

**PRELIMINARY INVENTORY  
ACCESSION CA6500  
WILLIAM E. PARRISH PAPERS**

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**Dates:** 1940-2016

**Creator:** Parrish, William E., 1931-

**Collection Size:** 9.4 cubic feet, 4 oversize items

**Introduction**

The papers of an historian specializing in Missouri history who attended the University of Missouri contain correspondence, scrapbooks, speeches, postcards, and miscellaneous material. Parrish taught at Westminster College in Fulton, Missouri, before becoming a professor at Mississippi State University.

**Donor Information**

The papers were donated to the State Historical Society of Missouri by William E. Parrish on 9 November 2017 and 12 July 2022.

**Note:** See also the [William E. Parrish Papers \(C3642\)](#).

**Box List**

**Box 1**

Biographical information

Correspondence, 1940-1968, A-H

**Box 2**

Correspondence, 1968, I-Z-1973

**Box 3**

Personal correspondence, 1973-1975

Correspondence, 1974-1977

Personal correspondence, 1978-1987, A-O

**Box 4**

Personal correspondence, 1978-1987, P-Z

Professional correspondence, 1978-1987

Correspondence, 1988-1989

**Box 5**

Correspondence, 1989-1999

**Box 6**

Correspondence, 2000-2016

Speeches (2 folders)

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**Box 7**

History of Baptist Churches in Missouri  
Political encyclopedia compiled by William Parrish  
Scrapbooks  
    1968-2013 (2)  
    U.S. Bicentennial, 1976 (2)

**Box 8**

Frank Blair pictures  
Small boat Erie Canal lectures, 2005  
Correspondence  
    Kit Bond  
        “A History of Missouri,” 1973-1997 (2 folders)  
Blind Boone  
Missouri postcards (2 shoeboxes)

**Box 9**

Mississippi Saints (3 folders)  
Westminster College  
Awards and certificates, 1949-2008  
Miscellaneous  
Missouri postcards (1 shoebox)  
Plaques (4)  
Platte County Christmas ornament from Gov. and Mrs. Kit Bond

**Box 10 (full gray)**

Postcard album  
National Bicentennial Medal presented to the Missouri Bicentennial Commission, 1976  
    (framed)  
Clippings  
U.S. Bicentennial/American Freedom Train  
Souvenirs  
    Tin tray, Machinery Building, 1904 World’s Fair  
    Missouri pins (2)  
    Gold-plated spoon, 1904 World’s Fair  
    Silver spoons, U.S. Bicentennial and Missouri Dogwood (2)  
    Silver spoons, 1904 World’s Fair (2)  
Commemorative coins  
    U.S. Bicentennial (2)  
    Missouri Sesquicentennial (6)  
    Harry S. Truman (2)  
    Missouri (4)

**Oversize Items (Location: UO-16)**

Commission, American Revolution Bicentennial Commission, 1974  
Certificate, Award of Merit from the AASLH, 1974

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Certificate of Appreciation, American Revolution Bicentennial Administration, c. 1976  
Appointment to Mississippi State Historical Records Advisory Board, 1980