

DARBY, HARRY: Papers

Early Correspondence Files, 1924-1937

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This series contains records and correspondence relating to the early years of Darby's professional life. There are subject files and correspondence relating to the early years of the Darby Corporation. Darby was also involved with local and state government agencies aimed at creating jobs during the depression and there are subject files in Subseries II that document that activity. There are also records from 1933 through 1937 relating to his work as Director of the Kansas State Road Commission, including files relating to specific projects.

Subseries I: Kansas State Highway Commission Correspondence

Boxes 1-4

This subseries relates primarily to Darby's service as Kansas State Highway Director and contains information on highway projects, requests from counties and towns for bridge and highway improvement, correspondence with suppliers and contractors, work relief programs during the Depression, management of the State Highway Department, minutes of meetings, and other related matters.

Types of documents include correspondence, newspaper clippings, financial records, and memorabilia. Oversized maps have been removed to a flat file cabinet. Documents are arranged in reverse chronological order.

Subseries II: Kansas State Highway Commission and Employment Relief Agencies Subject Files

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This subseries contains subject files compiled during Darby's service on the Governor's Emergency Committee on Unemployment (1930), the Kansas City, Kansas Employment Stabilization Committee (1930-31), President's Emergency Committee for Employment (1930-31), the Governor's Committee for Employment (1931-1932), and the Kansas Federal Relief Committee (1932-1937). Folders labeled Kansas Federal Relief Committee also contain

documents for the Kansas Emergency Relief Committee. The committee name was changed sometime in 1933.

There are also records from 1933 through 1937 relating to his work as Director of the Kansas State Road Commission, including files relating to specific projects. Types of documents in this subseries include correspondence, minutes of meetings, finances, project files, project proposals, applications for employment, and other related records. Folders are arranged alphabetically, documents within the files are generally in reverse chronological order.

Subseries III: Personal Subject Files

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The personal files relate clubs and organizations, personal finances, the Darby Corporation, Kansas Chamber of Commerce, civic projects, job applicants for Darby's business and agricultural ventures, thoroughbred and American Saddlebred horses, and farm management. There are also files relating to the construction, furnishing, and staffing of the Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Building in Kansas City, Kansas.

Types of documents in this subseries include correspondence, minutes of meetings, finances, project files, project proposals, applications from job seekers, receipts for payment, and other related records. Oversized documents have been removed to a flat file cabinet. Folders are arranged alphabetically, documents within the files are generally in reverse chronological order.

Subseries IV: Personal Correspondence

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This subseries contains a range of business, professional, political, and personal correspondence. Subjects include many of the organizations and activities mentioned in the earlier subseries. In addition to letters, there are financial records, legal documents, speeches, proposals for civic & transportation improvement projects,

Folders are arranged chronologically, documents within the files are generally in reverse chronological order. Correspondence files from 1933 through 1935 were not included in these donated materials, although other subseries do contain materials from those years. Researchers should also consult the finding aid for the Annual Correspondence Series for additional material dating back to 1933 that was included in those folders, particularly the folders for 1938.

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