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On Missouri in general, see two online digital collections:

- The Missouri Digital Heritage Collection
  Available at http://www.sos.mo.gov/mdh/, it outlines a range of important resources on agriculture and many other business activities.
- The Missouri Valley Special Collections
  Available through the Kansas City Public Library at http://www.kchistory.org/index.php, these digital archives include business collections.

Cape Girardeau, MO

106. Southeast Missouri State University

Special Collections and Archives
Kent Library
One University Plaza, MS 4600
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Phone: (573) 651-2245
Fax: (573) 651-2666
E-mail: semoarchives@semo.edu
Website: http://library.semo.edu/archives/ask_archives.htm
Hours: M-Th 8:30 am–4:30 pm; F 8:30 am to 12:30 pm

Contact Persons:
Lisa K. Speer, Special Collections Librarian
Anne Baker, Archivist

Overview:

Special Collections and Archives are the official repository for regional history research materials on the campus of Southeast Missouri State University. Special Collections actively collects and receives, through donations, material documenting the history of a fourteen-county region in Missouri, including the Bootheel and the hill counties to the north and the west of the lowlands. The subject strengths reflect the most significant historical happenings of the region—European settlement, foreign and domestic wars, river travel, and the coming of the railroad’s “iron horse,” the draining of the Southeast Missouri swamps in the early twentieth century, and the subsequent rise of agriculture on these cleared lands.
Noteworthy collections:

- Houck Papers, Louis and Giboney (1886–1943). 172.0 lin. ft. Correspondence, business and legal papers of Louis Houck, Southeast Missouri railroad entrepreneur, and his son, Giboney, a partner in his father’s business ventures and member of the Missouri House of Representatives (1919). Some political papers relating to Giboney Houck are included, as well as business ledgers, maps, and artifacts.

- Lueders Studio Collection (1920–1995). 15 lin. ft. Spans seventy years of commercial photographic work by Herbert Lueders and his sons, Paul and John. Began operations in the 1920s. Paul Lueders earned national fame as a Master Retoucher, turning photographs into fine art. The Lueders Collection is a “Who’s Who” of Southeast Missouri, containing images of local people, families, politicians, businesses and events. People from all walks of life came from the surrounding area to sit for portraits. After the studio closed in 1995, John Lueders donated the collection to Southeast Missouri State University.

- Additional information on smaller collections may be found at http://library.semo.edu/archives/collections/Subject%20Guide%20PDFs/Business%20and%20Industry%20Subject%20Guide.pdf

Columbia, MO

107. University of Missouri, WHMC-Columbia

State Historical Society of Missouri
The Western Historical Manuscript Collection
23 Ellis Library
Columbia, MO 65201-5149

Phone: (573) 882-6028
E-mail: http://whmc.umsystem.edu/ref.html
Hours: M-F 8 am–4:45 pm; Sat 8 am–3:30 pm

Noteworthy collections:

Papers of business men and women and corporate leaders; records of business organizations such as Chambers of Commerce; and records of banks, stores, lumber companies, and various other types of businesses. Researchers may also want to consider the business
related holdings of the Western Historical Manuscript Collections in Kansas City, Rolla, and St. Louis. See: http://whmc.umsystem.edu/tl-bus.html for index.

**Kansas City, MO**

108. **University of Missouri, WHMC-Kansas City**

State Historical Society of Missouri  
Western Historical Manuscript Collection-Kansas City  
302 Newcomb Hall, University of Missouri-Kansas City  
5123 Holmes Street  
Kansas City, MO 64110-2499

**Phone:** (816) 235-1543  
**E-mail:** WHMCKC@umkc.edu  
**Hours:** M-F 8 am–5 pm and evenings by appt.

**Noteworthy collections:**

Papers of individuals; businesses, industries, and cooperatives; business-related associations and chambers of commerce; professional and occupational associations. The collections are strong in agriculture as well. Individual farmers; family, corporate, and commercial farming; Agribusiness (processing, marketing, transportation); academic research and programs (including schools); cooperatives and service organizations; lobby and professional groups. See http://web2.umkc.edu/whmckc/Collections/cframe.htm for index of business collections.

**St. Louis, MO**

109. **Missouri History Museum**

Library and Research Center  
225 South Skinker Blvd.  
St. Louis, MO 63105

**Phone:** (314) 746-4500  
**Fax:** (314) 454-3162  
**E-mail:** archives@mohistory.org  
**Website:** http://www.mohistory.org/lrc/collections/archives  
**Hours:** Tu–F 12–5 pm; Sat 10 am–5 pm
Overview:
The Missouri History Museum’s research collections contain unique regional history sources and objects documenting St. Louis, MO, the Mississippi and Missouri Valleys, the Louisiana Purchase Territory, and the American West. The archives contains manuscript material including papers of individuals and families such as letters, diaries, and reminiscences; records of clubs, societies, businesses, and institutions, including minute books, account books, and correspondence; and records of some local government agencies, including court records, tax records, licenses, and voter registrations. Listings of business related collections may be found at: http://archon.mohistory.org/search.php?subjectid=52.

110. University of Missouri, St. Louis

Western Historical Manuscript Collection
222 Thomas Jefferson Library
One University Blvd.
St. Louis, MO 63121

Phone: (314) 516-5143
Fax: (314) 516-5853
E-mail: whmc@umsl.edu
Hours: M-F 8 am to 4:45 pm and Tu until 9 pm

Overview:
Collections include information on chemical firms, banking, stockyards, agriculture, see http://www.umsl.edu/~whmc/guides/bizcoll.html for an index of business collections. The repository also holds records related to consumer groups. See http://www.umsl.edu/~whmc/areas.html for more information.

111. Washington University Libraries

Department of Special Collections
One Brookings Drive, Campus Box 1061
St. Louis, MO 63130

Phone: (314) 935-5444
Fax: (314) 935-8320
E-mail: spec@wumail.wustl.edu
Website: http://library.wustl.edu/units/spec/
Hours: M-F 8:30 am–5 pm; appointments encouraged
Contact persons:
Sonya Rooney, University Archivist: (314) 935-9730; srooney@wustl.edu
Miranda Rectenwald, Archives Assistant: (314) 935-5444; mrectenwald@wustl.edu


Fellowships and grants: Annual Travel Grant. Contact spec@wumail.wustl.edu for more information.

Finding aids: Available online at http://library.wustl.edu/units/spec/archives/guides/. See also links for finding aids to specific collections below.

Overview:
The Department of Special Collections is made up of five units: Manuscripts, Rare Books, Film & Media Archive, Modern Graphic History Library, and University Archives. Special Collections is open to the public and welcomes researchers from both on campus and off. Its active program of class visits, exhibitions, workshops, and public events highlights the department’s vital role in scholarship at Washington University and beyond. 13,026 lin. ft. of archival collections and 54,177 vols. from the first century BC to the present, predominantly since 1900.

Noteworthy collections:
- St. Louis Car Company Collection (1887–1977). 54 lin. ft. of paper material & photographs and 42 lin. ft. of oversized technical drawings
  Company formed in April of 1887 to manufacture and sell streetcars and other kinds of rolling stock of street and steam railways. In succeeding years, the company built automobiles, including the American Mors, the Skelton, and the Standard Six. A division of the company produced aircraft such as the Cardinal. During the two world wars, the company manufactured gliders, trainer, Alligators, flying boats, and dirigible gondolas. Among their most successful products were the Birney Safety Cars and the PCC Cars. Disbanded in 1973. Collection includes publicity materials, specifications for various vehicles, job books and cost data, general office files, photographs and negatives of their vehicles, and technical drawings of their vehicles. Finding aid available at http://library.wustl.edu/units/spec/archives/guides/bysubject_stlouis/car-company.html.
Monsanto Company Records (1901–present). Ca. 228 lin. ft. of paper materials and ca. 171 lin. ft. of media material. Monsanto Chemical Works of Saint Louis, MO, was founded in 1901 by John Queeny and named for his wife, Olga Monsanto. The company’s first commercially successful product was saccharin followed shortly thereafter by refined caffeine, vanillin, and aspirin. Within thirty years, Monsanto Chemical Works expanded its business and product portfolio to include a number of manufacturing facilities in both the U.S. and abroad. In 1933, the company was renamed, “Monsanto Chemical Company.” Over the years, the company focused on various pharmaceuticals, agricultural products, chemical products, and more. Since 2009, the Monsanto Company has focused exclusively on agricultural work, with two main divisions: Seeds and Genomics, and Agricultural Productivity. The collection has original manuscripts, typescripts, newspaper clippings, photographs, negatives, slides, films, videos, audiocassettes, various sound capturing magnetic media, and artifacts. Monsanto has its own Records Coordinator. Finding aid available at http://library.wustl.edu/units/spec/archives/guides/pdf/monsanto.pdf

Springfield, MO

112. Missouri State University

Special Collections
Meyer Library, Room 306
850 S. John Q. Hammons Pkwy
Springfield, MO 65897

Phone: (417) 836-5428
Fax: (662) 915-7639
E-mail: Archives@MissouriState.edu
Website: http://library.missouristate.edu/archives/index.htm
Hours: M-F 8 am–5 pm; Tu to 9 pm

Overview:
The Special Collections and Archives Department preserves and provides access to the research, manuscript, rare book, and archival collections of Missouri State University.
**Noteworthy collections:**

- Ozarks Labor Union Archives (OLUA)
  Largest repository of records documenting labor’s heritage in the Ozarks. With over 1,500 lin. ft. of records, photographs, oral histories, and ephemeral items, the collection documents important activities of labor unions in Southwest Missouri. OLUA is a major repository in the Ozarks for labor and working class records that help document the history of the labor movement in this region. Materials originate from nearly 100 local unions, labor leaders, and other organizations. In addition, there is a significant book collection and a growing vertical file with a wide array of material on labor relations and history.

**Rolla, MO**

**113. Missouri University of Science and Technology**

G-3 Curtis Laws Wilson Library  
Western Historical Manuscript Collection-Rolla  
400 W. 14th St.  
Rolla, MO 65409-1420

**Phone:** (573) 341-4874  
**E-mail:** whmcinfo@mst.edu

**Overview:**

The Rolla Collection focuses on the history of southern Missouri and the Ozark Highland. See http://web.mst.edu/~whmcinfo/topics/ for an index to business related collections from general business interests to mercantile establishments to mining, banking, and railroad.