



## **R. J. Martin Papers (SP0095)**

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**Collection Title:** R. J. Martin Papers

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**Creator:** Martin, Ralph Joseph "Joe," 1908-1973

**Abstract:** The R. J. Martin Papers contain records, correspondence, contracts, and photographs from Ralph Joseph "Joe" Martin's tenure as Missouri-Arkansas representative for the United States Department of the Interior Southwest Power Association office in Springfield, Missouri.

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### **Biographical Note:**

Ralph Joseph “Joe” Martin was born February 3, 1908, to Ralph Samuel Martin and Charlotte May *Patchell* Martin in Tidioute, Pennsylvania. Soon after graduating from Southwest Missouri Teacher’s College (now Missouri State University) in Springfield, Missouri, in 1935, he married Dorothy Ward, and the couple had one son, Charles. Joe went on to earn a master’s degree in engineering from the University of Missouri.

Joe directed the construction of most of Fort Leonard Wood through his service in the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers during World War II. He then worked as a Missouri-Arkansas representative of the United States Department of the Interior’s Southwest Power Administration office in Springfield, Missouri until the mid-1950s. Joe and Dorothy then settled in Columbia, Missouri, where they lived the rest their lives. Joe was still working in building engineering at the time of his death on February 19, 1973, at which time he was serving as building director of new construction at the University of Missouri on each of its four campuses.

### **Arrangement:**

The collection has been arranged into the following 5 series:

History

Cooperatives Records

Internal Operation Records

Statistical Records

Maps

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

#### **History**

This series contains materials related to the history of Southwest Power Administration and Rural Electrification Administration, including notable speeches, records of hydroelectric power production projects, photographs, and the history of the department itself. This series is arranged in alphabetical order.

#### **Cooperatives Records**

This series consists of materials pertaining to correspondence, events, and contracts between the Southwest Power Administration and local municipalities, electric cooperatives, and power companies. These include the standard and revised contracts, correspondence, meeting notes, programs, and statistical records. This series is arranged in alphabetical order.

#### **Internal Operation Records**

This series consists of materials pertaining to internal operations of the Southwest Power Administration and Rural Electrification Administration. These include interoffice communications, congressional papers pertaining to hydroelectric operations, meeting minutes, daily notes, staffing records and costs, and instruction manuals. The series is arranged in alphabetical order.

### Statistical Records

This series contains records used in managing and planning hydroelectric dams and rural electrification projects. These include census records, load data records, and construction statistics. The series is arranged in alphabetical order.

### Maps

This series contains a folder with maps pertaining to electrical and hydroelectrical engineering projects. These include KAMO Electric Cooperative system maps, Missouri transmission lines maps from 1949 and 1951, review report maps with recommended plans from the Corps of Engineers for Kansas and Osage Rivers, and a street map of Lebanon, Missouri, included inside of a city information brochure. The folder is stored in the maps cabinet, and the maps are arranged by date.

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