

K Pratt, Stephen R. "Dick" Collection, 1898-1980
1206 .55 cubic feet

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INTRODUCTION

The collection consists mainly of scrapbooks and family photographs. There are also some professional honors and items pertaining to membership in Masonic organizations.

DONOR INFORMATION

The papers were donated to the University of Missouri by David W. Short on December 9, 1994 (Accession No. KA0842). An addition was made on August 11, 1995 by David W. Short (Accession No. KA0875).

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RELATED COLLECTIONS

Short, David W. (1954-) Collection, 1902-1975 (K0690)

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Stephen R. "Dick" Pratt was a lifelong resident of Clay County, Missouri. Pratt attended both North Kansas City High School and Central Missouri State College. In 1942, Pratt enlisted in the United States Army and served in World War II. Pratt returned to Kansas City in 1946, and attended the University of Kansas City (now the University of Missouri-Kansas City), where he received his law degree in 1949. Pratt had a successful career as an attorney, by first being elected the Prosecuting Attorney of Clay County in 1958, and then serving as the Circuit Judge of Clay County from 1966 to 1988.

Pratt married Dorothy May Woods Short in 1957. Dorothy had one son from her previous marriage, David W. Short, who became Pratt's stepson. Pratt was also a member of the Freemasons and the Ararat Shrine, a Masonic affiliated organization. Pratt died in 2008.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The papers have been arranged into two series.

Personal
Oversize

The **Personal** series contains professional awards and certificates, information pertaining to Pratt's membership in the Ararat Shrine, family photographs, and scrapbook from his time in the United States Army during World War II.

The **Oversize** series contains several certificates and large format family photographs. In addition, there are two scrapbooks documenting Pratt's early legal career, and appointment as honorary colonel.

PREFERRED CITATION

Specific item; box number; folder number; *Pratt, Stephen R. "Dick" Collection (K1206)*; The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Kansas City [after first mention may be abbreviated to SHSMO-KC].

FOLDER LIST

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