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#### INTRODUCTION

As educator and administrator at the University of Missouri, English served as director of the Western Historical Manuscript Collection, dean of the College of Arts and Science, and professor of history. The papers include personal correspondence and topical materials.

#### DONOR INFORMATION

The English Papers were donated to the University of Missouri by W. Francis English on 29 July 1971 (Accession No. 3878).

#### BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

W. Francis English was born on November 12, 1903, in New Bloomfield, Missouri. He received his B.S. degree from Northeast Missouri State Teachers College (1927) and his M.A. (1941) and Ph.D. (1943) from the University of Missouri.

Having served as principal and superintendent in Missouri high schools, English became associate professor of history at the University of Missouri in 1943, and became professor of history at the university in 1948. He was Secretary-Treasurer for the Missouri Council for the Social Studies from 1945 to 1947 and in 1948 was appointed Assistant Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. In 1955 he became the Dean of the College of Arts of Science. English also served as the Director of the Western Historical Manuscript Collection.

#### SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The English Papers are arranged into two series, **Personal Correspondence** and **Topical**. The personal correspondence is arranged alphabetically by writer and spans the years from 1940 to 1957. The topical materials are also arranged alphabetically and concern the University of Missouri, especially the Western Historical Manuscript Collection, library, and History Department.

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