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INTRODUCTION

Correspondence, reports and pamphlets relevant to Governor's Task Force on Role of Private Higher Education in Missouri. Spencer was appointed to the Task Force by Governor Warren E. Hearnes in 1970.

DONOR INFORMATION

The papers were placed on contract with the University of Missouri by George A. Spencer on 14 May 1971 (Accession No. 3872).

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

George Austin Spencer was born February 5, 1906, the son of Lyman L. and Mattie McGraw Spencer. His childhood was spent on a Centralia, Missouri, farm. He attended the University of Missouri-Columbia and received his LL.B. degree in 1932. He had been admitted to the Bar the previous year.

His political career included being city attorney, 1933-1937, and prosecuting attorney, 1942-1946, of the city of Columbia, Missouri; Missouri state representative from Boone County, 1947-1952; and Missouri state senator, 1953-1960. In 1970, Governor Warren E. Hearnes named Spencer a member of the Governor's Task Force on the Role of Private Higher Education in Missouri.

Spencer married Sarah Leta Jones, February 1, 1930. They had one child, Don Austin, born June 12, 1935. The Spencers resided on a farm two miles north of Columbia. George Spencer died in 1997.

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| f.1-3 | Correspondence, October 1970-January 1971, relevant to the Governor's Task Force on the Role of Private Higher Education in Missouri. Arranged chronologically. |
| f. 4-5 | Reports |
| f. 4 | "The Choice Before Us" by C. Stanley Lowell; "A Limited Study of the Status of State Support of Private Higher Education" by Louise Abrahams and Leigh Schweppe; and "Constitutional Questions Involved in the State's Financial Assistance to Church Affiliated Private Colleges and Universities and/or their Students" by Kelso Journey. |
| f. 5 | Task Force committee I, II and III reports, including Spencer's recommended corrections for the Committee II report and Earl O. Harding's statement of opposition to that report. |
| f. 6-8 | Task Force Notebook. Spencer's Task Force Notebook includes the Governor's Charge, a directory of members, Governor Hearnes's |

- address to the American Council on Education, October 8, 1970; Joseph D. Boyd's report. "An Examination of State efforts in Removing Financial Barriers to Post-secondary Education" and Robert Berdahl's report, "State Survey Aid to Private Colleges and Universities"; and statistical data on tuition, grants, bonding authorities, and state scholarships. Not all material listed in the table of contents is present.
- f. 9-10 Miscellaneous material about scholarships and grants, reprints of journal articles relevant to higher education, and data on the Iowa program and the Illinois program in higher education.
- f. 11 Printed copy of "The Tucker Report," 1970, and several pages of handwritten notes relevant to committee research.
- f. 12-15 Reference Materials
- f. 12 "First Coordinated Plan for Missouri Higher Education," Missouri Commission on Higher Education, 1966.
- f. 13 "Report on the Status of Private Higher Education in the State of Missouri," Allan O. Pfnister and Gary Quehl, 1967.
- f. 14 "The Impact of Private Colleges and Universities on the Economy of the State of Missouri," Missouri Research Institute, 1968.
- f. 15 Missouri Commission on Higher Education: "1971-1972 Appropriations and Recommendations;" "1969-1970 Institutional Reports of Income and Expenditures;" and "Report on Administration of Federal and Federally Related Programs," 1970.
- f. 16 Two pamphlets: "Supreme Court Opinion on the Franklin County School Case and on the Scott County School Bus Case" and "Findings and Decree of Judge Emmett J. Crouse, 1952, on Franklin County Case Involving Public Tax Funds and Sectarian Parochial Schools."

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