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This collection includes a letterhead, program, and pin-back button with ribbon concerning the celebration of the completion of United States Highway 71 into Carthage in Jasper County, Missouri, on 4-5 June 1930.

The “U.S. Highway 71 Celebration,” under the auspices of the Carthage Chamber of Commerce, was organized to mark the “Completion of Bridges and Viaduct Bringing U.S. Highway No. 71 into Carthage.” E. B. Roach served as General Chairman of the organization.

There is a letter of 3 June 1930, on the organization’s letterhead, from Carthage Mayor E. J. Tucker, head of the “General Reception Committee,” to John West. Tucker reminded West of his responsibilities as a committee member during the festivities. Also included are a detailed program of events and a pin-back button with attached ribbon for a member of the “Reception” committee (probably John West).

The two-day program of activities began with a band concert at 9:45 A.M. on Wednesday, 4 June 1930, and concluded with an address by Missouri Governor Henry S. Caulfield on Thursday evening, 5 June 1930.