



## Selective Service Collection (K1438)

**Collection Number:** K1438

**Collection Title:** Selective Service Collection

**Dates:** 1940-1941

**Creator:** Matthews, F.H.

**Abstract:** The Selective Service Collection contains correspondence, memoranda, newsletters, and manuals from county and state selective service systems.

**Collection Size:** .3 cubic foot  
(10 folders)

**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-Kansas City](#). If you would like more information, please contact us at [kansascity@shsmo.org](mailto:kansascity@shsmo.org). Collections may be viewed at any research center.

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**Donor Information:** The papers were donated to the State Historical Society of Missouri by John Goodson on September 9, 2022 (Accession No. KA2591).

**Related Materials:** Additional materials related to the *Selective Service Collection* can be found in the following collections:

*U.S. Selective Service System, Missouri Records, 1917-1918, (C2681)*

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**Historical Note:**

During World War II, the United States enacted the Selective Training and Service Act of 1940. Beginning September 16, 1940, all men between ages 21 and 45 were required to register for the draft. Individuals underwent physical examinations by physicians and dentists to determine mental and physical fitness for military service. Men selected from the draft lottery served a mandatory one-year sentence in the armed forces.

To learn more about the history of the Selective Service System, visit:

<https://www.sss.gov/history-and-records/>

**Arrangement:**

The collection has been arranged alphabetically.

**Scope and Content Note:**

Materials pertain to Missouri physicians who conducted physical examinations of men called up by the Selective Service System during World War II.

**Container List:**

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