 Rare Books and Manuscripts

Alfred J. Ford Collection

Accession Number: SC 18:59

Location: RB-M

Dates: 1942-2018

Size: 1 record carton, 1 flat box; 3 cubic feet

Creator/Collector: Alfred J. Ford

Acquisition info: Donated by stepdaughter Linda Smith, September 2018

Accruals: No accruals expected

Custodial history: Donated by stepdaughter Linda Smith, September 2018

Language: English

Processed by: Melissa Miller, September 2018

Conservation notes: Items placed in acid-free folders; paper clips removed; items removed from picture frames when applicable

Scope and Content: The collection contains some of the papers of Alfred J. Ford, a prominent civic leader in St. Louis. Items include correspondence, news clippings, photographs, plaques, and certificates.

Arrangement: Alphabetical by topic

Restrictions: No restrictions

Remarks: Western Historical Manuscript Collection at University of Missouri-St. Louis houses another collection of Mr. Ford’s papers.

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**Box/Folder Description**

1/1 Finding Aid

1/2 Alfonso J. Cervantes

 -News clippings; 1967-1973 (7)

 -Picture

 -Testimonial dinner program; 1968

1/3 Chamber of Commerce

 -Annual Banquet program; 1972

 -Annual Report; 1972

 -Cards; 1972 (6)

 -Chamber VIP News; March 1972

 -Correspondence; 1972-1975 (9)

 -News clippings; 1972 (4)

 -Profiles; 1982

 -Telegram; 1972

1/4 Child Center of Our Lady of Grace

 -The Center Line newsletter; 1966-1972 (3)

 -Correspondence; 1967-1976 (10)

 -News clippings; 1966-1974 (9)

 -Press release; 1974

1/5 Committee for Quality Schools

 -Correspondence; 1964-1969 (23)

 -Flier; 1966

 -Handwritten notes (5)

 -Mailing

 -Memos; 1965 (2)

 -News clippings; 1965-1969 (6)

 -Press release; 1967

 -Sample ballot; 1965

1/6 Correspondence, 1950s-1960s (107)

1/7 Correspondence, 1970s-1980s (110)

1/8 Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem

 -Annual meeting information; 1982

 -Cape sizing (2)

 -Correspondence; 1982 (8)

 -Handwritten notes; 1981

 -Manual; 1981

 -News clippings; 1982

 -The Origins, Structure, and Present Work of the

Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem; 1974

 -Receipts; 1982 (3)

1/9 Ford Brothers Insurance

 -Business cards (4)

 -Correspondence; 1965-1973 (5)

 -Form letter; 1963

 -News clippings; 1956-1967 (4)

 -Presenting General Insurors’ Story

 -Receipts; 1950-1951 (7)

1/10 Gateway National Bank

 -Correspondence; 1973-1989 (3)

 -Proxy statement; 1987

 -Shareholder meeting notice; 1987

1/11 Grand Jury

 -Correspondence; 1959-1969 (6)

 -Jury summons; 1961

 -Member lists; 1967-1969 (2)

 -News clippings; 1965-1967 (2)

 -Report; 1970

1/12 Housing and Urban Development

 -Correspondence; 1975-1976 (5)

 -News clippings; 1975-1988 (6)

1/13 Interracial Council for Business Opportunity

 -Board of Directors list; 1972

-A Brief Look at the Interracial Council for Business Opportunity (2)

-Bylaws; 1969

-Capital Resources Committee Report; 1969

 -Correspondence; 1968-1972 (17)

 -Handwritten notes (2)

 -Larry A. Brown Resume

 -List of names

 -News clippings; 1968-1969 (2)

 -Newsletters; 1969-1971 (3)

 -Officers of the Board of Directors; 1972

 -Staff Profiles; 1972

1/14 Jokes (47)

1/15 Lawton-Byrne-Bruner

 -Advertisements; 1973 (2)

 -Correspondence; 1970-1973 (5)

 -Handwritten note

 -History write-up

 -Marsh & McLennan Management Newsletter; 1986

 -News clippings; 1968-1986 (17)

1/16 Marillac College

 -Board member list; 1971

 -Board of trustees list

 -Bylaws; 1971 (2)

 -Correspondence; 1971 (7)

 -Development Committee information

 -Meeting agendas and minutes; 1971 (3)

 -Planning Commission list

1/17 Mercantile-Commerce Trust Co.

 -Card

 -News clippings; 1973-1974 (9)

1/18 Miscellaneous Items

 -Alfred J. Ford memorial bulletin; 2001

 -Alfred J. Ford resume; 1993-1995 (3)

 -Attendance list

 -Blumeyer Village Transfer Policy questions; 1967

 -Division list

 -Gridiron dinner program; 1975

 -Handwritten notes; 1975 (5)

 -Herbert C. Duckett dinner invitation; 1973

 -IM Simon & Co. information; 1972

 -Insurance claim; 1944

 -Leif Johan Sverdrup funeral bulletin

 -Mansion House brochure

 -Marjorie Eloise Ford memorial bulletin; 2018 (2)

 -Martin E. Graham program

 -Memo; 1961

-National Conference of Christians and Jews award banquet invitations; 1985 (2)

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 -Receipts; 1974

 -Robert A. Mueller resume

 -Sympathy thank you card

 -Turf Grills advertisement

 -Turf Grills blank stationery

 -Turf Grills contract; 1942

 -Union National Bank Statement of Condition; 1974

1/19 News Clippings, 1950s-1960s (90)

1/20 News Clippings, 1971-1987 (83)

1/21 News Clippings, 1988-1989 (40)

1/22 News Clippings, 1990s and Undated (56)

1/23 News Clippings, Ford Family; 1965-1991 (36)

1/23 Newsletters and Publications

 -Collection Letters That Bring in the Money; 1954

 -Contact! Newsletter; 1980

 -“Having the Power, We Have the Duty”; 1966

 -Media Club News; 1974

 -Minority Business; 1978

 -Open Housing and the Constitution; 1968

 -St. Louis Ambassadors Newsletters; 1974-1975 (2)

 -St. Louis Commerce; 1972

-St. Louis Regional Commerce and Growth Association newsletter; 1990 (2)

 -To Prevent a Chain of Super-Watts; 1967

 -The Wayfarer; 1966

1/24 Photographs; 1966-1997 (21)

1/25 St. Louis Council on Human Relations, Correspondence; 1965-1977 (146)

1/26 St. Louis Council on Human Relations, Handwritten Notes (70)

1/27 St. Louis Council on Human Relations, Misc. Info

-Ad Hoc Committee on Charges against Andrew J. Brown suggestions

-Anti-Solicitation Ordinance; 1970

 -Bicentennial Community Conference program; 1975

 -Budget information; 1970-1973 (6)

 -Bylaws; 1969-1976 (5)

 -Chairman’s Nominations; 1973 (3)

 -Charles J. Marino profile

 -City ordinances; 1950-1976 (4)

 -Civil Rights Enforcement Agency ordinance; 1976

 -Commissioner Position Description

 -Commissioner’s Report; 1973

 -Council information; 1968 (2)

 -Dorothy Ruth Harrison profile

 -Enabling Ordinance; 1950

 -Fair Employment Practices Ordinance; 1962

 -Fair Housing Ordinance; 1964

 -Flow charts; 1972-1974 (5)

 -General Chairman’s Initial Offerings; 1972 (3)

 -Gwen B. Giles profile

 -James F. de Clue Jr. resume; 1973

 -Jerome Shen profile

 -Luncheon program; 1968 (2)

 -Matters Agreed on by the Committee on Ordinances

 -Mayor’s Executive Order

 -Meeting Agendas; 1972-1976 (5)

 -Meeting Report and Minutes; 1967-1973 (4)

 -Meeting Statement; 1972 (3)

 -Member list; 1976 (2)

 -Missouri Supreme Court Notice of Appeal; 1977

 -Ordinance-Related Staff Activity summary report; 1972

 -Press releases (3)

 -Progress Report; 1972

 -Public Accommodations Ordinance; 1961

 -Sign Prohibition Ordinance; 1970

 -Special meeting notice and statement; 1972 (2)

 -Speech transcript (8)

 -Tribute to Alfred J. Ford

 -Wesbury Bascom personal data sheet

1/28 St. Louis Council on Human Relations, News Clippings; 1965-1976 (59)

1/29 St. Louis Council on Human Relations, Press Releases; 1967-1977 (16)

1/30 St. Louis Council on Human Relations, Reports

 -Bill of Particulars; 1972

-Highlights and Analysis of Probable Solutions to the St. Louis City Hospital Problems

-Interim Comprehensive Plan; 1975

-Report on the St. Louis Council on Human Relations; 1972

1/31 St. Louis University

 -Community Leaders Division agenda; 1961

 -Correspondence; 1961-1971 (31)

 -News clippings; 1980-1986 (6)

 -Press release; 1977

 -Receipts; 1964-1965 (2)

1/32 Spirit of ‘76

 -Articles

-Bicentennial Horizons of American Music and the Performing Arts schedule; 1976

-Blank stationery

-Board of Directors list; 1975

-Brochures (2)

-Bylaws

 -Correspondence; 1975-1977 (20)

 -Financial information; 1976 (5)

 -Joint Cooperation Agreement

 -Landmarks Association information

 -List of names

 -Meeting Minutes; 1975-1976 (5)

 -Office Report; 1976

 -Officially Sponsored Projects

 -Schedule of events; 1976

1/33 United Fund

 -Correspondence; 1967-1984 (13)

 -News clippings; 1967-1989 (7)

1/34 Urban League

 -Annual meeting invitation; 1966

 -Annual meeting programs; 1966-1975 (5)

 -Capital Fund Review Board member list

 -Correspondence; 1966-1969 (10)

 -News clippings; 1966-1976 (13)

 -Speech transcript; 1975

2/1 Certificates

 -Cardinal Ritter Institute Board of Directors; 1989

 -Frontiers International Inc., Presidential Citation; 1980

 -German-American Civic Award; 1989

 -Knights of Cardinal Glennon; 1974

 -Mayor’s Civic Award

 -Mercantile Bank, Director

 -St. Louis Ambassadors Board of Directors; 1978

 -St. Louis City Proclamation, Gridiron Night; 1975

 -St. Louis Spirit of ’76; 1976

2/- Awards and Oversized Items

 -Archdiocesan Development Council appreciation; 1991

-Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem, Josephus certificate; Alfred and Marjorie Ford; 1990 (2)

-Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem, Maximilianus certificate; Alfred and Marjorie Ford; 1986 (2)

 -Levee Mercantile Interpretive Area Concept Proposal

 -Missouri Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors; 1981

 -Religious patch

-St. Louis Council on Human Relations recognition certificate; 1976

-St. Louis Frontiers Club Distinguished Community Leadership; 1968

-St. Louis University President’s Council Chairman; 1987

-Secretary’s Complete Model Letter Handbook; 1965

 -Strassenfest Corporation recognition; 1974