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Cover photograph:

President Harry Truman, center, confers with Luther Ely Smith at the memorial's dedication June 1950. William Crowder of Jefferson National Expansion Memorial Association is to the president's left.

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PREFACE

Jefferson National Expansion Memorial was authorized by Congress as "... a permanent memorial to the men who made possible the territorial expansion of the United States, particularly President Thomas Jefferson and his aids, Livingston and Monroe, who negotiated the Louisiana Purchase, and the hardy hunters, trappers, frontiersmen, and pioneers and others who contributed to the territorial expansion and development of the United States of America." The park was established by Executive Order 7253, signed by Franklin D. Roosevelt on December 21, 1935.

Jefferson National Expansion Memorial collects and preserves archival materials that document the exploration and settlement of the American West, and particularly the role of St. Louis as the Gateway to the West. These manuscripts and records are collected as an extension of the three dimensional holdings of Jefferson National Expansion Memorial, further explaining and describing the artifact collections, and perhaps supplanting them when objects are lacking or unavailable. The human dimensions of the park's holdings are strengthened through the acquisition of personal correspondence, diaries, journals, sketchbooks, and photograph albums. These materials, along with records that document the administrative history of the park, comprise valuable and irreplaceable reference sources for historians and other scholars.

Jefferson National Expansion Memorial Archives was formally organized in 1988 to insure the protection of these unique collections, and to make them available to the public. A small reference library is also available, containing nearly 4000 titles on westward expansion, Native Americans, St. Louis history, and the National Park Service. The Library and Archives are available by appointment only. Researchers wishing to visit the Library and Archives are invited to call or write to make the necessary arrangements.

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INTRODUCTION TO THE COLLECTION

Sharon Brown created this field collection while writing the Administrative History of Jefferson National Expansion Memorial. Jefferson National Expansion Memorial hired Brown, an interpretive ranger with an M.A. in history, on a one year term appointment as historian in order to write this history. The history was published as: *Jefferson National Expansion Memorial Administrative History, 1935-1980* in 1984. Since the publication of Brown's book, later park historian Bob Moore has added a second volume entitled *Urban Innovation and Practical Partnerships: An Administrative History of Jefferson National Expansion Memorial, 1980-1991*.

Sharon Brown's Administrative History explored the creation of the memorial and the construction of the Arch. First, Brown examines first the idea of a memorial along the St. Louis riverfront and the formation of the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial Association headed by Luther Ely Smith. Then she investigated the opposition, legal action, and all areas of park planning that the supporters of the project contended with during the late 1930s. The Jefferson National Expansion Memorial faced more problems as the United States was drawn into the second World War and the war effort took precedence over construction of a memorial. Eventually, the United States emerged from the war and emphasis returned to the memorial as planners prepared for a national architectural competition. Brown delved into the problems planners endured in moving the elevated railroad tracks and beginning construction of Eero Saarinen's Gateway Arch. She documented the Gateway Arch's construction between 1963 and 1965. Finally, Brown summarized developments within Jefferson National Expansion Memorial from the Gateway Arch's dedication until 1980. The work focuses on political and financial issues rather than detailed information on the administration or personnel at the park.

Most of the collection consists of notes, drafts or galleys produced by Sharon Brown in the creation of her administrative history. The collection also contains her records from an article she wrote for Network News Exchange about history resources in the National Park Service. While writing this article she corresponded with other park service personnel about this issue and this correspondence is included in the collection. The collection also contains a list Brown made of possible items to be used in an exhibit about Jefferson National Expansion Memorial.

When Sharon Brown wrote this history, several archival collections she used were not yet processed. Because items sometimes shift location during processing, some of her many citations "JNEM Archives" do not give much information about the current location of the items. If you need to see any of this original material, please

consult with the park archivist.

Information obtained from this collection must be properly cited, whether used in publication or in other formats. A citation suggested for this collection is:

National Park Service
Jefferson National Expansion Memorial Archives
Administrative History Collection
Box_, Folder

Researchers are advised that before records, photographs, and any other unpublished materials from this collection can be published or exhibited, permission from the National Park Service must be obtained in writing.

ARRANGEMENT

This collection is arranged into two series by format, the first series of papers and the second of note cards. Effort has been made to preserve Brown's original folder designations for these materials. A few folders that were originally untitled were given names for the sake of clarity, but most folders have their original titles.

Series 1. Drafts and Galleys

The first series consists of drafts and galleys of the administrative history. It also includes the chronology to be included in the history, illustrations, and copies of newspaper articles used in Sharon Brown's research.

Series 2. Note Cards

The second series consists of the note cards created by Brown in her research arranged in two groups: events and bibliography.

CONTAINER LISTING

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Box 1

Folder 1	First drafts: 1933-1935, 1936, 1937, 1938 [1]
Folder 2	First drafts: 1933-1935, 1936, 1937, 1938 [2]
Folder 3	First drafts: 1940-1945, 1945-1948, 1949-1952, 1953-1958 [1]
Folder 4	First drafts: 1940-1945, 1945-1948, 1949-1952, 1953-1958 [2]
Folder 5	First drafts: 1959-1968, 1968-1980 [1]
Folder 6	First drafts: 1959-1968, 1968-1980 [2]
Folder 7	Second drafts: 1933-1935
Folder 8	Second drafts: 1936, 1937, 1938, 1939 [1]

Box 2

Folder 1	Second drafts: 1936, 1937, 1938, 1939 [2]
Folder 2	Final draft: Chapter I, 1933-1935
Folder 3	Final draft: Chapter II, 1936-1939
Folder 4	Final draft: Chapter III, 1940-1945
Folder 5	Final draft: Chapter IV, 1945-1948
Folder 6	Final draft: Chapter V, 1949-1952

Folder 7 **Final draft: Chapter VI, 1953-1958**

Folder 8 **Final draft: Chapter VII, 1959-1968**

Folder 9 **Final draft: Chapter VIII, 1968-1980**

Folder 10 **Administrative History First Galleys**

Box 3

Folder 1 **Galleys Administrative History, Vol. 1 [1]**

Folder 2 **Galleys Administrative History, Vol. 1 [2]**

Folder 3 **Galleys Administrative History, Vol. 2 [1]**

Folder 4 **Newspaper Xeroxs [sic] for Administrative History [1]**

Folder 5 **Newspaper Xerxox [sic] for Administrative History [2]**

Folder 6 **Chronology for Administrative History**

Folder 7 **Illustrations for Administrative History**

Photographs and a diagram to be used as illustrations in the Administrative History.

I. President Harry Truman, center, confers with Luther Ely Smith at the memorial's dedication June 1950. William Crowds of JNEMA is to the president's left.
[JNEM Visual Image V125-1]

II. The architectural competition jury of award stand on the Old Courthouse steps. From left: S. Herbert Hare, Roland A. Wank, Charles Nagel, Jr., Louis La Beaume, Fiske Kimball, Richard J. Neutra, George Howe and William Wurster.
[JNEM Visual Image V125-2]

III. Eero Saarinen's first stage entry in the architectural competition's second stage.
[JNEM Visual Image V125-3]

IV. Eero Saarinen's prize winning entry in the architectural competition's second stage.
[JNEM Visual Image V125-4]

V. Eero Saarinen.
[JNEM Visual Image V125-5]

VI. The Arch's triangular sections are composed of stainless and plate steel, concrete and steel tendons.
[JNEM Visual Image V125-6]

VII. The Gateway Arch is "topped out" as the final section is inserted on October 28, 1965.
[JNEM Visual Image V125-7]

VIII. The creeper derricks are slowly backing down the Arch legs in this January 6, 1966 photograph. Arteaga Photos, Limited, St. Louis.
[JNEM Visual Image V125-8]

IX. The Old Courthouse and Luther Ely Smith Square as seen from the top of the Arch in 1979. Photo by Joseph L. Matthews.
[JNEM Visual Image V125-9]

X. Visitor Center and Museum of Westward Expansion Floor Plan.
[JNEM Drawing D125-1]

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Folder 8

Article

Correspondence between May and July about an article Sharon Brown was writing for *Network News Exchange* concerning history resources in the National Park Service.

Folder 9

List for Possible Exhibit

List of items compiled by Sharon Brown for a possible exhibit on the history of the memorial.

Series 2. Note Cards

This series contains Sharon Brown's note cards of her research into the history of Jefferson National Expansion Memorial. The note cards are divided into two sections: events and bibliography.

Box 4

Events

Events are in sequential order beginning 1931 and ending 1949.

Box 5

Events

Events are in sequential order beginning 1950 and ending 1980.

Box 6

Bibliography

Note cards containing Brown's sources, arranged alphabetically from A through M.

Box 7

Bibliography

Note cards containing Brown's sources, arranged alphabetically from M through Z.

Box 8

Bibliography note cards

Section 1-Bibliography

Travel to St. Louis 1765 to 1860, alphabetically arranged by author, note cards containing publication data for books published between 1765 and 1860.

Section 2

Bibliography-General Monographs

