

Finding Aid to the

*Newspaper Clipping Collection:
The Creation of the Memorial
September 1929-May 1936*

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PREFACE

Jefferson National Expansion Memorial was established by Executive Order 7253, signed by President Franklin D. Roosevelt on December 21, 1935. The park was created to commemorate St. Louis' role in the westward expansion of the United States, specifically mentioning the site as the location of “the Spanish Colonial office where, during the administration of Thomas Jefferson the Upper Louisiana Purchase was transferred to the United States; the Government House at which, on March 9, 1804, Capt. Amos Stoddard of the United States Army took formal possession of the Louisiana Purchase and raised the American flag; the old French Cathedral of St. Louis, earliest home of religion on the western bank of the Mississippi; the place where Laclede and Chouteau established the first civil government west of the Mississippi; the place where Lafayette was received by a grateful people; the places where the Santa Fe, the Oregon, and other trails originated; the place where Lewis and Clark prepared for their trip of discovery and exploration; and the Court House in which the Dred Scott case was tried.”

Jefferson National Expansion Memorial collects and preserves archival materials that document the exploration and settlement of the American West, and particularly the role of St. Louis as the Gateway to the West. These manuscripts and records are collected as an extension of the three dimensional holdings of Jefferson National Expansion Memorial, further explaining and describing the artifact collections, and perhaps supplanting them when objects are lacking or unavailable. The human dimensions of the park's holdings are strengthened through the acquisition of personal correspondence, diaries, journals, sketchbooks, and photograph albums. These materials, along with records that document the administrative history of the park, comprise valuable and irreplaceable reference sources for historians and other scholars.

The Jefferson National Expansion Memorial Archives was formally organized in 1988 to insure the protection of these unique collections, and to make them available to the public. A small reference library is also available, containing nearly 4000 titles on westward expansion, Native Americans, St. Louis history, and the National Park Service. Researchers wishing to visit the Library and Archives are invited to call or write to make the necessary arrangements.

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INTRODUCTION TO THE COLLECTION

Since the creation of the memorial, staff members of Jefferson National Expansion Memorial have saved newspaper clippings related to the memorial, the riverfront, staff members, the National Park Service in St. Louis and other topics related to the memorial. In order to make the collection finding aids a useable size and because the collection is still expanding, the archivist broke the collection into subsections divided into the terms of superintendents. This first section covers the period before the appointment of the first superintendent of Jefferson National Expansion Memorial.

The newspaper clipping collection begins with Luther Ely Smith's grand idea to memorialize Thomas Jefferson and revitalize the riverfront area. The clippings trace the progress on creation of the memorial starting in 1933 with Mayor Dickmann's foundation of a Civic Committee to work for the establishment of a federal memorial to the Louisiana Purchase and the pioneers who went west through St. Louis. The citizens of St. Louis organized the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial Association in 1934 to assist in the creation of the memorial. In 1935 members of the Commission met with President Franklin D. Roosevelt to discuss the Memorial. In 1935 the Board of Aldermen of St. Louis passed a bond issue in the amount of \$7,500,000 for acquisition of the land. President Roosevelt signed Executive Order 7253 authorizing the allocation of funds to the Secretary of the Interior for the acquisition and development of a historic site to be known as Jefferson National Expansion Memorial on December 21, 1935.

(Historical information abridged from:
Sharon A. Brown, *Jefferson National Expansion Memorial Administrative History, 1935-1981*. Jefferson National Expansion Memorial: June 1984.)

Information from this collection must be properly cited, whether used in publication or in other formats. In the case of this particular collection, the name of the publication should also be cited. The proper format for this collection is:

National Park Service
Jefferson National Expansion Memorial Archives
Newspaper Clipping Collection: Creation of the Memorial
Box __, Folder __

Researchers are advised that before records, photographs, and any other unpublished materials from this collection can be published or exhibited, permission from the National Park Service must be obtained in writing.

ARRANGEMENT

For the sake of ease in use of the finding aid and because this collection will continue to grow, the newspaper clipping collection is divided into sections by superintendent's tenure. This first section covers the period before the appointment of the first superintendent of Jefferson National Expansion Memorial.

This collection of newspaper clippings is arranged in chronological order. The name of the article is listed, followed by the name of the publication in which it appeared. Some articles were found in the collection with no citation and no publication name is known so none is listed.

Because the finding aids to this collection will be quite large, and because the topics are all quite similar and related, there is no index to this collection. Researchers wishing to conduct a word search on the finding aid may obtain the finding aid in document format from the website at <http://www.nps.gov/jeff/historyculture/archival-collections.htm> or contact the archivist for assistance.

CONTAINER LISTING

Series 119.00 Creation of the Memorial

Box 1

Folder 1

1929

"A Regional Plan for St. Louis"

September 3, 1929

"Regional Road Planning"

September 1929

"Chicago Regional Plan Explained in National Session"

St. Louis Post-Dispatch

October 5, 1929

"Means of Raising Money Taken up by City Planners"

St. Louis Post-Dispatch

October 6, 1929

"What Regional Planners Have Done in Chicago"

St. Louis Post-Dispatch

October 7, 1929

Folder 2

1931

"Clark Group Picks Granite"

Evansville Press

July 14, 1931

"Clark Shrine Limestone Plea Lost"

The Indianapolis Star

July 14, 1931

"Indiana Stone Is Turned Down"

Indianapolis News

July 14, 1931

McAdams Memorial Highway

Brochure

1931

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Folder 3

January- June 1933

"Al Smith Recommends Abolition of I.C.C. and Transfer of Its Functions to Cabinet Department"

February 14, 1933

"Single Big System Urged to Remedy Ills of Railroads"

St. Louis Globe- Democrat

February 15, 1933

"Opportunity for St. Louis Leadership"

St. Louis Post- Dispatch

May 29, 1933

"Public Works in St. Louis"

St. Louis Post- Dispatch

May 31, 1933

"Making Civic Dreams Come True in St. Louis"

St. Louis Post- Dispatch

June 21, 1933

"An Aerial View of the Proposed St. Louis River Front Improvement"

St. Louis Globe- Democrat

June 25, 1933

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"Opportunity in Public Works"

St. Louis Post- Dispatch

June 30, 1933

Folder 4

July- December 1933

"Missouri and 'Recovery'"

St. Louis Post- Dispatch

July 23, 1933

"What About Public Works, Secretary Ickes?"

St. Louis Post- Dispatch

August 25, 1933

"How to Make a City" and

"Where the Blame Now Lies"

September 23, 1933

"Lost: A Real Program"

St. Louis Post- Dispatch
September 29, 1933

"What About It, Mr. Mayor?" and
Cartoon "Wake up St. Louis!"
St. Louis Post- Dispatch
October 3, 1933
[[NEM Visual Image 119- 3]

"Progress of Public Works"
St. Louis Post- Dispatch
October 4, 1933

"Force the Issue"
St. Louis Post- Dispatch
October 7, 1933

"A Small Home Owner Pleads for River Front Improvement"
St. Louis Post- Dispatch
October 7, 1933

"Mayor Dickmann and Public Works" and
Cartoon "S'Matter, Mr. Mayor?"
St. Louis Post- Dispatch
October 12, 1933
[[NEM Visual Image 119- 4]

"Free Soup vs. Public Works"
St. Louis Post- Dispatch
October 19, 1933

"Bond Issue and Employment"
St. Louis Post- Dispatch
November 1, 1933

"Recovery and the Constitution"
St. Louis Post- Dispatch
November 1, 1933

"Which Shall it Be, Mr. Mayor?"
St. Louis Post- Dispatch
November 14, 1933

"What the Civil Works Fund Is For"
St. Louis Post- Dispatch

November 16, 1933

"Mayor Dickmann on the Gridiron"

St. Louis Post- Dispatch

November 16, 1933

"At the Eleventh Hour"

St. Louis Post- Dispatch

December 9, 1933

"Ickes' Answer: 3,000,000 Jobs"

St. Louis Post- Dispatch

December 10, 1933

"Public Works, Not Free Soup"

December 12, 1933

"The Public Works Mass Meeting"

St. Louis Post- Dispatch

December 15, 1933

Folder 5

1934

"School Tax Drive Meeting Today to Make Final Plans"

St. Louis Globe- Democrat

February 2, 1934

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"Jefferson Memorial Commission Given Congress' Approval"

St. Louis Globe- Democrat

June 9, 1934

"Advisory Committee of Hundred Named in Relief Campaign"

1934

Folder 6

January- July 1935

"Borah Urges Swing Towards Principles of Jefferson"

St. Louis Post- Dispatch

January 14, 1935

"From Dreams to Reality"

St. Louis Globe- Democrat

February 8, 1935

"'Day of Three Flags' Re- enacted on River Front"

St. Louis Post- Dispatch

March 10, 1935
[[NEM Visual Image 119- 6]

"The Legend of an Epic Hour"
St. Louis Post- Dispatch
March 10, 1935

"Cochran Opposed to Memorial If it Costs \$ 30,000,000"
March 12, 1935

"If Thomas Jefferson Were Living - "
The Weekly Intelligencer, Mexico, Missouri
April 11, 1935

"A Great Civic Enterprise"
St. Louis Globe- Democrat
April 17, 1935

"Privately- Owned Art Displayed at Museum"
July 14, 1935

"Park on Meramec, Given to City by G. A. Buder in 1917, Still
Undeveloped"
St. Louis Star- Times
July 26, 1935
[[NEM Visual Image 119- 7]

Folder 7

August 1935
"Fate of \$ 22,015,000 Memorial Fund to Be Known by Sep. 10"
August 1, 1935

"Mayor Gets Promise of Memorial Grant"
St. Louis Post- Dispatch
August 7, 1935

"St. Louis Assured Federal Fund for River Memorial"
August 7, 1935

"That Vague River- Front Promise"
St. Louis Post- Dispatch
August 8, 1935

Cartoon "Even a Wise Father Wouldn't Know These Step
Children"
Kansas City Star

August 9, 1935
[[NEM Visual Image 119- 8]

"Facts About Proposed \$30,000,000 Jefferson Memorial on Riverfront"
St. Louis Post- Dispatch
August 9, 1935

"Ickes Discusses Federal Aid for City Riverfront"
St. Louis Post- Dispatch
August 9, 1935

"Memorial to Jefferson"
St. Louis Star- Times
August 12, 1935
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"Some Riverfront Property Owners Would Be Glad to Get Rid of Land on Memorial Site, Others Would Not"
St. Louis Post- Dispatch
August 12, 1935

"A Glorified River Front"
St. Louis Post- Dispatch
August 25, 1935

"Ickes Indefinite as to Effect Here"
St. Louis Post- Dispatch
August 27, 1935

"The Proposed River Front Memorial"
St. Louis Post- Dispatch
August 27, 1935

"Muny Opera Closed With Record for Paid Admission"
August 1935

"Muny Opera's Triumph"
August 1935

"Negroes Are Named on Bond Issue Campaign Committee"
August 1935

"Voters of City May Be Asked to Decide Fate of \$30,000,000 Riverfront Project on September 10"

August 1935

Folder 8

September 1935

"As St. Louis Will Be"

St. Louis Post-Dispatch

September 2, 1935

"Bond Issue Orator Gets Cordial Reception From Central Trades Meeting"

September 2, 1935

"'Hallowed Ground' Says White"

St. Louis Globe-Democrat

September 3, 1935

"W. C. D'Arcy to Speak Tuesday, Sept. 3rd"

St. Louis Advertising Club Weekly

September 3, 1935

"A Bond Issue Mass Meeting at U. Memorial"

September 4, 1935

"Citizens to Vote on Bond Issue Tuesday, Sept. 10"

St. Louis Catholic News

September 6, 1935

"Memorial to the Jefferson Ideal" and
Cartoon "an Opportunity for St. Louis"

St. Louis Post-Dispatch

September 6, 1935

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Advertisement "Vote No"

St. Louis Post-Dispatch

September 9, 1935

"Memorial Bond Vote Tomorrow"

St. Louis Post-Dispatch

September 9, 1935

"Tomorrow"

St. Louis Post-Dispatch

September 9, 1935

"Denies Any Letter Opposing Bond Issue"

St. Louis Globe- Democrat
September 10, 1935

"A Great Day's Work"
September 11, 1935

"Red Tape in Way of Early Start on Memorial Job"
St. Louis Post- Dispatch
September 12, 1935

"Park Induces Igoe to Back Bond Issue"
September 13, 1935

"A Glorified River Front"
St. Louis Post- Dispatch
September 25, 1935

"Hope and the Bond Test"
St. Louis Star- Times
September 25, 1935

"Ickes Still Undecided on River Front Project"
St. Louis Globe- Democrat
September 25, 1935

"Convention Cost City Government \$30,000"
September 1935

"Every Union Man and Woman in St. Louis Should Vote for the
\$7,500,000 Bond Issue"
Trades Council Union News
September 1935

"Larkin's Mule"
September 1935

"The Once Over"
September 1935

"Reidy Prepares Bill to Repeal \$8,300,000 Bond Issue"
September 1935

"San Francisco and Our Bond Issue"
September 1935

Folder 9

October 1935

Cartoon "Thomas Jefferson: Where Are All the Boys With Their Picks and Shovels?"

St. Louis Post-Dispatch

October 5, 1935

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"River- Front Bond Issue Case Argued in Supreme Court"

St. Louis Globe- Democrat

October 16, 1935

"Get the Memorial Started"

St. Louis Star- Times

October 21, 1935

Cartoon "Wonder If I'm Going to Be the Memorial"

St. Louis Star- Times

October 22, 1935

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Folder 10

November 1935

"Up to the President"

St. Louis Post- Dispatch

November 3, 1935

"Bonds Validated; Let's Go"

St. Louis Star- Times

November 4, 1935

Cartoon "Come on, Uncle, Let's Go!"

St. Louis Post- Dispatch

November 5, 1935

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"Obligations of the Government"

St. Louis Globe- Democrat

November 5, 1935

"Roosevelt Approves River Front Work Here"

St. Louis Globe- Democrat

November 14, 1935

"Legal Hitch Reported Over River Memorial"

St. Louis Post- Dispatch

November 16, 1935

"Cummings Says Roosevelt Can't Sign Memorial Order; No Action Before January"
St. Louis Post-Dispatch
November 18, 1935

"Jefferson Memorial to Rise on Old 'Gateway to West'"
Greenfield Daily Recorder- Gazette
November 18, 1935
[[NEM Visual Image 119- 14]

"Calls 'Meddling' by U.S. Necessary to Prevent Chaos"
November 23, 1935
[[NEM Visual Image 119- 15]

Folder II

December 1935
"Here and There"
St. Louis Globe- Democrat
December 5, 1935

"Labor Wants the Memorial"
St. Louis Star- Times
December 5, 1935

"America's Peace Plan"
St. Louis Globe- Democrat
December 8, 1935

"Roosevelt's New Riverfront Plan Cheered by Mayor"
St. Louis Star- Times
December 18, 1935

"White House Parley on River- Front Plan"
St. Louis Globe- Democrat
December 20, 1935

"New Order Prepared for Riverfront Funds"
St. Louis Post- Dispatch
December 21, 1935

"President Releases \$6,750,000 for Riverfront"
St. Louis Star- Times
December 21, 1935

"Baker Has His Say"

St. Louis Star- Times
December 22, 1935

"Deride \$30,000,000 Gift"
December 22, 1935

"Roosevelt Issues Text of His Order as to River Front"
St. Louis Post- Dispatch
December 23, 1935

"The Memorial Comes"
St. Louis Star- Times
December 24, 1935

"Taxpayer Sues to Block Bond Sales for Memorial Job"
December 24, 1935

"Another Jefferson Memorial Planned"
St. Louis Post- Dispatch
December 28, 1935

Folder 12

1935 (month unknown)
"Application Made for \$30,000,000 Memorial Grant"
1935

Cartoon: "Selected Bibliography"
ca. 1935
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"From Air of Riverfront Plaza"
1935

"The Shrine That Is to Be"
1935

"The Story of Transportation in Missouri"
Missouri Motor News
1935
[[JNEM Visual Image 119: 16- 18]

"Visit St. Louis: The City of a Thousand Sights"
Brochure
ca. 1935
[[JNEM Visual Image 119: 19- 69 and JNEM Map 119- 1]

Folder 13

January 1936

"Old Man River"

January 1, 1936

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"What Riverfront Park Project Is, and How Problems Will Be Met"

St. Louis Star- Times

January 3, 1936

[JNEM Visual Image 119- 76 and JNEM Map 119- 2]

"His Honor Wasn't Hungry"

St. Louis Star- Times

January 8, 1936

[JNEM Visual Image 119- 77]

"Laird Proposes Science Museum Go on Riverfront"

St. Louis Star- Times

January 9, 1936

[JNEM Visual Image 119- 78]

"Riverfront Memorial Arguments Resumed"

January 14, 1936

"Ruling on River Memorial Not Due for Month"

St. Louis Star- Times

January 14, 1936

"U.S. Appellate Court Takes Memorial Case Under Advisement"

January 14, 1936

"Bid \$400 for Taking River Front Photos"

January 1936

"Laclede's Resting Place"

January 1936

Folder 14

February 1936

"G. S. Robins, Chemist Manufacturer, Dies"

St. Louis Globe- Democrat

February 2, 1936

"Memorial Plans Bar Courthouse"

St. Louis Globe- Democrat

February 3, 1936

"Ickes Orders Work Started on Memorial Project Here"
February 8, 1936

"Ickes' Preliminary Order on Memorial"
February 8, 1936

"Mr. Ickes Beats Us to It"
St. Louis Star- Times
February 11, 1936

"Here's the Strangest Lobbyist in National History"
The Cincinnati Times Star
February 14, 1936

"Lorado Taft Shows Great Interest in Jefferson Memorial"
February 26, 1936

Folder 15

March 1936

"A Boomerang"
St. Louis Post- Dispatch
March 3, 1936

"Article in 'Nation' Inspired by Foes, Mayor Declares"
St. Louis Star- Times
March 5, 1936

"Attacking the Memorial"
St. Louis Star Times
March 5, 1936

"Again the Memorial Project"
March 13, 1936

"Go Ahead With the River- Front Park"
St. Louis Star- Times
March 14, 1936

"Plea to Use Memorial Fund for Flood Relief"
St. Louis Post- Dispatch
March 23, 1936

"Unparalleled Generosity"
St. Louis Star- Times
March 24, 1936

Folder 16

April 1936

"Court Refuses to Prevent Sale of Riverfront Bonds"

St. Louis Star- Times

April 7, 1936

"Suits to Enjoin Riverfront Bond Sale Dismissed"

St. Louis Post- Dispatch

April 7, 1936

"First River Front Bonds to Be Sold Thursday"

St. Louis Star- Times

April 8, 1936

"Now for the Memorial Bonds"

St. Louis Star- Times

April 8, 1936

"Opponents of Riverfront Plan to Challenge Government's Power to Condemn Land for the Purpose"

St. Louis Post- Dispatch

April 8, 1936

"Riverfront Moving Cost"

St. Louis Star- Times

April 13, 1936

"St. Louis Called to Task in House Over Memorial"

April 13, 1936

"Mr. Nolte on Bond Interest"

St. Louis Star- Times

April 23, 1936

"History of Pacific"

April 24, 1936

"Unions Appeal to Public to Bid in Riverfront Bonds"

St. Louis Star- Times

April 27, 1936

Folder 17

May 1936

"River Memorial Chief in St. Louis, Ready for Work"

St. Louis Star- Times

May 5, 1936

"Asking Congress to Reverse"
St. Louis Star- Times
May 6, 1936

"Riverfront of Another Day Pictured in Painting for Star Times"
St. Louis Star- Times
May 12, 1936
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"Many Points of Interest on the Rankin Estate"
Meramec Valley Transcript
May 15, 1936

"The Memorial at Last"
St. Louis Star- Times
May 18, 1936

"Riverfront Bonds Valid in Opinion of Law Consultants"
May 1936