



Curtis C. Crawford Papers (S0484)

Collection Number: S0484

Collection Title: Curtis C. Crawford Papers

Dates: 1964-1985

Creator: Crawford, Curtis C.

Abstract: The Curtis C. Crawford Papers document his political career as the Assistant Circuit Attorney in St. Louis, 1956-1964; director of Legal Aid Society, 1966 to 1967; regional director of the U.S. Small Business Administration in 1970; chairman of the National Appeals Board and the U.S. Parole Board, 1970-1977. Crawford also ran for the U.S. House of Representatives and mayor of St. Louis. The collection contains campaign literature, correspondence, and photographs.

Collection Size: 0.25 cubic feet
(7 folders, 11 photographs)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

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Donor Information: The papers were donated to the University of Missouri by Curtis Crawford on February 21, 1990 (Accession No. SA2944).

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Historical Note:

Curtis Crawford was born on April 18, 1921, in Paris, Tennessee. He served in the Army Engineers for three years during World War II and received a Bachelor of Arts from West Virginia State College in 1947. LL.B. from Lincoln University's in 1951. He began a law practice in St. Louis in 1952.

Crawford had a lifelong association with the Republican Party and served as Assistant Circuit Attorney in St. Louis from 1956-1964 and was director of the Legal Aid Society from 1966-1967. He ran unsuccessfully for the U.S. House from the First Congressional District of Missouri in 1968 and for Mayor of St. Louis in 1985. President Richard Nixon appointed Curtis regional director of the Small Business Administration in 1970. Other appointments include Commissioner of U.S. Parole Commission and the St. Louis Election Commission.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged chronologically into 7 folders.

Scope and Content Note:

The Curtis C. Crawford Papers contain campaign literature, correspondence, newspaper clippings, and photographs documenting Crawford's business and political ventures. The materials in this collection are dated from 1964 to 1985 and are arranged chronologically.

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