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These are papers of a U.S. Representative from Perryville, Missouri. He represented the 13th District (Bollinger, Carter, Iron, Jefferson, Madison, Perry, Reynolds, St. Francois, Ste. Genevieve, Washington, and Wayne counties) in the 69th (1925-1927) and 71st (1929-1931) Congresses. Included are general subject files, post office files, and veterans' pension files.

Charles Edward Kiefner was born in Perryville, Missouri, on 25 November 1869. As a young man he entered the retail lumber business. He served as mayor of Perryville (1900-1902) and as a state representative (1902-1908). In 1912 Kiefner was a delegate to the Republican National Convention. From 1920 to 1924 he was on the staff of Missouri governor Arthur M. Hyde, and from 1918 to 1927 he was president of the Southeast Missouri Retail Lumber Dealers Association.

In November 1924 Kiefner was elected to represent the 13th District of Missouri in the U.S. House of Representatives. He served one term (4 March 1925 to 3 March 1927), but was defeated in a bid for re-election in November 1926. However, Kiefner ran again in 1928 and was elected. He served again from 4 March 1929 to 3 March 1931, but in November 1930 he once again lost in his bid for re-election. Kiefner died on 13 December 1942 in Perryville, where he is buried in Home Cemetery.

This collection of papers is from Kiefner's official files as a U.S. Representative. The collection is organized in three major sections:

I. General Subject Files.

These are mostly from Kiefner's second term, 1929-1931.

II. Post Office Files

These deal mostly with appointments of postmasters and similar political matters.

III. Veterans' Concerns Files

These deal with constituents' claims for disability and old-age pensions, survivors' benefits, etc., mostly concerning Civil War veterans and dependents.

Most of the material in the Kiefner collection deals with routine congressional responsibilities and local political activities. Relatively few items concern national political figures, issues, and events. Major topics include the tariff, farm relief, prohibition, and levee and drainage districts.

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