

Finding Aid to the

***Newspaper Clipping Collection:  
The Superintendency of  
Harry W. Pfanz  
December 30, 1968-January 12, 1971***

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# PREFACE

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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, American Indians, St. Louis history, and the National Park Service. Researchers wishing to visit the Library and Archives are invited to email, call or write to make the necessary arrangements.

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The Archives would like to acknowledge the late Clarence Vogel and the late Gene Glasscock, longtime National Park Service volunteers, who helped to process the collection.

The Archives would also like to thank historian Bob Moore for the biographical information on Superintendent Pfanz.

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# INTRODUCTION TO THE COLLECTION

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Since the creation of the memorial, staff members of Jefferson National Expansion Memorial, (JNEM) have saved newspaper clippings related to the memorial, the riverfront, staff members, the National Park Service in St. Louis and other topics related to the memorial. In order to make the newspaper clippings collection finding aids a useable size and because the collection continues to grow, the archivist broke the collection into subsections divided into the terms of superintendents. This seventh section covers the administration of Harry W. Pfanz, sixth superintendent of Jefferson National Expansion Memorial. (The first section includes the time before a superintendent was named.) The previous sections of the collection are:

- RU 119.00 Creation of the Memorial, September 1929-May 1936
- RU 119.01 The Superintendency of John L. Nagle, June 1936-November 15, 1940
- RU 119.02 The Superintendency of Julian C. Spotts, November 16, 1940-January 31, 1959
- RU 119.03 The Superintendency of George B. Hartzog, Jr., February 1, 1959-August 25, 1962
- RU 119.04 The Superintendency of H. Raymond Gregg, August 16, 1962-July 31, 1965
- RU 119.05 The Superintendency of LeRoy R. Brown, August 1, 1965-December 29, 1968

Harry W. Pfanz was born in Columbus, Ohio and studied education at Ohio State University. After service during World War II, Pfanz obtained a Ph.D. in History from Ohio State. He served as a historian at Gettysburg National Military Park from 1956 to 1966, when he came to St. Louis as the Assistant Superintendent of JNEM. Dr. Pfanz assisted LeRoy Brown with the dedication of the Arch in 1968. Upon departing for a position in the Regional Office in 1968, Brown urged the Regional Director to move Pfanz up to the position of Superintendent at JNEM. Dr. Pfanz became the sixth superintendent of Jefferson National Expansion Memorial in December of 1968. He stayed on in this capacity until January 1971, when he transferred to the Service Center of the National Park Service (NPS) in Washington, D.C. Dr. Pfanz served as Chief Historian for the NPS from 1974 to 1980. He is the author of three authoritative books on military tactics during the Battle of Gettysburg. Dr. Pfanz is retired and lives in suburban Washington, D.C., where he continues to research and write books on history. A separate interview with Dr. Pfanz is available in the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial Library oral history collection.

Important events in the Superintendency of Harry W. Pfanz covered in these newspaper articles include the dedication of Luther Ely Smith Square, the beginning of landscaping of the Gateway Arch grounds, and an instance of a plane flying illegally through the Arch.

(Biographical information provided by park historian, Robert J. Moore, Jr.)

Information from this collection must be properly cited, whether used in publication or in other formats. In the case of this particular collection, the name of the publication should also be cited. The proper format for this collection is:

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Jefferson National Expansion Memorial Archives  
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Researchers are advised that before records, photographs, and any other unpublished materials from this collection can be published or exhibited, permission from the National Park Service must be obtained in writing.

# ARRANGEMENT

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For the sake of ease in use of the finding aid and because this collection will continue to grow, the newspaper clipping collection is divided into sections by superintendent's tenure. Each section will begin on the day the new superintendent reported for duty. Because there occasionally was a gap between the departure of one superintendent and the arrival of the next, this will mean the section continues after the formal departure of the superintendent. This seventh section covers the administration of the sixth superintendent of Jefferson National Expansion Memorial, Harry W. Pfanz.

This collection of newspaper clippings is arranged in chronological order. The name of the article is listed, followed by the name of the publication in which it appeared. Some articles were found in the collection with no citation and no publication name is known, so none is listed. If the article includes an image, Jefferson National Expansion Memorial cannot give the rights to reproduce those images. The rights seeker will need to contact the original publication for permission to use images. Articles without a known specific date of the month of publication appear at the end of the month and articles without a known month of publication appear at the end of the year. Due to the idiosyncratic nature of capitalization in article titles from newspaper to newspaper, titles have been capitalized using the Associated Press standard for title case capitalization.

Because the finding aids to this collection will be quite large, and because the topics are all quite similar and related, there is no index to this collection. Researchers wishing to conduct a word search on the finding aid may obtain the finding aid in document format from the website at <http://www.nps.gov/jeff/historyculture/archival-collections.htm> or contact the archivist for assistance.



# CONTAINER LISTING

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## Series 119.06 The Superintendency of Harry W. Pfanz

### Box 1

Folder 1

**January-June 1969**

“Reduced Schedule of Arch Trains Cuts Funds Needed to Pay Debt”  
*St. Louis Globe-Democrat*  
January 3, 1969

“Riverfront Funds Not in LBJ Budget”  
*St. Louis Globe-Democrat*  
January 15, 1969

“Meeting on Funds for Arch”  
*St. Louis Post-Dispatch*  
January 18, 1969

“\$1,015,000 for Work at the Arch”  
*St. Louis Post-Dispatch*  
March 27, 1969

“Daily Trains Runs at Arch Planned to Start May 11”  
*St. Louis Post-Dispatch*  
March 28, 1969

“Arch Train Revenue Dipped But Still Ahead of Budget”  
*St. Louis Globe-Democrat*  
April 1, 1969

“Secondary Priority Kept on Gateway Arch Work”  
*St. Louis Post-Dispatch*  
April 1, 1969

“Thomas Jefferson Birthday Ceremony”  
April 4, 1969

“The Pollution Detector at Base of Arch”  
*St. Louis Post-Dispatch*  
April 11, 1969

“Jefferson's Birthday Observance”  
April 13, 1969

“Hartzog May Be Replaced”  
*St. Louis Post-Dispatch*  
April 17, 1969

“Beauty Group Sees St. Louis from the River Not Beautiful”  
*St. Louis Globe-Democrat*  
May 23, 1969

“Urges U.S. Development of E. St. Louis Riverfront”  
*St. Louis Post-Dispatch*  
June 2, 1969

“Arch Funds Likely In '71 Budget”  
*St. Louis Post-Dispatch*  
June 6, 1969

“Proposed Arch Timetable-3 Years to Completion”  
*St. Louis Globe-Democrat*  
June 7, 1969

“Cervantes Elected To Honorary Post”  
*St. Louis Post-Dispatch*  
June 10, 1969

“Jefferson Memorial Drew 2 Million Visitors in 1968”  
*St. Louis Globe-Democrat*  
June 11, 1969

“Arch People Mobilize to Repel Santa Maria”  
*St. Louis Post-Dispatch*  
June 12, 1969

Folder 2

**July-December 1969**

“Estimate Panel OKs Funds for Arch Work”  
*St. Louis Globe-Democrat*  
July 2, 1969

“Aldermen Ok Funds for Work at Gateway Arch”  
*St. Louis Globe-Democrat*  
August 9, 1969

“Landscaping for Arch-at Last”  
*St. Louis Globe-Democrat*  
September 5, 1969

"U.S. Sets New Boundaries for Jefferson Memorial"  
*St. Louis Post-Dispatch*  
September 10, 1969

"Rep. Sullivan Asks Nixon to Aid Arch"  
*St. Louis Globe-Democrat*  
September 26, 1969

"Another New..."  
*St. Louis Post-Dispatch*  
October 8, 1969

"City Studies 2 Plans for Downtown Block"  
*St. Louis Globe-Democrat*  
October 9, 1969

"Riverfront History Written With Young in Mind"  
*St. Louis Globe-Democrat*  
November 5, 1969

"Wildlife Group to Seek Funds for Arch Trees"  
*St. Louis Post-Dispatch*  
December 9, 1969

"\$400,000 Drive Set for Arch Landscaping"  
*St. Louis Globe-Democrat*  
December 10, 1969

"Landscaping the Arch"  
*St. Louis Globe-Democrat*  
December 13, 1969

"Planters Plan for Developing Hotel - Office Complex Approved"  
*St. Louis Post-Dispatch*  
December 20, 1969

Folder 3

**January-June 1970**

"Arch Traffic Increased 3 Pct. in '69"  
*St. Louis Globe-Democrat*  
January 6, 1970

"Visitation at Gateway Arch"  
*St. Louis Argus*  
January 9, 1970

“Nixon Budgets Cuts Arch Outlays to \$700,000”  
*St. Louis Globe-Democrat*  
February 3, 1970

“Bids Will Be Sought for Trees for Arch”  
*St. Louis Post-Dispatch*  
February 5, 1970

“Long -Awaited Landscaping”  
February 25, 1970

“It’s Christmas ‘Til Spring for Kiener Park Trees”  
*St. Louis Globe-Democrat*  
March 7, 1970

“Nurserymen Fear Arch Landscape May Stay Bleak”  
*St. Louis Globe-Democrat*  
March 12, 1970

“Many Offices to Close for Jefferson Birthday”  
*St. Louis Globe-Democrat*  
April 13, 1970

“Arch Funds Prospects Good, Hartzog Says”  
*St. Louis Post-Dispatch*  
April 14, 1970

“Another Pilot Flies through Arch Legs”  
*St. Louis Globe-Democrat*  
April 17, 1970

“FAA Seeks Plane Fact: Did One Only Fly under Arch?”  
*St. Louis Post-Dispatch*  
April 25, 1970

“House Group OKs \$700,000 for Arch Job”  
*St. Louis Globe-Democrat*  
May 17, 1970

“Drive for Funds for Arch Trees Delayed, But ‘Alive”  
*St. Louis Globe-Democrat*  
May 21, 1970

“Debasing the Arch”  
*St. Louis Post-Dispatch*  
June 11, 1970

“Arch Landscaping Could Start in 30 days, 4 Bids In”  
*St. Louis Globe-Democrat*  
June 12, 1970

“Contract for Work on Arch Grounds”  
*St. Louis Post-Dispatch*  
June 19, 1970

“Arch Landscaping Contract Let”  
*St. Louis Globe-Democrat*  
June 20, 1970

Folder 4

**July-December 1970**

“National Park Passes on Sale”  
*St. Louis Globe-Democrat*  
July 9, 1970

“Arch Landscaping Work Closes a Visitors' Walkway”  
*St. Louis Globe-Democrat*  
August 21, 1970

“Landscaping at Last for the Arch”  
*St. Louis Post-Dispatch*  
September 20, 1970

“Plan for East Side River Park across From Arch Is Hailed Here”  
*St. Louis Globe-Democrat*  
October 24, 1970

“Cost of Arch Project to Date -\$37 Million”  
*St. Louis Globe-Democrat*  
November 10, 1970

“Doubting Thomas?”  
*St. Louis Globe-Democrat*  
November 10, 1970

“Cone - Drive Gears”  
1970

“Ex-St. Louisan to Head Riverfront Memorial”  
*St. Louis Globe-Democrat*  
January 9, 1971