

Missouri State Archives

Finding Aid [395.1]

MISSOURI STATE CAPITOL COMMISSION PHOTOGRAPHS

Abstract: Color and black and white photograph prints, transparencies and digital files that depict the Missouri State Capitol and its artwork from 1911 to 2004. These images were donated or commissioned by the State Capitol Commission for inclusion in the book *The Art of the Missouri Capitol, History in Canvas, Bronze and Stone* by Bob Priddy and Jeffrey Ball.

Extent: 1 ½ size Hollinger box (.24 cubic feet), and 1 5x7 Photograph box (.28 cubic feet).

Physical Description: Color and black and white prints as well as color transparencies and color digital images.

Location: Missouri State Archives Stacks; Digital images (Series 1) located on sosnt62; Digital images (Series 2 & 3) located with collection. Copy of DVDs in Vault.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Alternative Formats: Print, film, digital

Access Restrictions: Series 1: Include credit line “Missouri State Capitol Commission” or “Missouri State Capitol Commission Collection.”

Series 2 & Series 3: The State Capitol Commission Retains legal rights to images. Copies shall be provided only with the approval of the Commission chair (Wayne Goode). Include credit line “Missouri State Capitol Commission” or “Missouri State Capitol Commission Collection.”

Publication Restrictions: Copyright retained by creator of image. Series 1 may be reproduced by any means. Reproduction of images in Series 2 & 3 requires approval of the State Capitol Commission Chair (Wayne Goode) in each case.

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Processing Information: Processing completed by Amy Moorman, Visual Materials Archivist, on October 31, 2011. Series 1 processed by Laura Jolley in 2004 upon original receipt. Items were digitized and placed on 62 Drive at the Missouri State Archives. All items re-processed in 2011 to create single collection.

HISTORICAL AND BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

The Missouri State Capitol Commission, created in 2001 (renamed 2009) is tasked with “the preservation, restoration, and renovation of the Missouri State Capitol and the recording of its history.” This charge includes the care of Capitol artwork (over 120 pieces) such as murals, sculptures and stained glass windows.

The Commission is made up of two Senators, two Representatives, an employee from each of the legislative houses, the commissioner of the Office of Administration and four members appointed by the Governor.

The Commission commissioned a book that would illustrate the history and importance of the Capitol artwork. The book published in 2011 by Bob Priddy and Jeffrey Ball contains stories of the Capitol Decoration Committee’s choices, the artists who created the pieces, and the historical figures who inspired them.

Timeline

Feb. 5, 1911- Existing Capitol building in Jefferson City struck by lightning and burned
Mar. 24, 1911- (Original) State Capitol Commission formed
May 6, 1913- Groundbreaking ceremony for new Capitol building
Jun 15, 1914- Cornerstone laying ceremony
1917- Present Capitol building construction completed
1917- Capitol Decoration Committee formed
Oct. 26, 1924- New Capitol Day celebration
2001- Second State Capitol Commission formed
2009- Commission renamed by Senate to Missouri State Capitol Commission
2011- publication of Priddy/Ball book *The Art of the Missouri Capitol: History in Canvas, Bronze and Stone*.

ADDITIONAL DESCRIPTIVE INFORMATION

Bibliography

<http://governor.mo.gov/boards/show/CAPITOL>
<http://www.friendsofmsa.org/sscc/sscc.htm>

Other Finding Aids

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Related Material

SERIES

The records are broken down into the following series:

Series 1

Capitol Images, Donated

Series 2

Capitol Images of Lloyd Grotjan, Full Spectrum Photography

Series 3

Capitol Images of Scott E. Thomas, Senate Photographer

CAPITOL IMAGES, DONATED (1911-2004)

Extent: 13 folders, ½ Hollinger box; 72-5 x 7 print envelopes, photo storage box; 1 CD

Arrangement: Arranged by format; thereunder by size; thereunder alphabetically by last name of donor.

Scope and Content

This series contains images of the Capitol donated by citizens. Photos are historic and contemporary, interior and exterior views, landscape shots or portraits with Capitol visitors. Each donor signed a terms of use form, and those forms are also included.

Container List

Location	Box	Folder	Contents	Date
17A/4/6	1	1-16	Submission forms (Boswell-Willmarth) including terms of use	2004
	1	1	Entries of Kathleen Boswell (Dedication of Capitol)	1924
	1	2	Entry of Ralph Buck (copy print of man standing in front of Capitol with scaffolding)	
	1	5	Entries of Don Conner (view of Capitol from opposite bank of Missouri River)	
	2	4-104	Donated images showing various scenes at the Missouri State Capitol over time (see index for complete listing)	1911-2004

CAPITOL IMAGES, LLOYD GROTTJAN (2004)

Extent: 4 folders; 82-4 x 5 print envelopes, photo storage box; 1 DVD (87 images).

Arrangement: Arranged by format; thereunder alphabetically by subject.

Scope and Content

Images in this series are of the interior artwork in the Capitol, including murals, stained glass and photographs of different locations in the building. Note that some images are in digital format or print format only (see index for complete list).

Container List

Location	Box	Folder	Contents	Date
17A/4/6	1	17	Index to Grotjan photos on DVD	
	1	18	Proof Sheets	
	1	19	Panoramic image- Benton Murals	
	1	20	Photo Prints	
	2	1-5	Benton Murals	
	2	6-18	Brangwyn Murals	
	2	19-20	Entrances	
	2	21-25	Exteriors	
	2	26-28	Governor's Office	
	2	29-30	Grand Stair Case	
	2	31	House Art- Hoffbauer Mural	
	2	32-34	House Art- Stained Glass	
	2	35-36	Library	
	2	37-38	Library Bridge	
	2	39-45	Murals- Second Floor East (Lunettes)	
	2	46-53	Murals- Second Floor West (Lunettes)	
	2	54	Murals- Second Floor East (Lunettes)	
	2	55-56	Museums	
	2	57-59	Rotunda	
	2	60-63	Senate Art- Miller Murals	
	2	64	Senate Art- Stained Glass	
	2	65-68	True Pendentives- Northeast Dome	
	2	69-72	True Pendentives- Northwest Dome	
	2	73-76	True Pendentives- Southeast Dome	
	2	77-80	True Pendentives- Southwest Dome	
	2	81-82	Whispering Gallery	

CAPITOL IMAGES, SCOTT E. THOMAS (ca. 2004)

Extent: 1 CD (210 images).

Arrangement: Arranged by digital file name.

Scope and Content

This series contains over 200 digital images of the interior, exterior and grounds of the Capitol building, especially including the Senate Chambers and the artwork and statuary of the Capitol. All images were taken by Senate photographer Scott E. Thomas, ca. 2004 and are contained on 1 CD, located in Box 1.

Container List

Location	Box	Folder	Contents	Date
17A/4/6	1	21	Index to Thomas photos on DVD	