

About the Missouri State Archives

Created by the legislature in 1965, the State Archives serves as the repository for state records of permanent historical value. Its holdings date from 1770 and include: executive, legislative, and judicial records; records of state departments and agencies; land records; military records; state publications; photographic collections; county and municipal records on microfilm; and manuscript and reference collections.

The Archives identifies, collects and preserves those records and makes them available to state government officials, historians, students, genealogists, and the general public. Currently, the Archives holds more than 336 million pages of paper; 400,000 photographs; 9,000 maps; 61,000 reels of microfilm, 560 cubic feet of published state documents and 1,000 audio/video items.

Access to the Archives is provided through the research room. Written requests are answered by the reference staff. Hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday and 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Thursday. Saturday hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Microfilm and published materials are available in the research room; records from the Archives' stacks should be requested in advance for use on Thursday evenings, Saturdays or holidays.

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RESEARCH REQUEST

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HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Thursday: 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Saturday: 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

HOLIDAYS

The Missouri State Archives will observe the following hours for Federal and State holidays in 2005 and 2006:

2006

New Year's Day	January 2, 2006	Closed
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	January 16, 2006	8:30 a.m - 3:30 p.m.
Lincoln Day (Observed)	February 13, 2006	8:30 a.m - 3:30 p.m.
Washington's Birthday (Observed)	February 20, 2006	8:30 a.m - 3:30 p.m.
Truman Day	May 8, 2006	8:30 a.m - 3:30 p.m.
Memorial Day	May 29, 2006	Closed
Independence Day	July 4, 2006	Closed
Labor Day	September 4, 2006	Closed
Columbus Day	October 9, 2006	8:30 a.m - 3:30 p.m.
Veteran's Day (Observed)	November 10, 2006	8:30 a.m - 3:30 p.m.
Thanksgiving Day	November 23, 2005	Closed
Christmas Day	December 25, 2005	Closed

LOCATION AND DIRECTIONS

The Missouri State Archives is part of the State Capitol complex and is located in the James C. Kirkpatrick State Information Center. The Archives is two blocks west of the State Capitol on West Main Street. ([View](#)

Resources for Family & Community History

Access & Policy Statement

Access to the Archives collection is provided through the Reference Reading Room of the Missouri State Archives. Information regarding materials and use may be obtained from reading room staff.

HOURS

Hours of business are:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday - 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Thursday - 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Saturday - 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The Archives is closed the following holidays:

New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas.

USE OF RECORDS

Many county and municipal records are available on microfilm and can be viewed in the Microfilm Viewing Room, accessible through the Reading Room. A limited selection of printed works is available in the Reading Room to aid genealogists and other researchers.

Historical records from the Archives stack area may be used in the Reading Room. Advance request must be made for use of records from the stacks on Thursday evenings, Saturdays, and holidays.

Copies may be obtained of most records; archivists will determine whether original records may be copied due to age and fragility. Cost of copies is \$0.10 for photocopies and \$0.50 for microfilm copies.

TOURS

Archives tours are available by prior arrangement.

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