purchase.
- f. 1138 Mack-International Motor Truck Corporation study of proposed bus service for Kansas City in 1924.
- f. 1139-1141 Miscellaneous data on buses tested for possible purchase by Kansas City. Performance studies.
- f. 1141 Memorandum of law, 1921. Federal cases involving present reproduction cost as basis of valuation for rate-making purposes; public utility's right to injunction against confiscatory rates pending action by rate-making authority on application for relief.
- f.1142-1146 Brochure advertising the quality of buses manufactured by the Garford Motor Truck Company.
- f. 1143-1144 *The Railwayman*, October and November 1926, by and for the employees of the Kansas City Railways Company.
- f. 1145 The representation of law providing for employee's cooperation in the operation of the Kansas City Railways, 1920.
- f. 1146 Voting trust agreement of Kansas City Public Service Company as it superseded the Railways Company and the receivership, 1926.

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- f. 1147-1174 Correspondence from September 16, 1926, to November 7, 1928. Includes correspondence pertaining to Wilson's gastric ulcer. Support for 1928 Democratic primary election. Congratulations on winning the primary. Development of campaign strategy. Premature congratulations on victory.
- f. 1147 Undated – December 22, 1927
- f. 1148 December 22, 1927 – January 31, 1928
- f. 1149 February 1 – May 27, 1928
- f. 1150 May 28 – July 10, 1928
- f. 1151 July 11 – August 9, 1928
- f. 1152 August 5 – August 9, 1928

- f. 1153 August 9 – August 14, 1928
- f. 1154 August 15 – November 7, 1928
- f. 1155-1174 List of individuals to contact in the campaign, by counties.
- f. 1175-1208 Methodist ministers to contact in the campaign.
 - f. 1176-1186 Select list of Democrats. Missouri counties, 1928.
 - f. 1187-1195 List of Democratic election judges, 1926 election.
 - f. 1196-1204 Lists of Democratic women, 1926.

- f. 1205 List of road overseers for Johnson County, 1928. Grundy County list of delegates to county convention. Executive Committee, St. Joseph-for-Wilson Club, 1928.
- f. 1206 List of road overseers for Johnson County, 1928. Grundy County list of delegates to county convention. Executive Committee, St. Joseph-for-Wilson Club, 1928.
- f. 1207-1208 Unidentified land listing of people from Missouri counties. Land listing of Missouri political clubs.
- f. 1209-1215 Material relating to the campaign in Missouri newspapers: includes lists of newspapers Wilson subscribed to, subscription prices and names of editors, newspaper's political party affiliation. Newspapers to which 1926 campaign advertising was sent, indications of which newspapers received campaign material. Some note of press service affiliation of Missouri newspapers.
- f. 1216-1249 Speeches and statements of Wilson during the campaign. There are four or five basic speeches with many parts and segments in addition. Subjects within the speeches include the national campaign, Negro labor and welfare, public utilities, cost of state government, consolidation of state departments and budget, appointees, roads and highways, public health, waterways, insurance, crime and law, labor, education, taxes, eleemosynary institutions, property valuations, state park system, public schools, flood control, prohibition, party responsibility. Republicans denounced in the speeches are Herbert Hoover, Henry S. Caulfield, and Arthur M. Hyde.
- f. 1250-1254 Printed material used in the campaign. Includes posters, letters, stickers, ribbons, pamphlets, handouts, sample ballots, cards, campaign songs, a copy of "The 'Win-With-Wilson' News," magazine articles, and newspaper reprints. Also, handbills printed by union organizations for and against Wilson. One pamphlet concerns Charles M. Hay's candidacy for U.S. Senator. A handbill reproduces a Joseph B. Shannon speech against Herbert Hoover.
- f. 1255-1257 Periodicals and pamphlets: Missouri State Democratic Committee, *Democratic State Campaign Handbook*, 1928; *Political Atlas for 1928*; "Presidential Campaigns, the Men and the Issues," International News Service. Booklet published by Kansas City Public Service Institute, 1927, "American City Government" on the efforts of governmental research. Vol. XII, No. 3, of *The Consensus*, periodical published by the National Economic League. *World's Work*, July 1928. *Kansas City Bar Bulletin*, Vol. V, No. 2; *The Missouri League News*, Vol. VI, No.

- f. 1258-1270 Material relating to financial aspects of the campaign. Includes outline of campaign; inventory of objects in Wilson office, monthly expense accounts, affidavit of cost of campaign, number and distribution of posters, booklets and cards, printing and publicity bills, and bank checks written during the campaign.
f. 126-1270 Election results, primary and state. Copies of telegrams offering congratulations and furnishing election results.
- f. 1271-1272 Miscellaneous material connected with the campaign: business and political calling cards; copy of revenue bill speech made by C.C. Dickinson in U.S. House of Representatives, 1927; map of Missouri; typed copy of tribute given Wilson by Frederick D. Gardner in 1913. Signed membership sheet of Platte City Wilson-for-Governor club (hometown club). Poem praising Wilson's attributes, article in *Literary Digest* for August 25, 1928, "The Missouri Democracy Goes Dry." Jackson Day speech by Senator James A. Reed, January 12, 1928.

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- f. 1273-1274 Correspondence relating to the campaign. Grass-roots opinion, campaign strategy, request for support, organized labor support and denunciation. Includes copy of circular purporting Wilson was anti-labor during his tenure as receiver of the Kansas City Railways Company.
- f. 1275-1278 Campaign literature. Includes several editions of "The 'Win-With-Wilson' News," printed endorsements, reprints of editorial supporting Wilson. Copy of speech of Judge Guy B. Park accepting the Democratic nomination for governor; complete unofficial primary election returns. Two copies of "So the People May Know," Fair Merchandising Association of Kansas City, one of which endorses Wilson for governor. Pamphlets, stickers, cards, posters, cartoon. Pamphlets include "Why Tax-eaters Break Tax-payers," Missouri Democratic State Committee; "For the Advancement of Missouri," *Official Returns of the State Primary Election*, August 2, 1932; "For State and Nation," "The Democratic Digest," The Federation of Women's Democratic Clubs of Missouri.
- f. 1279-1285 Speeches given by Wilson. Also a few statements supporting him. Partial speech schedule.
- f. 1283-1285 Miscellaneous material concerning the campaign. Wilson-for-Governor Club stationery listing officers. Endorsement by Central Labor Union of Kansas City. "Wilson Rally Song." List of callers at Wilson Headquarters, Jefferson Hotel, St. Louis, December 1931. *The Missouri Farmer*, May 15, 1932, and July 1, 1932. Tickets to the Missouri State Democratic Convention, 1932. Wilson's Masonic Lodge membership card and his Kansas City Chamber of Commerce membership card.

Copy of Republican propaganda organ, *Missouri G.O.P. Banner*, September 5, 1925. Pamphlet, Inaugural Ceremonies State of Missouri, 1933.

- f. 1286 Francis M. Wilson's cancelled checks, 1931-1932.

Biographical Material Series

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