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**Creator:** Lankford, John E., 1934-  
**Collection Size:** 8.7 cubic feet

### Introduction

Addition to papers of a history professor at the University of Missouri-Columbia. Includes correspondence, publications, research and teaching materials, biographical information, photographs, poetry, and miscellaneous.

### Donor Information

The papers were donated to the University of Missouri by John E. Lankford on 13 May 1992. An addition to the papers was made by Lankford on 3 July 2018.

**Note:** See also accessions CA4590 and CA4622.

### Box List

**Box 1**  
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4S Session Planning File, 1982  
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History 11, Themes in American History, 1984  
Larsen/Miller Visit, 1985  
Owen Gingerich Lecture, 1983
Robert Smith Visit, 1985
Social History Text, 1965
Vassar College, 1986

Biographical and Professional File

Research/Publications/Awards

Amateurs and Astrophysics
American Historical Association, 1961
American Religions
Awards, 1991
Congress and the Foundations Review
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Grant Applications, 1981, 1982
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History/Science Grants
How Not to Run an International Halley Watch
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New York Population Data
Physics Society Talk, 1987
Private Patronage and the Growth of Knowledge
Research Finances, 1979-1980
Reviews
State Historical Society of Wisconsin
Stephens College Talk, 1987
The Anatomy of a Deviant Scientific Career: T.J.J. See
The Protestant Search for Political Realism
University of Missouri
Weldon Spring Proposal, 1984, 1985

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Research/Publications/Awards

Change and Continuity in a Modern Scientific community: American Astronomy, 1859-1940
Change and Stability in the Social Organization of Modern Science
Darwin’s Revolution: The Transformation of Nineteenth Century Biology
From Particularism to Universalism
Miscellaneous
Pollock Award Committee Application
The Early Careers of Elite Scientists: American Astronomers, 1859-1940
The Fundamental Past: American Social History
The Historical Imagination

Box 4
Desk Calendars, 1979, 1980
University of Wisconsin, Notebooks
Chairs Conference, 2000
So You Want to Be a Professor project
Taos House
Taxes
Chicago
Sample course syllabi and teaching evaluations, WVU
CV and references
Correspondence, General History of Astronomy, Vol. II
Samples of published work
Professional activities
“God and Death in Utah: The Mountain Meadows Massacre” by John Lankford
Work in Progress
University of Chicago Press book
Financial/legal documents re: 1302 Jake Lane, Columbia, MO (2 folders)
Purchase/Sale of condo
Mountain Meadows
Schedule
Gear Lists
Publishers, 1999
ISIS (journal)
Thank you notes from kids, 2000-2001 (2 folders)
Telescope
Gustav Mahler synopsis
Divorces, 1961, 1985, 2001 (2 folders)
Denver Dumb Friends League
Diplomas and certificates
APUBS

Box 5
Photographs
Baby book, 1934
Confirmation Bible
Birthday book
Canyonlands River Guide, 1988
Books

All the World Is Wild and Strange: Stories Ironic and Ambiguous by John E.
Lankford, 2011

Of Yahweh and the Buddha: Two Novellas About the Spirit and the Heart by John
E. Lankford, 2010

Who Sleeps Beneath the Rocks? The Mystery of Canyonlands and the Origin of
Human Life and Hide in Plain Sight, John E. Lankford, 2008

Box 6
Journals and Publications
Articles and Abstracts (2 folders)
Book Reviews
Desk Calendars/Diaries/Trip Journals (7)

Box 7
Poetry (5 folders)
“Songs of Youth,” American Poetry Society, 1951
“Yeoman,” Oberlin College, 1954-1956
“Death of a Planet: An Eschatological Novel” by John E. Lankford
“Advice for Academic Administrators: Getting There and Succeeding” by John Lankford
Proposal, National Science Foundation, 1985
Moving Up in Administration Workshop
Academic papers
Publishing
Revised Code Book, 1982
Bibliometric Codes Analysis
Project ASTRO-NM, 2000 (2 folders)
Summer Stars Talk
Practical Astronomy (2 folders)
Planet Observation, 1970s (2 folders)

Box 8
Drafts and Research, “Early Attempts to Employ Photography as a Tool in Astronomical Research: The Nineteenth Century Transits of Venus,” John Lankford (3 folders)
Talks, c. 2008-2010
Miscellaneous teaching and professional material
Miscellaneous personal material, 1949-2003
Miscellaneous astronomy material
Calendars/Diaries (12)
Address book
KSU job and retirement (3 folders)
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Undated (2 folders)
80th birthday cards, 2014
Letters from John Lankford to Marian Westover, 1950-1966
Love notes from Mary Gray, 1987-2000 (6 folders)

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Diploma, Taft Junior High School, Washington, DC, 1949
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Poster, History of Astronomy Seminar Series, 1990