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Department Elementary and Secondary Education

School Building Abandonment Applications

School Building Abandonment Applications, 1944-1974

Abstract: Abandonment records for Missouri school buildings, 1944-1974 (bulk dates, 1948-1966).

Extent: 0.4 cubic ft. (1 Hollinger boxes).

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Historical and Biographical Notes

In 1931, The State Building Aid law allowed rural school districts, composed of two more or combined districts or an enlarged district, that constructed a new school building to be paid \$1000 for each old building abandoned (*Laws 1931*, p. 346).

The law was amended in 1963. The amendment removed enlarged districts and required a combined elementary building in order for a district to qualify. (*Laws 1963*, p. 200). The law was repealed in 1973 as part of a larger education bill (*Laws 1973*, p. 230).

Timeline

Year	Event
1931	State Building Aid (rural school abandonment section) was created by Senate Bill 237, on April 23, 1931, effective September 14, 1931.
1963	State Building Aid (rural school abandonment section) was updated by Senate Bill 8 on August 15, 1963, effective July 1, 1965.
1973	State Building Aid (rural school abandonment section) was repealed by House Bill 158 approved on August 9, 1973, effective July 1, 1974.

Additional Descriptive Information

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Related Material

[RG 105.03 Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's Division of Instruction](#)

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Extent: 0.4 cubic ft. (1 Hollinger box)

Arrangement: Alphabetical by county

Scope and Content

The School Abandonment Applications contain applications submitted by schools for collecting the \$1000 payment, occasionally with an attached letter.

There are no applications for the only “K” and “V” counties, Knox and Vernon. The City of St. Louis is included under “S.”

Container List

Box	Folder	Counties Starting With	Date
1	1	A	1951-1974
1	2	B	1948-1969
1	3	C	1948-1973
1	4	D	1948-1970
1	5	F	1953-1971
1	6	G	1947-1952
1	7	H	1948-1971
1	8	I	1955
1	9	J	1948-1965
1	10	L	1947-1972
1	11	M	1944-1970
1	12	N	1949-1972
1	13	O	1948-1958
1	14	P	1947-1973
1	15	R	1949-1972
1	16	S	1944-1973
1	17	T	1947-1958
1	18	W	1950-1966