

Finding Aid to the
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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 Laclède 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

Adeline Ely Smith Boyd (1911-1998) was the daughter of Luther Ely Smith, the lawyer who championed the cause of constructing Jefferson National Expansion Memorial. She had a great interest in the park that was the culmination of her father's efforts toward creating a memorial to Thomas Jefferson and the pioneers who went West.

This collection consists of: items from Luther Ely Smith's files, Adeline Boyd's collection of materials related to her father's work and the construction of the Arch, papers written by Adeline Boyd and other family members about Luther Ely Smith, papers about the Riverfront area before the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial was created, and materials relating to the dedication, operation and twenty-fifth anniversary celebration of the Gateway Arch.

In addition to her interest in Jefferson National Expansion Memorial, Adeline Boyd took a great interest in her family's history. She collected information about her ancestors and part of the collection contains her notes, family trees, and other genealogical information.

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ARRANGEMENT

Series 1. Smith Family

Included in this series are correspondence to and from Luther Ely Smith, tributes to Luther Ely Smith, information about the creation and dedication of the Luther Ely Smith Memorial Square park, papers written about Luther Ely Smith by his descendants, and information about Smith Family Genealogy compiled by Adeline Boyd. Also included in this series is a children's book by Lily Swann Saarinen given by the Saarinens as a personal gift to Adeline Boyd.

Series 2. Riverfront

This series contains studies about the St. Louis Riverfront area before the construction of the Gateway Arch.

Series 3. Gateway Arch

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CONTAINER LISTING

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Box 1

Folder 1

Luther Ely Smith's Files

Contains a letter to Luther Ely Smith 10 February 1950 from Ken Regan, the Chairman of the Library Subcommittee of the House of Representatives, asking questions about the proposal for the national expansion memorial, a carbon copy of a letter from Luther Ely Smith to Paul M. Penning, the Postmaster of Chesterfield, New Hampshire, requesting copies of a photograph; a letter from Smith 23 March 1934 to I.F. Boyd, President of the Boyd-Richardson Company, inviting him to a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce to learn about the proposed expansion memorial; and a letter 26 March 1934 to Boyd from Sidney Maestre also discussing the memorial with an enclosure of a sixteen page booklet proposing the memorial. Also a copy of a "Memorandum of Understanding" 6 December 1949 signed by Luther Ely Smith, Eero Saarinen, Joseph M. Darst, P. J. Neff, Armstrong Chinn, William W. Crowdus, Newton B. Drury, and Oscar L. Chapman calling for the relocation of the railroad tracks running through the site of the proposed memorial. Also a fable entitled "The City of Everywhere" speculating why in this city everyone knows that shoes are a good thing but no one wears them; a photo of Saarinen's model of his design, a paper entitled "Resume of the Dred Scott Decision" by Emanuel O. Peden and Robert A. Glenn with Luther Ely Smith's comments and corrections at the end; two letters from Luther Ely Smith to Louie Boyd 30 November 1950, and 31 October 1950 in which Smith discussed Ingram Boyd's role in the development of the memorial.

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Folder 2

Tributes to Luther Ely Smith

10 April 1951 letter from Mrs. Perry S. Forthmann, Executive Secretary of the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial Association, to Luther Ely Smith, Jr., with enclosures of an obituary of Luther Ely Smith and a letter from William W. Crowdus, President of the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial Association, to the Trustees of the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial Association discussing Smith's death, and a copy of a resolution passed by the association to continue on with Smith's work and to extend sympathy to his family; first page of a letter 17 April 1951 to Luther Ely Smith, Jr. from the Amherst Alumni Association discussing remarks made about Luther Ely Smith at an Amherst Dinner; volume entitled "Memorial Volume to Luther Ely Smith" by the Third United States Volunteer Engineers; a copy of the plaque at Luther Ely Smith Memorial Square and a transcription of the remarks made at the dedication; copy of a 9 December 1949 newspaper article "Luther Smith Realizing his River Front Dream"; copy of another plaque commemorating Luther Ely Smith; and remarks made by one of Smith's daughters at a Memorial Fund dinner for Sgt. Joe Thomas where she compares Sgt. Thomas to her father.

Folder 3

Luther Ely Smith Square

Includes copy of the speech by William Crowdus, Chairman of the Board of the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial Association, for the 1970 dedication of the square; 8 November 1984 letter from Jerry L. Schober, superintendent of the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial, to Adeline Boyd informing her of the date set for the 1985 dedication; an invitation to the dedication; a program from the ceremony; copy of the remarks by Howard Baer given at the dedication of the square; 29 April 1985 letter from Howard Baer to Adeline Boyd concerning those remarks; 1 May 1985 note from Adeline Boyd to Howard Baer acknowledging his letter; July 1986 magazine article about the park; and a newspaper article about possible extension of the park.

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Folder 4

"Gateway to the West" by Charles Boyd

A copy of a school paper written by Charles Boyd about his great-grandfather Luther Ely Smith.

Folder 5

"A Large-Hearted Man" by Sally Polk

Reminiscences about her father by Luther Ely Smith's daughter, Sally Polk.

Folder 6

"Reminiscences of the Riverfront Years" by Addie Boyd

Adeline Boyd's recollections of the events leading up to the creation of the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial. Also includes correspondence about this document: 8 March 1989 letter from "Tuck" to Adeline Boyd; undated letter to Howard [Baer] from Adeline Boyd; and 11 October 1988 letter from Howard Baer to Adeline Boyd. Also a copy of Superintendent Hartzog's remarks about the Arch; two photos of the Milles fountain and a postcard of the fountain; copy of a newspaper article, "Daughter Recalls Luther Smith's Work for Arch"; copy of a portion of a book about George Howe; a newspaper article about biographers from the Christian Science Monitor; and approximately 40 pages of Adeline Boyd's extensive notes for this paper.

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Folder 7

Smith Family Genealogy

Correspondence with family members about genealogy; genealogical charts; information about family reunions; genealogy research notes; and histories of Smith family members.

Folder 8

***Who am I?*--book by Lily Swann Saarinen**

This children's book by the wife of Eero Saarinen, the architect who designed the Gateway Arch, was presented to Adeline Boyd by the author during a dinner Adeline Boyd gave for the wives of the men attending the award dinner for the architectural competition. This copy of the book is inscribed, "To Mr. and Adeline Boyd and their family with warm thanks for a memorable evening in St. Louis-- Lily S. Saarinen February 24, 1948" and "Thank you again-- Eero Saarinen".

Series 2. Riverfront

This series contains studies about the St. Louis Riverfront area before the construction of the Gateway Arch.

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"Before the Arch" by Charles Peterson

Paper by architectural historian Charles Peterson about the St. Louis Riverfront before the Arch; an outline of this paper; a proposal for a museum of American Architecture; "A Description and Explanation of 'Plan 8009' for the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial"--an alternate plan for the riverfront area; 16

May 1989 letter from Charles Peterson to James M. Ridenour, Director of the Park Service; 26 May 1989 letter to Charles Peterson from Tony P. Wrenn, Archivist of the American Institute of Architects, answering an inquiry about the George Rogers Clark Memorial; a 1 June 1989 letter from Charles Peterson to Kenneth E. Wischmeyer about Wischmeyer's work on the presentation drawings of Louis LaBeaume for the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial competition and the competition at Vincennes; 9 June 1989 letter from Charles Peterson to Raymond L. Breun, director of the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial Association, discussing his work; 8 June 1989 letter from Charles Peterson to Tony P. Wrenn about the George Rodgers Clark Memorial; 26 June 1989 letter from Peterson to Terry M. DiMattio, Superintendent of the George Rodgers Clark Memorial, concerning their architectural competition; 19 June 1989 letter from Peterson to Edwin C. Bearss, Chief Historian of the National Park Service about Luther Ely Smith's role at the George Rodgers Clark Memorial; 9 June 1989 letter to Adeline Boyd from Charles Peterson discussing his current project; and Adeline Boyd's 27 June 1989 answer to Peterson discussing Louis LaBeaume, her father, the George Rodgers Clark Memorial, and the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial. Also several pages of Adeline Boyd's notes on these subjects.
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Folder 10

St. Louis Central Riverfront 1764-1990 by George and Mary Wendel

14 November 1990 letter to Adeline Boyd from George and Mary Wendel as an introduction to their enclosed history of the riverfront and Adeline Boyd's notes on this work.

Series 3. Gateway Arch

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Folder 11

Architectural Competition Program

The copy of the architectural competition program explaining the rules and requirements for designing the Memorial. Includes the booklet for the competition and four drawings of the grounds on which the Memorial would sit.

Folder 12

Dedication of the Arch

25 May 1968 letter on the occasion of the dedication of the Arch from Ingram Boyd, Jr. to his children: Anne, Louise, Sally, and Stephen discussing their grandfather Luther Ely Smith's role in the creation of the Gateway Arch and an invitation and program to the St. Louis Ambassadors' Dedication Ball.

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Folder 13

Jefferson National Expansion Memorial

Newspaper article with photo showing Luther Ely Smith, President Truman, and Mayor Darst examining a model of the Arch; an early brochure describing what will be contained in the Museum of Westward Expansion; a letter from Col. I. A. Long, President of the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial; and a booklet "The Role of Jefferson National Expansion Memorial Association in Espousing the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial"; postcard of a painting of George Rodgers Clark; a booklet describing programs at the Old Courthouse; 1977 Jefferson National Expansion Memorial pamphlet; Museum of Westward Expansion pamphlet, newspaper article "U.S. Courthouse Site Sought"; 1993 photographic exhibition "The Arch in St. Louis"; 1991 photographic exhibition "Tom Ebenhoh: Arch Celebration"; program from the St. Louis Chapter of the American Institute of Architects' Tribute to Howard F. Baer; excerpts from *History of St. Louis Chapter of the American Institute of Architects*; Christmas card featuring a painting of the Arch; 1989 invitation from the St. Louis Chapter of the American Institute of Architects dedication of a bronze plaque to memorialize Eero Saarinen; 1988 letter from Charles Ruprecht, Chairman of the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial Association, with an enclosure of a booklet "25 Years Toward the Future: Jefferson National Expansion Memorial Association Twenty-Fifth Anniversary Report"; and an issue of the Christian Science Monitor Monday focusing on St. Louis.

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Folder 14

Twenty-Fifth Anniversary of the Arch

Materials produced for the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Gateway Arch. Includes 18 March 1990 note to Adeline Boyd from Jean Tucker alerting her to a photography show featuring Arch photography; pamphlet from a 25-26 Oct 1990 symposium called "The River and the City: Riverfront Development in American Cities"; 15 October 1990 letter from Robert Hyland, Chairman and Robert Hermann, President of the Jefferson National Expansion

Memorial Association, inviting Trustees to a reception; invitation to the reception; invitation to a 6 November 1990 photographic exhibition by Arthur Witman and Joel Meyerowitz in commemoration of the 25th anniversary of the Arch; Adeline Boyd's notes from Sharon Brown's Administrative History of the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial to prepare for her television interview; and letters responding to her television appearance from Mrs. William C. Fordyce, "Mary", and Oscar Whitelaw Rexford. Program from a photographic exhibition by T. Mike Fletcher; a second letter from Mrs. William C. Fordyce; a calendar produced for the 25th Anniversary of the Arch; newspaper articles: "Officials Envision Crossing to Arch", "Anniversary Arch", "Community Excellence Arises From Leadership with Vision", "Arch Party", "Arch Party Starts with Do-It-Yourself Parade", "Silver Anniversary", and the St. Louis Post-Dispatch Magazine "Arch of Triumph: the Gateway Arch at 25."

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