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Finding Aid RG 3.41

Office of the Governor

Phillip Matthew Donnelly, 1945-1949

Abstract: Records (1937-1953) of Governor Phillip Matthew Donnelly (1891-1961) include attorney general opinions, Board of Pharmacy appeals, bond remittance files, budget materials, correspondence, domestic and foreign extraditions, executive automobile files, expense accounts and payroll, maps, revenue transmittal, parole and probation materials, and writs of election.

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Historical and Biographical Notes

Phillip Matthew Donnelly was born in Lebanon, Laclede County on March 6, 1891 to Phillip and Margaret Halloran Donnelly. He graduated from Lebanon High School in 1909. He earned a law degree from St. Louis University and was admitted to the Missouri Bar on December 24, 1912. He then returned to his hometown to practice law with J.W. Farris. He married Juanita McFadden on May 22, 1915 in Maplewood, Missouri. The couple had one son, David.

Donnelly was elected to the Missouri House of Representatives in 1922 as a Democrat, representing Laclede County. He served one term before being elected to the Missouri Senate. He served as a state senator from 1924-1944. He ran for Missouri governor in 1944, defeating Republican Jean Paul Bradshaw and becoming the 41st Missouri governor. Due to Missouri statutes, he could not run for consecutive terms. Donnelly remained active in Democratic politics and ran for governor again in 1952, defeating Republican Howard Elliott to become the 43rd governor of Missouri.

During his first administration, Donnelly dealt with the implementation of the 1945 Missouri Constitution, created the Missouri Department of Revenue, and appointed Frank Park Briggs to fill Harry S. Truman's U.S. Senate seat. He also signed the King-Thompson Anti-Strike legislation and opposed labor organization efforts in the St. Louis Police Department.

During his second administration, Donnelly investigated alleged shortages at the Department of Revenue, added a two-cent cigarette tax to fund education, and secured a \$75 million bond issue to upgrade state facilities. He continued to oppose efforts for unionizing at the St. Louis Police Department and dealt with the 1954 Missouri State Penitentiary riot. He is also responsible for vetoing legislation in 1954 that aimed to demolish the Governor's Mansion.

IN 1957, Donnelly returned to Lebanon where he practiced law with his son until he died from a stroke on September 12, 1961. He is interred in Lebanon City Cemetery.

Additional Descriptive Information

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Related Material

RG3.43 Phillip Matthew Donnelly, 1953-1957

Missouri History Museum, St. Louis holds the David Arthur Bowman Papers, 1946-1955 which include Donnelly correspondence.

State Historical Society of Missouri holds:

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| C 2151 | Phil M. Donnelly (1891-1961), Papers, 1944-1957
91.6 linear feet, 10 volumes. Material relating to Donnelly's two terms as governor. |
| C2386 | Phil M. Donnelly (1891-1961), Inaugural Ceremonies, 1953 |

Please see also the Missouri Valley Special Collections at the Kansas City Public Library for additional material pertaining to Governor Donnelly.

Series

The records are organized into the following series:

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Foreign Extraditions, 1945-1948
Pardons and Parole Papers, 1945-1948
Remitter of Bond Forfeiture, 1937-1949

Correspondence, 1942-1953

Extent: 26 folders

Arrangement: Alphabetical by type of correspondence and then chronological.

Scope and Content

Correspondence is divided into nine separate headings: attorney general opinions, board of pharmacy appeals, budget executive office, budget for governor's use, executive automobile use, expense accounts, payroll, revenue transmittal, and writs of election.

Select folders of this series were re-processed and re-numbered. Original box and/or folder numbers are indicated in parenthesis. OB stands for oversized box.

Container List

Box	Folder	Date	Contents
1	1	January-March 1947	Attorney General Opinions
1	2 (1)	April-May 1947	Attorney General Opinions
1	3 (1)	June 1947	Attorney General Opinions
1	4 (2)	July-August 1947	Attorney General Opinions
1	5 (2)	September 1947	Attorney General Opinions
1	6 (2)	October-December 1947	Attorney General Opinions
1	7 (3)	January-March 1948	Attorney General Opinions
1	8 (3)	May-June 1948	Attorney General Opinions
1	9 (3)	July-September 1948	Attorney General Opinions
1	10 (3)	November-December 1948	Attorney General Opinions
1	11 (5)	1942-1947	Board of Pharmacy Appeal: Myerly, Edward Howard
1	12 (6)	1945-1946	Board of Pharmacy Appeal: Roberts, James H.

Box	Folder	Date	Contents
1	13 (7)	1945-1946	Board of Pharmacy Appeal: Schnaer, Abraham I.
1	14 (12)	1946-1948	Budget, Executive Office
1	15 (13)	1945-1949	Budget, Governor's Use
1	16 (14)	1946	Executive Automobile Use
1	26	1946-1947	Executive Orders; special census' undertaken for Campbell (Dunklin County); Iberia (Miller County); and Mansfield (Wright County)
1	17 (11)	1945-1946	Expense Accounts
1	25 (22)	1946-1948	Interstate Compact for the Supervision of Parolees and Probationers
1	24	1946, 1948	Miscellaneous
1	18 (10)	1946	Payroll
1	19 (9)	1946, 1948	Revenue Transmittal
1	27	1948, 1953	Special Elections: Springfield Court of Appeals; St. Louis Court of Appeals
1 (2)	28 (39)	1947	St. Louis Circuit Court; report on criminal cases
1	20 (4)	1942-1947	Writs of Election: Adair, Atchison, Boone, Chariton, Douglas
1	23(4)	1946-1947	Writs of Election: City of St. Louis
1	21 (4)	1945-1946	Writs of Election: Franklin, Mercer
1	22 (4)	1945-1947	Writs of Election: Perry, Platte, St. Francois, Warren
OB1	1	1946	Writs of Election: City of St. Louis map; notices to voters; affidavit of publication

Domestic Extraditions, 1946-1948

Extent: .4 cubic feet (1 Hollinger box)

Arrangement: Chronological, then alphabetical by surname. Miscellaneous correspondence folders are arranged chronologically.

Scope and Content

Correspondence pertaining to returning Missouri fugitives from other locales. Select cases may also include extradition forms and telegrams.

Select folders of this series were re-processed and re-numbered. Original box and/or folder numbers are indicated in parenthesis.

Container List

Box	Folder	Date	Contents
3	1	1946	Cutberth
3	2	1947	Adams
3	3	1947	Barker, F.; Barker, M.; Bearden; Bethel; Black; Bontz; Brown; Bubenyak
3	4	1947	Caldwell; Carleton AKA Frazier; Celeste AKA Lodotto; Chapman; Clark (joint with Miller); Clark, D. C.; Clark, R. K.; Cole; Cronk; Croy; Cutberth
3	5	1947	Dobson
3	6	1947	Fleming; Foushee; Franklin; Fruits
3	7	1947	Goade; Grace
3	8	1947	Hare; Hartley; Hergenreder AKA Budke; House
3	9	1947	Jackson; Jones, E.; Jones, R. L.; Jones, W.; Justus
3	10	1947	Kennard; Kerns; King; Kushen
3	11	1947	LaChapelle; Lake AKA Skott; Lancaster; Leffler; LeRoy; Lewis; Linn; Loomis
3	12	1947	Marlow; Martin; Morgan; Moore, L. R.; Moore, W.; Morland
3	13	1947	Pearson; Perry (joint with Cochran; Gordon); Pettit AKA Price AKA Dorsey; Proffitt
3	14	1947	Rich AKA Conway; Russell

Box	Folder	Date	Contents
3	15	1947	Shans (joint with Pollard); Sinclair; Smith, R. L.; Smith, W. T.; Snow; Stahl; Stephens; Sutton
3	16	1947	Tayson; Teal; Thomas AKA Harrison; Thompson, R.; Thompson, W.; Tolle; Topping; Treadway (joint with Rich)
3	17	1947	Vermillion; Voltz
3	18	1947	Webb; Welch; Willis; Withrow; Wofford; Wood
3	19	1947	Yoho; Young
3	20	1947	Miscellaneous
3	21	1948	Allen; Anderson; Ayers
3	22	1948	Berry; Bethel; Bolinger AKA Stalling; Bray; Bregman; Brendel; Bryce; Bugg
3	23	1948	Cash; Clements; Cobb; Compton; Courpus AKA Cooper
3	24	1948	Darr; Davis AKA Myrel; Duncan; Dunn
3	25	1948	Elliott (joint with Mayes); Evans
3	26	1948	Farris; Ferguson; Fouche, H.; Fouche, M.; Fraley; Frye
3	27	1948	Gaye; Gray; Grayson; Gregory
3	28	1948	Haenisch; Harrison; Hathaway; Hermann; Huckstine (joint with Ziegenmeyer)
3	29	1948	Jackson; Janz; Jarvis; Jones, R. L.
3	30	1948	Keller; Kenworthy; King; Kuhn
3	31	1948	Ladow; Lagrange; Lee, E.; Lee, K.; Lockhart; Long; Lopez
3	32 (33)	1948	Mann; Martin; Mathers, Jr.; McGee; Metzger AKA Van Vernard; Miller; Mixon; Mooney; Moore. V.; Moore, W.; Mosely; Murtaugh; Myers
3	33 (34)	1948	Noland (joint with Pierce); O'Heaver
3	34 (36)	1948	Parker; Poland; Price; Prock
3	35 (37)	1948	Rawlings; Robertson; Ross
3	36 (38)	1948	Sanders; Schaffer; Serviss; Sever; Shain; Sheldon; Shockley; Simpson; Stewart; Stone; Stroemple; Stryker
3	37 (39)	1948	Taylor, N. D.; Taylor, W.; Teenworth; Thomas; Thompson (joint with Duncas; Hall); Thompson, J. B.; Townsley

Box	Folder	Date	Contents
3	38 (40)	1948	Vitale
3	39 (41)	1948	Waggoner; Waldman; Whitney; Wilborn; Wilkinson; Willard; Williams, C.; Williams, L.; Wise; Witham; Wolf; Wyatt
3	40 (42)	1948	Zumalt
3	(43)	1948	Miscellaneous Correspondence

Foreign Extraditions, 1945-1948

Extent: .8 cubic feet (2 Hollinger boxes)

Arrangement: Chronological, then alphabetical

Scope and Content

Correspondence and supporting materials pertaining to foreign extraditions comprise this series. Includes documents from 26 different states. Material is filed according to the original date of the case as some may continue over one or more years. Where warranted, large cases are filed separately.

Select folders of this series were re-processed and re-numbered. Original box and/or folder numbers are indicated in parenthesis. Paper size varies. Some letters of the alphabet are not represented. Surnames indexed for only 1945 and 1946.

Box 4, folder 13 (Kinley AKA Wadsworth) contains numerous letters of support for Roy Kinley AKA Royal Scott Wadsworth as well as an application for extradition, extradition forms, and telegrams. North Carolina's request for extradition was denied.

Please see box OB1, folders 2, 3, and 4 for oversize series materials. OB stands for oversized box.

Container List

Box	Folder	Date	Contents
3 (4)	42 (1)	1945	Beatty; Caronia; Harper; Lance; Quinlan; Williams; Wilson; Woolery
3 (4)	43 (2)	1946	Bohne; Burnside; Chaffin; Church; Cieslewicz; Clark; Emery; Ewing; Giardano; Gilman; Harwood (joint with Sheety);
3 (4)	44 (2)	1946	Mayer; Montgomery; Nance; Phillips; Reeb; Smith, J.; Smith, S.; Sturgis; Walker
3 (4)	45 (2)	1946	Russell, Floyd (joint with Teferfiller)
OB1	2	1946	Russell, Floyd
4	1 (3)	1947	A-B
OB1	2	1947	Byford
4	2 (4)	1947	Ca

Box	Folder	Date	Contents
4	3 (4)	1947	Co
4	4	1947	Cu
4	5	1947	D
4	6	1947	E-F
OB1	2	1947	Flassing
4	8 (7)	1947	G
4	9 (8)	1947	Ha
OB1	2	1947	Halley
4	10 (8)	1947	He-Ho
4	11 (10)	1947	J
4	12 (11)	1947	Ke-Ko
OB1	2	1947	Kinley
OB1	2	1947	Kondos
4	13 (12)	1947	Kinley, Roy AKA Wadsworth, Royal Scott
OB1	3	1947	Kwekel
4	15 (13)	1947	La-Lo
4	16 (13)	1947	Linebaugh, Henry Melvin
4	17 (13)	1947	Lyon, Melvin R.
4	18 (15)	1947	M
4	19 (14)	1947	Mc
OB1	3	1947	McCracken
4	20 (16)	1947	O
4	21 (17)	1947	Pace, Millard L.
4	22 (17)	1947	Parse, James Virgil
4	23 (17)	1947	Pat-Pur
4	24 (18)	1947	Ra-Ric
4	25 (18)	1947	Richey, Fred Walton

Box	Folder	Date	Contents
4	26 (18)	1947	Roth, John Washington
OB1	3	1947	Russell, John
4	28 (19)	1947	Sh-Si
OB1	3	1947	Shaidnagle
4	29 (19)	1947	Sl-St
4	30 (20)	1947	T-V
4	31 (21)	1947	W
4	32 (22)	1947	Y-Z
OB1	4	1948	Agent, Mary
5	2 (1)	1948	Al-At
5	3 (1)	1948	Ayers, Clifford Samuel
5	4 (2)	1948	Ba-Be
5	5 (2)	1948	Bidle, Charles William
5	6 (2)	1948	Bo-Br
5	7 (3)	1948	Ca
5	8 (3)	1948	Causey, Robert Melton
5	9 (3)	1948	Cl-Cr
5	10 (3)	1948	Colyer, John R.
5	11 (4, 4A)	1948	D-E
5	12 (5)	1948	F
5	13 (6)	1948	Ga-Go
OB1	4	1948	Grantham, Henry Coleman
5	15 (6)	1948	Graue, James Albert
5	16 (6)	1948	Gre-Gu
5	17 (7)	1948	H
5	18 (8)	1948	J
5	19 (9)	1948	K

Box	Folder	Date	Contents
5	20 (10)	1948	L
5	21 (12)	1948	Ma
5	22 (12)	1948	Medlock, Earl Price Note: includes Oran A. Rhodes
5	23 (11)	1948	Mc
5	24 (12)	1948	Mi-Mo
5	25 (13)	1948	N-O
5	26 (14)	1948	Pa-Pi
OB1	4	1948	Powell, Rachel Paul
5	28 (14)	1948	Purcell, Lafayette B.
5	29 (15)	1948	Ra-Ru Note: Oran A Rhodes is filed with Earl Price Medlock
OB1	4	1948	Rusche, August H.
5	31 (16)	1948	S
5	32 (17)	1948	T
5	33 (18)	1948	W
5	34 (18)	1948	Weimer, Afton C.
5	35 (18A)	1948	Z

Pardons, 1945-1948

Extent: 8 folders

Arrangement: Chronological, then alphabetical

Scope and Content

Correspondence pertaining to the Missouri Boys Reformatory and Missouri State Penitentiary comprise this series. Records include letters of support, memoranda, orders and revocations of parole, photographs, prison records, quarterly reports, restorations of citizenship, and select commutations of sentence.

Folder 39 contains a quarterly report for July-September 1946 which includes names of all individuals paroled or whose sentences were commuted. Information also includes prisoner number, the pertinent crime, length and date of service, county, and release date.

Select folders of this series were re-processed and re-numbered. Original box and/or folder numbers are indicated in parenthesis. OB stands for oversized box.

Container List

Box	Folder	Date	Contents
5	36 (20)	1945	Bird, Charles; Castle, Charles; Christeson, Walter; Dunsmoor, Robert; Hilton, Donald; Lynch, Daniel S.; Marcus, Sam; Posey, Adrian; Sanford, Ollie
5	37 (20)	1945	DeFord, Frank Raymond
5	38 (21)	1946	Andrews, Joseph AKA Joseph Ward; Atwell, Richard Eugene; Boyce, Frank; Bunker, Donald W.; Bushman, Nicholas; Gray, Dean; Gulley, Orville; Henson, Raymond; Jordan, Harry G.; Joseph, Raymond; Kissane, Frank A.; Lyle, Bernard; Mitchell, Lester, Jr.; Steenburgen, Lloyd; Welch, T. J.
OB1	5	1946	Davis, Henry W.
5	39 (21)	1946	Quarterly Report

Box	Folder	Date	Contents
5	40 (22)	1947	Brookshire, Irvin; Bradfield, Clifford Lee; Hannick, Louis; Kerr, John; Lawrence, Richard R.; Reagan, John J.; Roglin, Kenneth; Ward, George W.
5	41 (22)	1947	Quarterly Report, St. Louis Courts of Criminal Correction
5	42 (23)	1948	Bradfield, Clifford Lee; Moore, Betty Jane
5	43 (23)	1948	Randazzo, Joseph

Remitters of Bond Forfeiture, 1937-1949

Extent: .6 cubic feet (1 Hollinger box and 1 partial)

Arrangement: Alphabetical by applicant, then chronological. Select applicants posted surety bonds for more than one individual and within the folder, these are arranged alphabetically.

Scope and Content

The Missouri Revised Statutes (Section 217.805) gives power to the governor to grant a remittitur (or remitter) for “any fine imposed by any statute, and for any forfeiture of a recognizance.” The latter are surety bonds made for the appearance of accused persons in court; the sureties for the bond are held liable in the amount agreed to by the court if the accused fails to show for trial. The governor must find that by such fine or forfeiture “an injustice [is] done, or great hardship suffered.”

According to the statute, applications for relief must include a statement of facts in the case, signed by the judge or prosecuting attorney, and a certificate from the clerk that all costs have been paid. The governor then files his decision in the case, along with the supporting documentation, with the secretary of state.

Correspondence pertaining to bond remittances comprised this series. Also includes cases addressed to Governor Forrest C. Donnell which were settled during Governor Donnelly’s administration.

Select folders of this series were re-processed and re-numbered. Original box and/or folder numbers are indicated in parenthesis.

Container List

Box	Folder	Contents
1A	1 (16)	Baer, Joseph
1A	2 (17)	Bringhurst, George
1A (2)	3 (1)	Campisi, Joseph
1A	4 (21)	Cardwell, Glenn
1A (1)	5 (16)	Cirese, J. C.
1A (1)	6 (17)	Clark, William
1A (2)	7 (2)	Conrad, Roy
1A (2)	8 (3)	Deibel, Charles
1A (2)	9 (4)	Egan, James
1A (2)	10 (5)	Fein, Albert

Box	Folder	Contents
1A (2)	11 (6)	Frenger, William F.
1A (2)	12 (7)	Fuller, Jack Peter
1A (2)	13 (8)	George, Peter
1A (2)	14 (9)	Goffstein, Max
1A (2)	15 (10)	Gray, George
1A (2)	16 (11)	Grossi, Louis;
2	1 (12)	Hade, Charles
2	2 (14)	Hurt, James Eldridge
2	3 (16)	Johnson, Jesse
2	4 (15)	Johnson, Louis AKA Popeye
2	5 (17)	Kallemanis, John
2	6 (18)	Kelly, Hal H.
2	7 (19)	Ladinsky, Charles
2	8 (20)	Levin, Louis
2 (1)	9 (15)	Lewis, Julius J.
2 (1)	10 (16)	Ligibel, Richard
2	11 (21)	McAfee, Jake
2	12 (22)	Mecchella, Beatrice Adams
2	13 (23)	Menears, Joe
2	14 (24)	Meyer, Irving
2	15 (25)	Morris, Harvey
2	16 (26)	Murray, Thomas J.
2	17 (27)	Niemeyer, Joseph O.
2	18 (28)	Page, Ignatius
2	19 (29)	Patterson, Tommy
2	20 (30)	Russell, Thomas
2	21 (31)	Sansome, Mary
2	22 (32)	Silk, Sam
2	23 (33)	Stetina, William
2	24 (34)	Sweetin, U. Grant
2	25 (35)	Tatten, Thomas
2	26 (36)	Thieleck, Errol V.
2	27 (37)	Webbe, Joseph (for Celeste, Joe)

Box	Folder	Contents
2	28 (38)	Webbe, Joseph (for Joseph Thomas, Jr.)
2	29 (13)	Board of Education remitter correspondence
2	30 (41)	Miscellaneous Correspondence