

Missouri State Archives

Finding Aid 3.38

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

GUY BRASFIELD PARK, 1933-1937

Abstract: Records (1936) of Governor Guy Brasfield Park (1872-1946) include two letters and a legal opinion.

Extent: 1 folder, 3 items

Physical Description: Paper

Location: MSA stacks

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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HISTORICAL AND BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

Guy Brasfield Park was born on June 10, 1872 in Platte City, Platte County to Thomas Woodson Park and Margaret Baxter. He attended Gaylord Institute in Platte City, graduated from the University of Missouri Law School, and was admitted to the Missouri Bar in 1896. He practiced law in Denver, Colorado for two years before returning to Platte City in 1899. He married Eleanora Gabbert of Weston on November 16, 1909.

From 1906 to 1910, Park served as prosecuting attorney. In 1922, Park was elected to the Missouri State Constitutional Convention and as judge of the Fifth Judicial Circuit Court. Judge Park was reelected in 1928. On October 12, 1932, Francis Murray Wilson, the

Democratic candidate for governor died. Park accepted the nomination as replacement candidate on October 17, 1932.

He was elected on November 8, 1932 and on January 9, 1933 was sworn in as Missouri's 38th governor. During his administration, state government was restructured, the Missouri Conservation Commission was created, the State Board of Agriculture was abolished and a new Department of Agriculture was created. In 1933 during the regular session, the General Assembly ratified the 21st Amendment (abolishing prohibition) to the U.S. Constitution. On October 17, 1933, the governor called the General Assembly into special session to consider the Roosevelt New Deal programs. By 1936, the Works Projects Administration, the Civilian Conservation Corps, the Rural Resettlement Administration and the National Youth Administration operated in Missouri.

In 1937, Park resumed his law practice in Platte City. He served as a delegate to the 1943 State Constitutional Convention. Park died of a heart attack in Jefferson City on October 1, 1946 and interred in the Platte City Cemetery.

ADDITIONAL DESCRIPTIVE INFORMATION

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Related Material

State Historical Society of Missouri, Columbia holds C0008, the Guy Brasfield Park (1872-1946) Papers, 1932-1937. The collection (24.2 linear feet) includes official and personal correspondence and related papers.

Park, Guy Brasfield. *Address of the honorable Guy B. Park...delivered before Women's Jefferson Democratic Club of Kansas City, Missouri, April 15, 1933 at Hotel Baltimore, Kansas City, Missouri* (Kansas City, Missouri, 1933).

RECORDS, 1936

Extent: 3 letters, 1 folder

Arrangement: Chronological

Scope and Content

The collection contains three documents. Representative Gil P. Bourk, Kansas City, Jackson County resigned as a member of the Missouri General Assembly on July 27, 1936. On August 5, 1936, the governor accepted the resignation. John W. Hoffman, Jr., assistant attorney general, answered correspondence from U. S. Secretary of State Cordell Hull to Governor Park. Hoffman provided a legal opinion on the validity of an Austrian marriage between a man and his niece (should the couple establish residence in Kansas City).

Container List

Location	Box	Folder	Date	Contents
1B/1/5	1	9	July 27, 1936	Representative Gil B. Bourke, Kansas City, Jackson County; resignation as member of the Missouri General Assembly; Kansas City 4 th District; includes filing note from Dwight Huber Brown, secretary of state
1B/1/5	1	9	August 5, 1936	Governor Guy Brasfield Park, Jefferson City, Cole County to Gil B. Bourke, Kansas City, Jackson County; acceptance, with regret, of Bourke's resignation
1B/1/5	1	9	September 5, 1936	John W. Hoffman, Jr., Jefferson City, Cole County to Cordell Hull, Washington, D. C.; detailed legal opinion on the validity of a marriage contracted in Austria between a Kansas City man and his niece; quotes from corresponding legislation within the Revised Statutes are included; if couple returned to Kansas City they would be prosecuted