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## INTRODUCTION

Correspondence, speeches, reviews, photographs, and scrapbooks of John T. Barker, an attorney from Macon, Missouri, who was attorney general of Missouri, 1913-1917.

## DONOR INFORMATION

The papers were donated to the University of Missouri by John T. Barker on 14 July 1952 (Accession No. 3140) and 15 December 1953 (Accession no. 3189). An addition was donated by Mrs. Norman Hall Johnson in November 1959 (Accession no. 3419).

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

John T. Barker of Macon, Missouri, was attorney general of Missouri from 1913 to 1917, and waged an unsuccessful campaign for the Democratic nomination for governor in 1916. He returned to private law practice in 1917 and settled in Kansas City, Missouri, where he served as city counselor for several years. Barker served as special attorney for the state of Missouri in the fire insurance rate case from 1923 to 1934. He also served in the same capacity in Kentucky. He acted as a chief counsel for the defense in the Welch murder trial, 1943. Active in Democratic politics throughout his lifetime, he was appointed to a position on the U.S. attorney general's staff by his close friend, Harry S. Truman.

## SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The correspondence runs from 1944 to 1958 and primarily consists of letters of congratulation on speeches and on *Missouri Lawyer*, Barker's autobiography. Included are reprints of reviews of the book. There are also some letters from Harry S. Truman concerning politics. The scrapbooks contain clippings on Barker's earlier career.

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