

Information Sheet

R Meador, Lewis Elbern, 1881-1975.
674 Papers, 1904-1982.
47 folders.

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Lewis Elbern Meador was born near Cassville, Missouri, on 9 September 1881. He was a graduate of the University of Chicago (B.A., 1910) and Columbia University (M.A., 1912). In 1913 he began a 43-year teaching career at Drury College (now Drury University) in Springfield, Missouri, where he became a professor of economics and political science.

The papers in this collection deal mostly with Meador's activities as a civic leader in Springfield and the state of Missouri. In 1943-1944 he was an "at large" (non-partisan) delegate to the Missouri constitutional convention. Although there are a few items in this collection concerning that event, the great bulk (82 folders) of his papers from that service have been cataloged as collection C895 at the Western Historical Manuscript Collection-Columbia.

Probably the most significant items in this collection deal with Meador's chairmanship of the Springfield Carter Commission in 1952-1953. This body wrote Springfield's first "home-rule" city charter, which was approved by the city's voters in 1953. There are also materials concerning Meador's service on the Springfield Public Library Board, the city's "Charter Revision Committee" in 1959, and his support of the establishment of Wilson's Creek National Battlefield. For these and other efforts a large public park in Springfield was named for Meador, and he was designated "Springfieldian of the Century" in 1973.

A folder of correspondence (1904-1976) is general in nature, including family and genealogical letters. The latter are supplemented by a folder of genealogical data. Correspondents include United State Representatives O. K. Armstrong, Durward G. Hall, Josh Lee, and Joe J. Manlove.

L. E. Meador died in Springfield on 14 November 1975. He is buried in Sunset Hill Cemetery at Warrensburg, Missouri.

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