



## Missouri Press Association Records (C3714)

**Collection Number:** C3714

**Collection Title:** Missouri Press Association Records

**Dates:** 1882-1982

**Creator:** Missouri Press Association

**Abstract:** The records of an organization of editors, publishers, and employees of publishing establishments contain histories, correspondence, minutes, annual meeting programs, newsletters, clippings, and photographs. The records also include information on regional associations and the Missouri Press Association confidential bulletins from 1930 to 1982. The bulletins are on microfilm.

**Collection Size:** 1.8 cubic feet, 10 rolls of microfilm  
(60 folders; 40 volumes on microfilm)

**Language:** Collection materials are in English.

**Repository:** The State Historical Society of Missouri

**Restrictions on Access:** Collection is open for research. This collection is available at [The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Columbia](http://www.shsmo.org). If you would like more information, please contact us at [columbia@shsmo.org](mailto:columbia@shsmo.org). Collections may be viewed at any research center.

**Restrictions on Use:** The donor has relinquished their rights in the records and authorized their release to the public domain.

**Preferred Citation:** [Specific item; box number; folder number] *Missouri Press Association Records* (C3714); The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Columbia [after first mention may be abbreviated to SHSMO-Columbia].

**Donor Information:** The records were donated to the State Historical Society of Missouri by the Missouri Press Association (MPA) on July 9, 1979 (Accession No. CA2253). Additional material was transferred from the State Historical Reference Collection on January 19, 1970 (Accession No. CA0664) and April 21, 1970 (Accession No. CA0675). An addition was loaned for microfilming by William A. Bray on behalf of MPA on September 2, 1983 (Accession No. CA2488).

**Existence and Location of Originals:** The original bulletins were returned to the donor on March 8, 1984

**Related Materials:** Additional materials related to the Missouri Press Association Records can be found in the following collections:

[\*Missouri Press Association Meeting Photograph\*](#), (P0245)

[\*Missouri Press Association Papers\*](#), (C1822)

[\*Missouri Press Association Photograph Collection\*](#), (P0475)

[\*Missouri Press Association Records\*](#), (CA6189)

**Processed by:** Processed by Paula Quirk, December 12, 1983. Finding aid revised by Nicholas Raya, February 6, 2023.

### **Historical Note:**

The Missouri Press Association was organized at a meeting held in Temperance Hall in St. Louis on May 17, 1867. According to Floyd C. Shoemaker, the early history of the press association can be divided into distinct periods. The formative years, 1867-1884, were marked by the development of fraternity among the press men of the state. In 1885 meetings consisted primarily of business sessions concerned with the reduction and standardization of prices, the obtaining of news, and the writing of editorials. The years 1896 to 1906 were characterized by a period of public service. During this time the Missouri editors promoted the Louisiana Purchase Exposition in 1904 and the establishment of the School of Journalism at the University of Missouri. In addition, during its early years, the Missouri Press Association was instrumental in the founding of the State Historical Society of Missouri as well as the Confederate Soldiers' Home.

Later, district press associations were formed throughout the state. On November 20, 1891, the Northwest Missouri Press Association was founded in St. Joseph. Though first organized in Hannibal in 1889, meetings of the Northeast Missouri Press Association were revived in Kansas City in 1896. In November 1889, the Southwest Missouri Press Association (later the Ozark Press Association) came into existence, followed in 1924 by the organization of the Central Missouri Press Association in Jefferson City.

### **Arrangement:**

The collection has been arranged into the following two series:

Organization Records and Correspondence  
Bulletins

### **Scope and Content Note:**

The strength of the collection lies in the set of Missouri Press Association bulletins containing advertising and confidential information for members of the association only, the proceedings of annual meetings, 1882-1919, and the minutes and programs of the annual meetings of the Northwest Missouri Press Association. The bulletins are on microfilm.

**Container List:****Organization Records and Correspondence Series**

- f. 1-22 Northwest Missouri Press Association. This section contains histories, correspondence, minutes, programs, newsletters, clippings, and miscellany related to the Northwest Missouri Press Association.
  - f. 1 "History of the Northwest Missouri Press Association."
  - f. 2 Correspondence.
  - f. 3-8 Minutes, 1891-1972
  - f. 9-16 Annual meeting programs, 1909-1971
  - f. 17-19 "The Bow Wow," official publication of the Northwest Missouri Press Association, 1929-1965.
  - f. 20-21 Clippings, 1929-1968, and photographs.
  - f. 22 Contains programs, clippings, and miscellany of the Northeast Missouri Press Association.
- f. 23-33 Central Missouri Press Association. Records, including minutes, resolutions, financial statements, and programs and registers for the biannual meetings of the CMPA, organized by year.
  - f. 23-28 Minutes, 1925-1961
  - f. 29 Correspondence
  - f. 30 financial records
  - f. 31 Newsletters
  - f. 32 Miscellaneous
  - f. 33 Photographs
- f. 34-55 Missouri Press Association. This section contains histories, correspondence, proceedings, legislative letters, and printed surveys.
  - f. 34 *History of the Missouri Press Association, 1867-1931.*
  - f. 35-36 Correspondence, 1903-1945
  - f. 37 Annual meeting synopses, 1890-1912
  - f. 38-50 Proceedings of annual meetings, 1882-1919.
  - f. 51-53 Legislative letters, 1925, 1929, 1931.
  - f. 54 Miscellaneous.
  - f. 55 *Missouri Kitchen Inventory*, 1941. Survey of Missouri housewives on brand preferences when buying household products.
- f. 56-60 National Editorial Association. This section contains the National Editorial Association annual convention official reports, 1891-1904, 1914, and programs.
  - f. 56-58 Annual convention reports.
  - f. 59 Silver anniversary publication, 1909-1910.
  - f. 60 Programs, 1887, 1894.

**Bulletins Series [Microfilm]***Missouri Group Bulletins*

- v. 1 April 1938-November 1940
- v. 2 July 3, 1940-November 19, 1941

*Missouri Press Association Confidential Bulletins*

v. 3	1930-1940
v. 4	1941
v. 5	1942
v. 6	1943-1944
v. 7	1945-1946
v. 8	1947-1948
v. 9	1949-1950
v. 10	1951-1952
v. 11	1953-1954
v. 12	1955
v. 13	1956
v. 14-15	1957
v. 16	1958
v. 17	1959
v. 18	1960
v. 19	1961
v. 20	1962
v. 21	1963
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v. 27	1969
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**Index:**

Index Terms	Folders	Volumes	Image
Advertising, Missouri		v. 1-40	
Central Missouri Press Association	23-33		
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Consumers	55		
English, Earl Franklin (1905- )	21		Yes

Index Terms	Folders	Volumes	Image
Journalism--Missouri	1-54	v. 1-40	
Journalism--Missouri, 1910s	21		Yes
Journalists	21, 33		Yes
Leisure, 1950s	33		Yes
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Northeast Missouri Press Association	22		
Northwest Missouri Press Association	1-21		
Postcard photographs	21		Yes
State Historical Society of Missouri	34		
Stephens, E. W. (1849-1931)	34		
Stewartsville Record, Stewartsville, Missouri, 1911	21		Yes
University of Missouri, School of Journalism	34		
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