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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Luther Ely Smith was born June 11, 1873, in Downer's Grove, Illinois, and raised in Freehold, New Jersey. A lifelong Republican, he spent his adulthood in the predominantly Democratic city of St. Louis, where, despite his anomalous politics, he emerged as a prominent attorney and civic leader. The son of Luther Rominor Smith and Adeline Ely, the younger Smith was heir to a tradition of Northern Republican reformism. His father, most notably, was a Reconstruction Republican who relocated to Alabama following the Civil War and served as a circuit court judge for twelve years before returning north.

Luther Ely Smith's father, Luther Rominor Smith, was born March 2, 1838, in Coleraine, Massachusetts, and graduated from Amherst College in 1859 where he studied law. In 1862, he enlisted in the Union army, served for three years, and mustered out in 1865 as captain of Battery I of the 1st Michigan Artillery. After the war the senior Smith relocated to Alabama where he purchased a plantation in Choctaw County, Alabama. There he served as a member of the Reconstruction Alabama Constitutional Convention in 1867, and in 1868 was appointed judge of the Seventh Judicial Court, a position which he held until 1880. His tenure as a Republican judge in the South during and after Reconstruction has been described as "extremely delicate, hazardous, and difficult."¹

From 1883 until his death in 1913, Judge Smith resided in Washington, D.C., where he was employed by the U.S. government. He served initially in the Law Department of the General Land Office, but transferred soon thereafter to the Office of the Assistant Attorney General for the Department of the Interior, where he served in various legal capacities, including a term as chief of the Indian Territory Division of the Interior Department. Luther Rominor Smith married Adeline (Addie) Ely of Freehold, New Jersey, on August 16, 1871, by whom he had a son, Luther Ely, and a daughter, Helen. After the death of Adeline and six-month-old daughter Helen in 1875, Smith's son, two-year-old Luther Ely, was brought north to the Ely family farm in Freehold. Remaining behind in Alabama, Luther Rominor Smith married his second wife, Helen

¹Memorial of Luther R. Smith, Burnside Post No. 8, Department of the Potomac, Grand Army of the Republic. Address of Comrade Lucius D. Alden at the memorial service of the post, April 22, 1914 (Washington, D.C.), in Luther Ely Smith Papers, Box 40, Folder 10, Missouri History Museum Archives, St. Louis.

Ely (Nellie), the sister of his first wife, sometime prior to 1880.

Like his father, Luther Ely Smith was raised and educated in the north. He graduated from Williston Academy in Easthampton, Massachusetts, in 1890, and received his A.B. degree from Amherst College in 1894. At Amherst, the younger Smith developed friendships with classmates Calvin Coolidge, Harlan Fiske Stone, Dwight Morrow, and Wiley Rutledge, which would serve him well during his adulthood. After graduation from Amherst, Smith moved to St. Louis where he attended Washington University School of Law, earning his LL.B in 1897.

Following his graduation from Washington University, Smith found employment at the Smith Preparatory Academy in St. Louis as an English teacher. With the outbreak of the Spanish-American War in 1898, he enlisted with the 3rd United States Volunteer Engineers, was stationed both in Georgia and Cuba, and mustered out with the rank of lieutenant a year later. On August 17, 1899, Smith began the practice of law in St. Louis. He served with a series of firms: Gilliam and Smith (1900-1904), Klein and Smith (1904-1908), Luther Ely Smith (1908-1913), Smith and Percy (1913-1937), and Luther Ely Smith and Associates (1937-1951). In the firm of Luther Ely Smith and Associates, Smith was in practice with his son, Luther Ely Smith, Jr., among others. His law practice was briefly interrupted when Smith again volunteered for military duty during World War I, serving as captain of field artillery.

Throughout his career, Smith used the practice of law, his political connections, and personal relationships as tools through which he attempted to implement progressive ideas regarding social change. The list of progressive causes with which Luther Smith identified touched every facet of the city's complex fabric. Smith was chairman of the City Commission from 1916 to 1922 and chairman of the Council of Civic Needs from 1929 to 1938. He was an organizer of the Open-Air Playground Committee, which resulted in St. Louis's first municipal playgrounds. Smith worked for a new city charter and campaigned zealously for bond issues to improve the city. In 1941 Smith was appointed to the city's first Civil Service Commission, serving as its vice-chairman until 1945, and as its chairman from 1945 to 1950. Smith was secretary of the St. Louis Pageant Drama Association, which produced the Pageant and Masque on Art Hill in 1914 and which eventually gave rise to the St. Louis Municipal Opera.

The civic enterprise for which Luther Ely Smith is best known is the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial, of which the Gateway Arch is a part. Smith adopted the idea for a St. Louis riverfront memorial from a similar memorial erected in Vincennes, Indiana. It was while Smith was a member of the federally funded George Rogers Clark Sesquicentennial Memorial Commission that he realized not enough attention had been given to the builders of the nation's west. Memorials had been erected to early colonial persons and events, but all in the east. Since it was Thomas Jefferson who executed the Louisiana Purchase, a memorial of westward expansion bearing his name on the decaying St. Louis riverfront seemed logical.

The idea aroused the attention of city officials and the City Planning Commission who were looking for a solution to the problems of the St. Louis riverfront, where downtown businessmen were losing business and watching their property values rapidly decline due to the general

deterioration of the downtown and riverfront areas. Both city planners and downtown businessmen were eager for any plan that would improve business conditions. The attraction of Smith's plan, inspired as it was by the George Rogers Clark Memorial, was that it might be financed in part by federal money, thus reducing the burden on St. Louis taxpayers. A lack of sufficient local funding had been the major stumbling block to other improvement plans. Smith's suggestion took root so deeply that in 1935 St. Louis voters voted to pay \$7,500,000 to have the idea transformed into reality. Luther Ely Smith was appointed chairman of the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial Association, a position he held until his death in 1951. Although Smith was involved in all phases of planning the memorial, he did not live to see the project completed. The onset of World War II, conflicts over railroad right-of-ways on the riverfront, and funding difficulties delayed the completion of the memorial, originally targeted for 1951, until 1964.

In the service of the state of Missouri, Smith participated in the development of the non-partisan court plan, working as chairman of the state organization committee from 1939 to 1941. In 1941, he received the St. Louis Award for civic leadership for his activities in the statewide referendum campaign.

In addition to Luther Ely Smith's involvement in politics, civic affairs, and business, he was also deeply involved with his family, attending family gatherings and vacationing whenever he was free to do so. Smith married SaLees Kennard, daughter of Samuel Kennard of St. Louis, on November 17, 1909. They had three children, Adeline (born November 10, 1910), Luther Ely, Jr. (born June 16, 1912) and SaLees Kennard (born March 17, 1915). Adeline married Ingram Boyd, Jr., of Boyd's Department Stores, and with her husband aided greatly in raising funds for the riverfront memorial project. SaLees married Dr. John Seddon, a prominent St. Louis doctor. Luther, Jr., married twice, first to Bernice Smith whom he later divorced, and then to Ruth Olga von Prittwitz und Gaffron of Germany. Luther Ely, Jr., an attorney, was associated with his father-in-law's practice. Luther Ely Smith, Sr., died April 2, 1951, at the age of seventy-seven.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The Luther Ely Smith Papers consists primarily of his personal, family, and business records. The collection also documents the life of his father, Luther Rominor Smith, a Reconstruction Republican judge and plantation owner in Alabama and later government official in the U.S. Department of the Interior in Washington, D.C., as well as his own career and family life as a prominent Republican attorney and civic leader in St. Louis.

The bulk of the collection, consisting of Luther Ely Smith's personal and business papers, spans the years 1888 to 1951, with most of the material dating from the 1930s and 1940s. Luther Ely Smith's papers include extensive correspondence relating to a variety of national and local civic and political matters with which he was concerned, including the St. Louis Pageant and Masque production of 1914, the American Friends of Spanish Democracy, the American Civil Liberties Union, the Missouri Bar Association, the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial, and the St. Louis Civil Service Commission. The papers also include private Smith family correspondence. In addition to correspondence, the Luther Ely Smith material includes legal briefs, court records,

letterbooks of legal correspondence, newspaper clippings, and scrapbooks.

The collection also contains the papers of Luther Rominor Smith, Luther Ely Smith's father, dated 1821, and 1846 to 1923. These papers include the 1821 will of Luther R. Smith's father, Rominor Smith; Civil War correspondence and records of Luther R. Smith during his service with the 9th Michigan Battery; diaries and memoranda books from throughout his life; legal notes, briefs, and professional correspondence; newspaper clippings and personal correspondence regarding the Ku Klux Klan in Alabama and the persecution of Smith by them while he was a circuit judge there. The collection also includes correspondence and financial records regarding the operation of Judge Smith's Choctaw Plantation in Alabama, and personal correspondence between Luther R. Smith and his first wife, Addie Ely, and correspondence of his second wife, Helen (Nellie) Ely.

The papers of Luther Ely Smith are arranged in four series: correspondence, printed material, scrapbooks, and letterbooks.

Series I: Luther Ely Smith Papers, Correspondence (1888-1951; no date). Luther Ely Smith's correspondence files contain both correspondence and related documentation generally arranged alphabetically by name of correspondent or topic. Correspondence on the same topic or with the same person has then been arranged chronologically within the alphabetical framework. Reflecting the original organization of Smith's files, this arrangement results in the inclusion of his business, civic, and personal correspondence and related documentation in a single series of records. This series includes Smith's family correspondence, records documenting Smith's work with the St. Louis Civil Service Commission, and his involvement with the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial project. Most of the records of his law practice are not included.

Series II: Luther Ely Smith Papers, Printed Material (1928-1951; no date). This series consists of items that appear not to relate to topics covered in his correspondence files. They include a brochure of Bellefontaine Cemetery, newspaper clippings, and membership cards.

Series III: Luther Ely Smith Papers, Scrapbooks (1890-1907). This series consists of five volumes that reflect Luther Ely Smith's early interests and involvements in St. Louis. Providing an excellent overview of the political and social climate of turn-of-the-century St. Louis, these scrapbooks contain political memorabilia, especially in regard to St. Louis politics and the activities of the Republican party, and material relating to social and political clubs in St. Louis.

Series IV: Luther Ely Smith Papers, Letterbooks (1899-1907). This series consists of three volumes of letterpress correspondence of Luther Ely Smith's law practice, during which Smith was associated with the firms of Gilliam and Smith and Klein and Smith. These volumes, plus a few items filed in the correspondence files, appear to constitute the main portion of Smith's legal records in this body of papers.

The Luther Rominor Smith papers are arranged in four series: correspondence, printed material, Nellie Ely Smith correspondence, and memoranda books and diaries.

Series V: Luther Rominor Smith Papers, Correspondence (1821; 1846-1895; no date). This series consists primarily of the family and business correspondence of Luther Rominor Smith. It includes the 1821 will of his father, Rominor Smith; Civil War correspondence and records; correspondence with his first wife, Adeline (Addie) Ely; correspondence related to his legal career in Alabama, the activities of the Ku Klux Klan, and his plantation in Choctaw County, Alabama, and other business matters. This correspondence is generally arranged chronologically.

Series VI: Luther Rominor Smith Papers, Printed Matter (1865-1914). Arranged by type of document, this series consists of accounts, bank drafts, bills, newspaper clippings, military commissions, receipts, booklets, and printed reports related to a variety of matters, including personal and business finances, the Choctaw County, Alabama, plantation, and his military and legal careers.

Series VII: Luther Rominor Smith Papers, Nellie Ely Smith Correspondence (1876-1923; no date). This series includes biographical material on Adeline (Addie) Ely Smith, Luther R. Smith's first wife; and the personal correspondence of her sister, Helen (Nellie) Ely Smith, Luther R. Smith's second wife. The Nellie correspondence, addressed to Luther Rominor Smith, begins upon the death of Addie, and continues into and through her own married life. Arranged chronologically, this series includes discussions of the upbringing of Luther Ely Smith after the death of his mother.

Series VIII: Luther Rominor Smith Papers, Memoranda Books and Diaries (1869-1913). Arranged chronologically, this series consists of bound volumes of accounts, memoranda, addresses, and diaries maintained by Luther R. Smith. These volumes relate to his personal and business finances and legal and professional affairs, and include an 1873 diary that recounts the birth of his son, Luther Ely Smith, and a 1905 trip diary.

Series I: Correspondence

Box 1

- Folder 1 **Correspondence A–Miscellaneous, 1937-1950**
Abrahams to American Friends of Spanish Democracy.
- Folder 2 **Correspondence A–Miscellaneous, 1946-1951**
American Friends Service Committee.
- Folder 3 **Correspondence A–Miscellaneous, 1942-1951**
American Arbitration Association to Mrs. David K. Andrews. Includes correspondence with Americans for Democratic Action, a liberal group concerned with Francisco Franco’s regime in Spain.
- Folder 4 **Correspondence A–Miscellaneous, 1944-1951**
Affenger Advertising Agency to Ayt.
- Folder 5 **Correspondence A–Aloe Plaza and Milles Fountain, 1935-1940**
Newspaper clippings and correspondence.
- Folder 6 **Correspondence A–Aloe Plaza and Milles Fountain, 1941-1950**
Newspaper clippings and correspondence.
- Folder 7 **Correspondence A–Academy of Science of St. Louis, 1946-1947**
- Folder 8 **Correspondence A–Address Lists, 1945**
Address lists for civic groups, including General Council of Civic Needs listing officers of a variety of groups, and Authorized State (Missouri) Agencies list.
- Folder 9 **Correspondence A–Address Lists, 1941-1945**
Personal lists of friends, children, children of friends in military during World War II.
- Folder 10 **Correspondence A–American Civil Liberties Union, 1938-1944**
Includes correspondence with Smith’s personal friend, Roger Baldwin.

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- Folder 1 **Correspondence A–American Civil Liberties Union, 1944-1947**
Includes correspondence with Roger Baldwin during Baldwin’s visit to Japan and Korea.
- Folder 2 **Correspondence A–American Civil Liberties Union, 1947-1948**
Includes correspondence concerning the Nixon-Mundt bill and the *Shelley v. Kramer* restricted covenant case (1948), and a few amicus curiae briefs.

- Folder 3 **Correspondence A–American Civil Liberties Union, 1949-1951**
- Folder 4 **Correspondence A–American Forestry Association, 1945-1950**
- Folder 5 **Correspondence A–American Maple Products Corporation, 1947-1950**
- Folder 6 **Correspondence A–American Red Cross, 1946-1949**
- Folder 7 **Correspondence A–Amherst Alumni Association, 1934**
Minutes of Amherst reunion of 1934.
- Folder 8 **Correspondence A–Amherst College Honorary LL.D., 1943**
Includes biographical information on Luther Ely Smith.
- Folder 9 **Correspondence A–St. Louis Artists Guild, 1947-1951**
- Folder 10 **Correspondence A–Emergency Committee of Atomic Scientists, 1946-1947**
Includes letters signed by Albert Einstein, chairman of committee concerned with educating the public about atomic warfare.
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- Folder 1 **Correspondence A–Emergency Committee of Atomic Scientists, 1948-1951**
- Folder 2 **Correspondence A–Austin, Warren, Sen., 1947**
Letters of congratulations and correspondence relating to an effort to secure employment for Luther Ely Smith, Jr., at the United Nations.
- Folder 3 **Correspondence A–Audubon Society Award, 1948**
Clippings and notes of congratulations.
- Folder 4 **Correspondence A–Automobile Club of Missouri, 1938-1948**
- Folder 5 **Correspondence B–Miscellaneous, 1903-1951**
Backus to Bixby. Includes correspondence with Vice-President Bixby and his wife, 1948-1951.
- Folder 6 **Correspondence B–Miscellaneous, 1903-1951**
Black-Boys' Club.
- Folder 7 **Correspondence B–Miscellaneous, 1903-1951**
Brandt to Buzzell. Includes correspondence with Irving Brandt concerning the appointment of Harlan Fiske Stone as chief justice and Wiley Rutledge as associate justice of the United States Supreme Court.

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- Folder 1 **Correspondence B–Bar Association, 1945-1950**
General correspondence with the American Bar Association.
- Folder 2 **Correspondence B–Bar Association, 1944-1946**
American Bar Association, Committee on Ways and Means.
- Folder 3 **Correspondence B–Bar Association, 1941**
Material regarding the American Bar Association Award of Merit to the St. Louis Bar Association for its role in the adoption of the Missouri non-partisan judicial election plan.
- Folder 4 **Correspondence B–Bar Association, 1944-1949**
Material regarding the American Bar Association Award of Merit to the Missouri Bar Association for leadership in the integration of the state bar.
- Folder 5 **Correspondence B–Missouri Bar Association, 1944-1949**
General correspondence.
- Folder 6 **Correspondence B–Missouri Bar Association, 1943**
Material relating to the Committee on Judicial Selection, which was appointed to oversee the implementation of the Missouri non-partisan judicial election plan.
- Folder 7 **Correspondence B–Saint Louis Bar Association, 1942-1951**
General correspondence.
- Folder 8 **Correspondence B–Bar, 1949**
Material relating to the St. Louis Lawyers Association Award of Merit, granted to Luther Ely Smith, including notes of congratulations, programs, and newspaper clippings.
- Folder 9 **Correspondence B–Bar, 1949**
Material relating to the St. Louis Lawyers Association Award of Merit to Smith.

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- Folder 1 **Correspondence B–Bar, 1946-1951**
Association of the Bar, general correspondence.
- Folder 2 **Correspondence B–Bird Club, 1943-1949**
Material related to the Bird Club, which became the Audubon Society of St. Louis in 1948. Luther Ely Smith was a vice-president in 1948-1949.
- Folder 3 **Correspondence B–Birthday Greetings and Poems, 1938-1943**
Contains a variety of birthday memorabilia of Luther Ely Smith or a member of his

family.

- Folder 4 **Correspondence B–Blanton, Harry C., 1943-1947**
Correspondence with Harry C. Blanton, U.S. attorney for Missouri. Includes efforts to secure a federal judgeship for Luther Ely Smith.
- Folder 5 **Correspondence B–Bradley, Phillips, Dr., 1944**
Correspondence with Bradley, a friend of Luther Ely Smith, Jr., at Amherst and head of a New York state committee on industrial and labor conditions, concerning a meeting between Bradley and St. Louis leaders.
- Folder 6 **Correspondence B–Brandt, Irving, 1942-1943**
Correspondence with Brandt, a Washington correspondent for the *Chicago Sun*, who was instrumental in helping to secure Wiley Rutledge’s appointment to the Supreme Court.
- Folder 7 **Correspondence B–Board of Education, 1944**
- Folder 8 **Correspondence B–Boyd, Ingram F., Jr., 1942-1951**
Personal and professional correspondence with Ingram F. “Inky” Boyd, Jr., of the Boyd’s Department Store family who married Luther Ely Smith’s daughter, Adeline. The file also contains correspondence of Adeline Smith Boyd to her parents.
- Folder 9 **Correspondence B–Boyd, Steven, 1955**
Letters with the grandson of Luther Ely Smith, and son of Adeline Smith and Ingram F. Boyd, Jr., including letters from his mother and others to Steven Boyd at Princeton.
- Folder 10 **Correspondence B–Burnham, Ned, 1946**
Correspondence with Burnham, who was a classmate of Luther Ely Smith’s from Amherst, regarding an attempt by Burnham to find work for his son.
- Folder 11 **Correspondence B–Buder, G.A., 1946-1949**
Correspondence with Buder, a St. Louis attorney and friend of Luther Ely Smith’s.
- Folder 12 **Correspondence B–Burns Club of St. Louis, 1943**
Report from the November 20, 1943, meeting of the Burns Club, created in honor of poet Robert Burns.
- Folder 13 **Correspondence B–Business Correspondence, 1942**
Letters to Luther Ely Smith from his secretaries regarding office matters (financial affairs, legal cases, and some personal matters).

- Folder 14 **Correspondence B–Business Correspondence, 1947-1948**
- Folder 15 **Correspondence B–Business Correspondence, 1948**
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- Folder 1 **Correspondence B–Business Correspondence, 1949**
- Folder 2 **Correspondence B–Business Correspondence, 1949**
- Folder 3 **Correspondence B–Business Correspondence, 1942-1949**
Contains correspondence of Luther Ely Smith with his law partner Harold C. Hanke concerning their cases.
- Folder 4 **Correspondence B–Business Correspondence, 1947-1949**
Contains correspondence of Luther Ely Smith with his law partner Victor B. Harris concerning their cases.
- Folder 5 **Correspondence C–Miscellaneous, 1937-1950**
Cabot to Central Institute for the Deaf. Includes a list of the Amherst Class of 1894, filed under Calendars. Also correspondence with Senator Capehart.
- Folder 6 **Correspondence C–Miscellaneous, 1937-1950**
Century Club to Cloud. Includes 1950 charter for St. Louis County, and letters to William B. Chase concerning the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial.
- Folder 7 **Correspondence C–Miscellaneous, 1937-1950**
Cochran, John, to Compton, Arthur Holly. Includes letters to Rep. John Cochran of the 13th Congressional District of Missouri, and the program of the initiation of Arthur Holly Compton as chancellor of Washington University in 1946.
- Folder 8 **Correspondence C–Miscellaneous, 1937-1951**
Compton, J., to Curtis. Includes correspondence with Mrs. Ruth Crunden, a friend of Luther Ely Smith and Roger Baldwin.
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- Folder 1 **Correspondence C–Chamber of Commerce, 1942-1949**
- Folder 2 **Correspondence C–Chamber of Commerce, 1949-1951**
Contains mostly correspondence of a general nature.
- Folder 3 **Correspondence C–Cheese, 1934-1950**
Correspondence relating to Luther Ely Smith’s regular Christmas gift of cheese sent to his friends.

- Folder 4 **Correspondence C–Christmas Card List, 1944-1950**
Lists include the Amherst class of 1894 and the roster of 3rd United States Volunteer Engineers with whom Smith served during the Spanish-American War, as well as friends and relatives from home.
- Folder 5 **Correspondence C–Citizens Committee on Displaced Persons, 1949**
- Folder 6 **Correspondence C–City Planning Commission, 1931-1944**
Programs and articles on the St. Louis City Planning Commission, and on postwar expansion plans for St. Louis.
- Folder 7 **Correspondence C–General Council of Civic Needs, 1941-1942**
Luther Ely Smith was honorary chair. File includes list of member organizations.
- Folder 8 **Correspondence C–Saint Louis Civil Liberties Committee, 1940-1951**
St. Louis Branch of the American Civil Liberties Union, of which Luther Ely Smith was a council member and member of the executive committee. Contains mostly correspondence concerning amicus curiae briefs and the Melendes case.
- Box 8**
- Folder 1 **Correspondence C–Civil Rights, no date**
The file consists of a poster calling for a rally against an attempt by Lincoln University to enforce segregation.
- Folder 2 **Correspondence C–Civil Service, 1941-1950**
Consists of correspondence between the many departments of the city of St. Louis, including the Law Department, Board of Children’s Guardians, Department of Public Welfare, Department of Health, Department of Finance.
- Folder 3 **Correspondence C–Civil Service, 1941-1950**
- Folder 4 **Correspondence C–Civil Service Amendment, 1941-1942**
Letters regarding proposed amendment to Civil Service Article for St. Louis, and a copy of the amendment.
- Folder 5 **Correspondence C–Civil Service Amendment, 1944**
Material regarding the Amendment of Rule VIII, Section 1, relating to a probationary employment period for city employees.
- Folder 6 **Correspondence C–Civil Service Appeals, 1949-1950**
Letters regarding the appeals of city officials. These officials include Chas. J. Riley, former director of public safety; Curby Monia, former city marshal; Joseph Gallagher, former city register; Joseph B Catanzaro, former city court judge and George J. Grellner, former city court judge.

- Folder 7 **Correspondence C–Civil Service Commission, 1941-1950**
Luther Ely Smith served on the commission from 1941-1945. File contains letters, appointments, and meeting notices.
- Folder 8 **Correspondence C–Civil Service Commission, 1941-1943**
Becker, William D. Correspondence between the Civil Service Commission and Honorable William Dee Becker, mayor of St. Louis.
- Folder 9 **Correspondence C–Civil Service Commission, no date**
Report of the Civil Service Commission regarding two appeals in the case of Ova M. Carey against the city.
- Folder 10 **Correspondence C–Civil Service Commission, 1943-1947**
Correspondence between Henry S. Caulfield and the commission regarding municipal progress. Includes a letter regarding the place of collective bargaining in government service.
- Folder 11 **Correspondence C–Civil Service Commission, 1947**
Charter Amendment. This file contains a copy of proposed changes in Leave Ordinance 43,677, and pages from a manual regarding the regulation of the hours of work of city employees in the Classified Service.
- Folder 12 **Correspondence C–Civil Service Commission, 1948**
City Counselor’s Office. Correspondence relating to the political activities of city employees.
- Folder 13 **Correspondence C–Civil Service Commission, 1945**
City Hospitals. Correspondence to Luther Ely Smith, chairman of the commission, regarding the inadequate supply of nurses staffing city hospitals and the salaries of nurses employed by the city.
- Folder 14 **Correspondence C–Civil Service Commission, no date**
Civil Service Act and Rules, copy of text.
- Box 9**
- Folder 1 **Correspondence C–Civil Service Commission, 1944-1946**
Compensation Plan. Correspondence regarding adjustments in pay schedules, classifications of municipal employees, recommended compensation plans for the city of St. Louis, and a list of pay scales for city employees.
- Folder 2 **Correspondence C–Civil Service Commission, 1947-1949**
Compensation Plan
- Folder 3 **Correspondence C–Civil Service Commission, no date**

Compensation Plan Reproposed. Correspondence regarding the explanation of tentative salary ranges and a proposed ordinance providing for the adoption of a comprehensive compensation plan for city employees.

- Folder 4 **Correspondence C–Civil Service Commission, 1942-1948**
Court Decisions. Correspondence regarding Circuit Court and Missouri Supreme Court decisions involving the commission.
- Folder 5 **Correspondence C–Civil Service Commission, 1949**
Dolan, Charles. Correspondence with Charles J. Dolan, associate city counselor.
- Folder 6 **Correspondence C–Civil Service Commission, 1946-1950**
Feuchter, Joseph J. Letters and findings of fact by the Circuit Court and Missouri Supreme Court regarding the reinstatement of Joseph Feuchter as traffic engineer.
- Folder 7 **Correspondence C–Civil Service Commission, 1950**
Correspondence regarding the case of *Dr. J. Earl Smith v. Dr. Milton R. Fischer*, St. Louis city employees; includes a memorandum from Dr. Fischer, respondent, to the commission in answer to the memorandum of Dr. S. Earl Smith, appellant.
- Folder 8 **Correspondence C–Civil Service Commission, 1949**
Appeal by Alfred H. Fleming, district assessor, before the commission.
- Folder 9 **Correspondence C–Civil Service Commission, 1943**
Correspondence between the commission and James Ford, Jr., chairman of the Smoke Elimination Committee, regarding salary.
- Folder 10 **Correspondence C–Civil Service Commission, 1945**
Correspondence regarding an anonymous letter received by Mrs. Edna J. Gellhorn concerning the merit system of the Civil Service.
- Folder 11 **Correspondence C–Civil Service Commission, 1941-1942**
Griffenhagen, E.O. Correspondence between the St. Louis Civil Service Commission and E.O. Griffenhagen, president of the Civil Service Commission of Chicago, Illinois, regarding Griffenhagen’s interest in the merit system plan adopted by the city of St. Louis (enclosures dating from the 1920s).
- Folder 12 **Correspondence C–Civil Service Commission, 1946**
Hearing regarding Children’s Home. Correspondence hearing held before the commission regarding Mr. and Mrs. Pace and Mr. and Mrs. Thener, guardians in a children’s home operated by the city.
- Folder 13 **Correspondence C–Civil Service Commission, 1948**
Hertenstein, Charles. Correspondence, court judgements and decrees, memoranda,

investigative reports, and newspaper clippings regarding the violation of the civil service regulation concerning the right of Charles Hertenstein, administrative assistant to Mayor Kaufmann, to engage in political activities.

Folder 14 **Correspondence C–Civil Service Commission, 1943-1948**
Kaufmann, Aloys P. Correspondence between St. Louis mayor Aloys P. Kaufmann and the Civil Service Commission.

Folder 15 **Correspondence C–Civil Service Commission, 1941-1944**
Kirby, Daniel. Correspondence with Daniel N. Kirby, chairman of the Civil Service Commission from 1941 to 1945.

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Folder 1 **Correspondence C–Civil Service Commission, 1945**
Kirby, Daniel. Memorial resolution adopted by the Civil Service Commission in honor of the late Daniel N. Kirby, chairman of the commission from 1941 to 1945.

Folder 2 **Correspondence C–Civil Service Commission, 1948**
Layoffs. Correspondence, appeals, memoranda, and judgements regarding city layoff resulting from the implementation of an economy program that affected 131 permanent city employees.

Folder 3 **Correspondence C–Civil Service Commission, 1942-1945**
Minutes and agendas. Also includes schedules of salaries for city employees.

Folder 4 **Correspondence C–Civil Service Commission, 1945 May-August**
Minutes and agendas.

Folder 5 **Correspondence C–Civil Service Commission, 1945 September-December**
Minutes and agendas.

Folder 6 **Correspondence C–Civil Service Commission, 1946 January-April**
Minutes and agendas.

Folder 7 **Correspondence C–Civil Service Commission, 1946 May-September**
Minutes and agendas.

Folder 8 **Correspondence C–Civil Service Commission, 1946 October-1947**
Minutes and agendas.

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Folder 1 **Correspondence C–Civil Service Commission, 1947**
Minutes.

- Folder 2 **Correspondence C–Civil Service Commission, 1948**
Minutes.
- Folder 3 **Correspondence C–Civil Service Commission, 1945-1948**
Nolte, Louis. Correspondence between the commission and Louis Nolte, city comptroller.
- Folder 4 **Correspondence C–Civil Service Commission, 1944**
Nolte, Louis, *City v. Nolte*. Correspondence and memoranda, and newspaper clippings relating to the case *City v. Nolte*.
- Folder 5 **Correspondence C–Civil Service Commission, 1942-1944**
Nolte, Louis, *City v. Nolte*, Pleadings. Statement brief and argument for Louis Nolte, comptroller, in case argued before the Supreme Court of Missouri, May term, 1942.
- Folder 6 **Correspondence C–Civil Service Commission, 1948**
Paychecks. Check stubs for payments deducted from Luther E. Smith's paychecks as chairman of the Civil Service Commission for municipal earnings tax, which was declared void by the courts. Also a check stub covering Smith's compensation for twelve Civil Service Commission meetings.
- Folder 7 **Correspondence C–Civil Service Commission, 1942 August**
Personnel Department, Proposed Rules. Manual of proposed rules to govern city employees.
- Folder 8 **Correspondence C–Civil Service Commission, 1942 September**
Personnel Department, Adopted Rules. Manual of rules adopted to govern city employees.
- Folder 9 **Correspondence C–Civil Service Commission, 1942-1948**
Political activities. Correspondence concerning the political activities of the municipal employees, including discussion of whether a political contribution violates the provisions of Amended Article 18 of the City Charter.
- Folder 10 **Correspondence C–Civil Service Commission, 1942**
Publicity. Press releases and newspaper clippings regarding the activities of the Civil Service Commission.
- Folder 11 **Correspondence C–Civil Service Commission, 1946-1947**
Regional Conferences. Correspondence regarding the annual Civil Service Assembly of the United States and Canada. Includes discussions of problems, trends, and aims in the field of public personnel administration and material provided to delegates about comparable activities in other public personnel

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- Folder 12 **Correspondence C–Civil Service Commission, 1941-1949**
Reports. Material concerns dismissal of employees found to be in violation of the Civil Service Amendment regulating employees’ political activities.
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Resignation. Correspondence and newspaper clippings regarding the resignation of Luther Ely Smith as chairman of the St. Louis Civil Service Commission.
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Retirement System. Correspondence regarding the possible implementation of a retirement plan for the employees of the city of St. Louis.
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Robinson, David L., Jr. Correspondence between the commission and Robinson, executive director of the Public Administration Service.
- Folder 3 **Correspondence C–Civil Service Commission, 1946-1949**
Saint Louis Citizens Committee. Relates mostly to proposals submitted by the St. Louis Citizens Committee for Civil Service and the League of Women Voters of Saint Louis pertaining to the Civil Service Article (Amended Article XVIII) of the charter of the city of St. Louis. Also, correspondence regarding dues, meetings, and committee business, and Luther Ely Smith’s membership card.
- Folder 4 **Correspondence C–Civil Service Commission, 1944-1945**
Saint Louis Training School. Correspondence regarding conditions and personnel at the city-operated school.
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Searce, Elliott. Correspondence between the commission and Elliott Searce, director of personnel.

- Folder 6 **Correspondence C–Civil Service Commission, 1949**
Smith, Earl J., Dr. Correspondence between the commission and Dr. Earl J. Smith, health commissioner.
- Folder 7 **Correspondence C–Civil Service Commission, 1941-1948**
State Legislation. Correspondence between the commission and members of the Missouri State Legislature.
- Folder 8 **Correspondence C–Civil Service Commission, 1950**
Supreme Court of Missouri. Regarding case of the *City of St. Louis v. Luther Ely Smith et al.*, members of the Civil Service Commission of the city of St. Louis, this file contains copy of respondents’ suggestions in opposition to appellants’ motion for a rehearing before the Supreme Court of Missouri.
- Folder 9 **Correspondence C–Civil Service Commission, 1948**
Tyler, Annie B. Correspondence regarding the appeal of Mrs. Annie B. Tyler of her dismissal as a public health nurse in the Health Division in the city of St. Louis.
- Folder 10 **Correspondence C–Civil Service Commission, 1943-1948**
Unions. Correspondence regarding the commission’s meetings with union representatives, and miscellaneous correspondence regarding local unions of city employees.
- Folder 11 **Correspondence C–Civil Service Commission, 1945-1949**
Veterans of World War II. Correspondence regarding returning veterans and their role in city employment.
- Folder 12 **Correspondence C–Civil Service Commission, 1941-1947**
Williams, Charles P. Correspondence between the commission and Charles P. Williams, attorney for the commission, pertaining mostly to the case of *City v. Nolte*.
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- Folder 1 **Correspondence C–Coffee Company, 1943-1944**
Correspondence of Luther Ely Smith, Jr., in connection with his activities as trustee in the bankruptcy of a coffee company.
- Folder 2 **Correspondence C–Consular Documents, 1912-1932**
Collection of unrelated documentation from European consulates authenticating credentials. Also a will from Canada.
- Folder 3 **Correspondence C–Coolidge, Calvin, 1944**
Correspondence relating to the upkeep of the grave of Calvin Coolidge. Luther Ely Smith was a classmate of Coolidge’s at Amherst.

- Folder 4 **Correspondence C–Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs, 1942-1943**
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 Missouri Plan, Lauf Amendment. Correspondence, records, and reports concerning the campaign against Lauf Amendment, which proposed the repeal of the Missouri Non-Partisan Court Plan.
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 Missouri Plan, Lauf Amendment.
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 Dail to Desloge. Includes correspondence with Donald Danforth, William Danforth, and William D’Arcy, and a list of Missouri delegates to the 1944 Democratic National Convention.
- Folder 9 **Correspondence D–Miscellaneous, 1942-1951**
 Diamond to District of Columbia. Includes correspondence with Irving Dillard.
- Folder 10 **Correspondence D–Miscellaneous, 1942-1951**
 Dobie to Donnelly. Includes correspondence with Senator Forest Donnell, Gov. Philip Donnelly, and Martha Smith Donelson, an Eastern relative of Luther Ely Smith.
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 Doria to Dyer.
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- Folder 1 **Correspondence D–D’Arcy, William, 1946**
 Tribute to William D’Arcy, director of Coca-Cola Co., Coke Bottling of St. Louis, and Laclede Gas, containing discussion of D’Arcy’s business leadership strategy.
- Folder 2 **Correspondence D–Deerfield Academy, 1944-1945**
 Correspondence of the Volunteer Committee of Parents of Deerfield Boys, with which Luther Ely Smith was involved. L.E. Smith, Jr., was a former student.
- Folder 3 **Correspondence D–Deerfield Academy, 1946-1947**
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Actors’ Church to NAACP.
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- Folder 7 **Correspondence E–Miscellaneous, 1941-1951**
Includes correspondence of members of the Smith family with Thomas Eagleton and his father.
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Includes correspondence with Senator J. William Fulbright, with longtime friend Ralph Fuchs, and with Henry M. Flint.
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- Folder 1 **Correspondence F–Food for Freedom, 1943-1947**
Correspondence relating to World War II organization working to coordinate wartime domestic and overseas food supply.
- Folder 2 **Correspondence F–Ford, James L., Jr., 1898-1900**
James L. Ford, Jr., later known for his smoke abatement project in St. Louis, was a contemporary and fraternity brother of Luther Ely Smith’s at Amherst. This file consists of Ford’s letters to Smith while Smith was in the 3rd U.S. Volunteer Engineers during the Spanish-American War.
- Folder 3 **Correspondence F–Ford, James L., Jr., 1942-1951**
Correspondence between Ford and Luther Ely Smith, includes material on Smith’s efforts to secure the Amherst Distinguished Alumnus Award for Ford.
- Folder 4 **Correspondence F–Ford, James L., Jr., 1937-1948**
Smoke Abatement Project. Includes material relating to smoke abatement efforts in St. Louis, and a brief biography of Ford by Luther Ely Smith, that Smith wrote when he nominated Ford for the Amherst Award.
- Folder 5 **Correspondence F–Ford, James L., Jr., 1937-1948**
Smoke Abatement Project.
- Folder 6 **Correspondence F–Ford, James L., Jr., 1937-1948**
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Correspondence with Roberta Fulbright, publisher of the *Northwest Arkansas Times* and mother of Sen. J. William Fulbright.

- Folder 8 **Correspondence G–Miscellaneous, 1939-1948**
Game to Gray.
- Folder 9 **Correspondence G–Miscellaneous, 1939-1950**
Great Books to Guthrie.
- Folder 10 **Correspondence G–Gellhorn family, 1942-1951**
Correspondence with the Smiths’ family friends Edna Gellhorn, her son Walter Gellhorn who was dean of Columbia Law School, and her daughter Martha Gellhorn who was a noted World War II correspondent and wife of Ernest Hemingway.
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Personal correspondence between Luther Ely Smith and his friend Fred A. Gerber.
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Case books. Records of the law firm of Gilliam and Smith, of which Luther Ely Smith was a partner, detailing case activity, documents received, and calls made.
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Case books.
- Folder 5 **Correspondence H–Miscellaneous, 1939-1951**
Haberman to Harbor Point Association.
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Correspondence concerning Luther Ely Smith’s membership on board of Hill House.
- Folder 2 **Correspondence H–State Historical Society of Missouri, 1941-1946**

Correspondence with Dr. Shoemaker over preservation of Smith's records at the State Historical Society. Also membership genealogy prepared for the Missouri Historical Society.

- Folder 3 **Correspondence H–Housing, 1938-1945**
Material related to the issue of low-cost housing in the United States, and proposals on cleaning up St. Louis.
- Folder 4 **Correspondence J–Miscellaneous, 1939-1951**
January to Jumbo. Includes a large body of correspondence with Burgess Johnson, a friend of Luther Ely Smith's, and with Miss Jenkins, the secretary of the chief justice of the U.S. Supreme Court, Harlan Fiske Stone.
- Folder 5 **Correspondence J–Jefferson National Expansion Memorial, 1944**
Blueprints. Blueprints for the planned Jefferson National Expansion Memorial site showing the front elevation along Third Street, a proposed riverfront super highway, proposed traffic lanes, and the side elevation of the site.
- Folder 6 **Correspondence J–Jefferson National Expansion Memorial, 1934-1944**
Correspondence regarding the plans and the reasons for the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial, fund-raising, and the architects' competition for the design of the memorial. Also minutes of the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial Association. Of special note are the major contributors to the Architects' Competition Fund—the Associated Retailers of St. Louis including Ingram Boyd of Boyd's Department Store; Morton J. May of Famous Barr; Frank M. Mayfield, president of Scruggs, Vandervoot and Barney Dry Goods; and Arthur Baer and Sidney Baer and Leo Fuller of Stix, Baer and Fuller.
- Folder 7 **Correspondence J–Jefferson National Expansion Memorial, 1935-1944**
Correspondence.
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Correspondence.
- Folder 9 **Correspondence J–Jefferson National Expansion Memorial, no date**
Printed Material. Includes a graphic chronology, the program for the architectural competition for the design of the memorial, pamphlets, newspaper clippings and a copy of House Resolution 9983, a bill to confer jurisdiction on the U.S. Court for the Eastern District of Missouri to render judgement on claims for damages resulting from the development and building of the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial in St. Louis, Missouri.
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Jordan to Junior Chamber of Commerce.

- Folder 2 **Correspondence J–Johnson, Eric, 1946**
Correspondence with Eric Johnson, president of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States regarding industrial relations.
- Folder 3 **Correspondence J–Joseph, Ford E., 1942-1945**
World War II correspondence of Luther Ely Smith with Ford E. Joseph, the son of a friend of his.
- Folder 4 **Correspondence K–Miscellaneous, 1939-1951**
Kartsen to Kennard.
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Kennedy to Klein, E. Includes correspondence with Fred Killian describing battles over Non-Partisan Court Plan and history of plan’s progress.
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Klein, W., to Kurn.
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Correspondence of Luther Ely Smith with his personal friend Kaufmann, who was mayor of St. Louis from 1943 to 1949.
- Folder 8 **Correspondence K–Kennard, Richard, Mrs., 1945-1951**
Family correspondence.
- Folder 9 **Correspondence K–Kennedy, David, 1942-1948**
Correspondence between Luther Ely Smith and David Kennedy, an oil man and friend from Amherst. Includes material relating to an Alabama oil deal and police reports of Kennedy’s death.
- Folder 10 **Correspondence K–Kennedy, Gilbert, 1942-1948**
Correspondence with Gilbert Kennedy, the brother of David Kennedy and partner in Breed, Abbott, and Morgan’s London office, concerning his brother’s death.
- Folder 11 **Correspondence K–Klein, Cornelia (Mrs. Eugene L.), 1945-1949**
Personal correspondence of Luther Ely Smith with Mrs. Klein, whose husband’s grandfather was an associate of Smith’s, and whose father was a student of Smith’s at Smith Academy.
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La Beaume to Lay.

- Folder 13 **Correspondence L–Miscellaneous, 1937-1951**
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Liberty to Lund. Includes a letter to Anne M. Lindbergh regarding her book, *Wave of the Future*; also a copy of the book.
- Folder 2 **Correspondence L–League of Nations, 1938-1945**
Material relating to an attempt to restart League of Nations Association in St. Louis.
- Folder 3 **Correspondence L–Lindell Blvd. Property, 1938**
Material relating to an attempt by the General Council of Civic Needs to preserve Lindell Blvd.'s appearance.
- Folder 4 **Correspondence M–Miscellaneous, 1940-1951**
Macay to Mayor.
- Folder 5 **Correspondence M–Miscellaneous, 1940-1951**
Maysack to Miner.
- Folder 6 **Correspondence M–Miscellaneous, 1940-1951**
Mineral to Morgenthau. Includes correspondence with Henry Morgenthau, Jr., secretary of the treasury.
- Folder 7 **Correspondence M–Miscellaneous, 1940-1951**
Morrow to Missouri Valley Authority. Includes correspondence with Elizabeth Morrow, the mother-in-law of Charles Lindbergh and wife of Dwight Morrow, who was a classmate of Luther Ely Smith's at Amherst.
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- Folder 1 **Correspondence M–Magazine Subscriptions, 1939-1951**
Subscriptions: *American Legion* to *Outdoors Life*.
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The Progressive to Whiting.
- Folder 3 **Correspondence Mc–Miscellaneous, 1941-1948**
Consists primarily of correspondence of Luther Ely Smith with Assistant Secretary of War John J. McCloy concerning Luther Ely Smith, Jr.
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Material related to Milles, the sculptor of Milles Fountain at Aloe Plaza.
- Folder 7 **Correspondence M–Missouri Association of Social Welfare, 1943-1949**
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Includes printed matter. Also the 1948 constitution and rules and material relating to the ensuing resignation of Aaron Ferer.
- Folder 9 **Correspondence M–Missouri Constitutional Convention, 1942-1945**
Reports and correspondence.
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Contains correspondence about Luther Ely Smith's aunts who started the French and English Academy (the Boileau School).
- Folder 11 **Correspondence M–Missouri Valley Authority/Association, 1945**
Material relating to attempts to dam the Missouri River for hydroelectric power based on the Tennessee Valley Authority model.
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Naeter to National Labor Relations Board.
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Newcomen to Nussbaum.
- Folder 4 **Correspondence N–Naeter, Fred, 1941-1949**
Material relating to Fred Naeter, a friend of Luther Ely Smith's and founders and publishers of the *Cape Girardeau Missourian*.
- Folder 5 **Correspondence N–Nature Study Society, 1938-1942**
- Folder 6 **Correspondence O–Miscellaneous, 1941-1946**
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Packman to Percy. Includes correspondence with Elmer Percy, who was Luther Ely Smith's law partner for 24 years.

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- Folder 1 **Correspondence P–Miscellaneous, 1939-1951**
Plumridge to Ploeser.
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Porter to Potter. Includes extensive correspondence with Mary Pratt Potter (Mrs. Arthur Devens Potter), a cousin of the Smith family.
- Folder 3 **Correspondence P–Miscellaneous, 1939-1951**
Pratt to Putzell.
- Folder 4 **Correspondence P–Saint Louis Pageant and Masque, 1943-1952**
Includes several copies of William Marion Reedy’s 1914 editorial on the Pageant and Masque, a short description of the Masque, and correspondence.
- Folder 5 **Correspondence P–Penguin Club, 1941-1949**
Material relating to a social group made up of Luther Ely Smith and his friends who called themselves the Penguins and met yearly at the Missouri Athletic Club.
- Folder 6 **Correspondence P–Penguin Club, 1949-1951**
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Smith family household matters.
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White supremacy propaganda sent to Luther Ely Smith during World War II.
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Quaker to Queeny.
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- Folder 1 **Correspondence R–Miscellaneous, 1934-1951**
Race to Reals.
- Folder 2 **Correspondence R–Miscellaneous, 1934-1951**
Redwood to Romero. Includes an 1874 warranty deed to William S. Reefe, and extensive correspondence with Jose Romero, a former prep-school roommate of Luther Ely Smith’s.

- Folder 3 **Correspondence R–Miscellaneous, 1934-1951**
Roosevelt to Russell.
- Folder 4 **Correspondence R–Rhodesia, 1950-1951**
Correspondence with Barnaby Howard, who was doing research in Rhodesia.
- Folder 5 **Correspondence R–Riverfront, 1944**
Printed matter on the St. Louis Riverfront.
- Folder 6 **Correspondence R–Round Table, 1935-1947**
Material relating to a civic group, and affiliate of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, of which Luther Ely Smith was a member, organized to promote the continuing prosperity of St. Louis.
- Folder 7 **Correspondence R–Round Table, 1947-1951**
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Material relating to Soviet-American relations.
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- Folder 1 **Correspondence R–Rutledge, Wiley B., 1939-1948**
Correspondence between Luther Ely Smith and his personal friend Associate Supreme Court Justice Wiley B. Rutledge.
- Folder 2 **Correspondence R–Rutledge, Wiley B., 1948-1951**
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Family correspondence with Luther Ely Smith’s cousin Juliet Ryall and her caregiver Price Newhall.
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Schumacker to Shepley, A.
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Shepley, E., to Smith, G. Includes business correspondence with Ethan Shepley, and Smith family correspondence.

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Smith, H., to Stewart. Includes Smith family.
- Folder 2 **Correspondence S–Miscellaneous, 1939-1951**
Stone to Symington. (For correspondence with Harlan Fiske Stone, see Box 31, Folders 3-5.)
- Folder 3 **Correspondence S–Saint Louis Award, 1941**
Congratulatory Letters. Correspondence with Luther Ely Smith for being nominated to receive the Saint Louis Award.
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Congratulatory Letters.
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Acknowledgements.
- Folder 6 **Correspondence S–Saint Louis Award, 1941 November**
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- Folder 7 **Correspondence S–Saint Louis Bar Association, 1941, 1944**
Application for the Award of Merit. Correspondence regarding the St. Louis Bar Association’s applications and receipts of the Award of Merit for 1941 and 1944. The 1941 award was for the association’s work on the Non-Partisan Court Plan, which was adopted as an amendment of the Missouri Constitution on November 5, 1940. The 1944 award was earned for the association’s work on the proposed revision of that amendment in 1945.
- Folder 8 **Correspondence S–Saint Louis Bar Association, 1938, 1945**
Non-Partisan Court Plan. Correspondence regarding the Missouri Court Plan for Judicial Selection and Tenure (Non-Partisan Court Plan).

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- Folder 1 **Correspondence S–Scarlett, William, 1941-1948**
Correspondence regarding a group of locally prominent men, organized by Bishop William Scarlett of Christ Church Cathedral, to discuss postwar situations for the purpose of exercising influence on the St. Louis community.
- Folder 2 **Correspondence S–Schlesinger, Hans, 1939-1947**
Correspondence of Luther Ely Smith in regarding efforts to secure employment for Austrian refugee and attorney Dr. Hans Schlesinger following his immigration to the United States.

- Folder 3 **Correspondence S–Seddon, John W., 1937-1950**
Correspondence with Dr. John W. Seddon, Luther Ely Smith’s son-in-law and personal physician. Includes personal correspondence, prescriptions, medical referrals, and genealogical information.
- Folder 4 **Correspondence S–Seddon, SaLees Smith, 1936-1947**
Correspondence of Luther Ely Smith and his youngest daughter.
- Folder 5 **Correspondence S–Seven Up v. Coca-Cola, 1944-1945**
Correspondence between Buchanan Coca-Cola Bottling Works, Inc., of West Virginia, and Luther Ely Smith regarding the ongoing legal battles between Coca-Cola and Seven-Up over patents and trademark infringements.
- Folder 6 **Correspondence S–Seven-Up v. Coca-Cola, 1945**
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- Folder 9 **Correspondence S–Signature List, no date**
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- Folder 1 **Correspondence S–Smith Academy, 1898-1901**
Correspondence from the principal of Smith Academy and former students of Luther Ely Smith’s while he was in the army at Camp Hamilton, Kentucky, in Cuba, and upon his return to St. Louis.
- Folder 2 **Correspondence S–Smith Academy, 1898**
English Composition Manual prepared by Luther Ely Smith especially for use by academy students and faculty.
- Folder 3 **Correspondence S–Smith Academy, 1948**
Correspondence and newsclippings relating to the first class reunion in fifty years of the Smith Academy Prep School class of 1898.
- Folder 4 **Correspondence S–Smith, Arthur A., 1942-1946**
World War II correspondence of Luther Ely Smith with his cousin Arthur A. Smith who served in North Africa and Italy.
- Folder 5 **Correspondence S–Smith, Franklin, 1941-1950**
Personal correspondence of Luther Ely Smith and his cousin Franklin Smith.

- Folder 6 **Correspondence S–Smith, Luther Earl, 1944-1947**
 Personal correspondence between Luther Ely Smith and Lt. Luther Earl Smith. These Smiths are not related.
- Folder 7 **Correspondence S–Smith, Luther Ely, 1909-1913**
 Miscellaneous. Includes a letter of condolence to Luther Ely Smith on the death of his father, Luther R. Smith; and a letter from the Michigan Historical Commission to Luther Ely Smith regarding Battery I, 1st Michigan Light Artillery, to which Luther R. Smith was assigned during the Civil War.
- Folder 8 **Correspondence S–Smith, Luther Ely, 1943-1950**
 Miscellaneous. Correspondence addressed to Luther Ely Smith while away on vacation, and correspondence between Luther Ely Smith and his son, Luther E. Smith, Jr.
- Folder 9 **Correspondence S–Smith, Luther Ely, 1940-1958**
 Miscellaneous. Correspondence of Luther Ely Smith and his wife, SaLees, with hotels and resorts.
- Folder 10 **Correspondence S–Smith, Luther Ely, 1947**
 Miscellaneous. Correspondence of Luther Ely Smith while vacationing in Mexico.
- Folder 11 **Correspondence S–Smith, Luther Ely, 1939-1941**
Biographical Encyclopedia of the World. Correspondence related to the listing of Luther Ely Smith in the encyclopedia, and copies of the biographical entry.
- Folder 12 **Correspondence S–Smith, Luther Ely, 1938**
 Birthday Poetry. Poetry written in honor of Luther Ely Smith’s birthday by family and friends.
- Folder 13 **Correspondence S–Smith, Luther Ely, no date**
 Essays written by Luther Ely Smith. Titles include *Free Love*, *The Age of Consent*, *The Nationalization of Women*, and *The Indictment of Men*.
- Folder 14 **Correspondence S–Smith, Luther Ely, 1943, 1946**
 Genealogy. Correspondence regarding the possible family relationship between Luther Ely Smith and Jefferson Davis. Also includes a copy of *The Louisiana Genealogical Register*, vol. 4, no. 4 (April 1946).
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- Folder 1 **Correspondence S–Smith, Luther Ely, 1951**
 Death. Cards, telegrams, and letters of condolence to the family of Luther Ely Smith upon his death April 2, 1951.

- Folder 2 **Correspondence S–Smith, Luther Ely, 1951**
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- Folder 3 **Correspondence S–Smith, Luther Ely, 1951**
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- Folder 4 **Correspondence S–Smith, Luther Ely, 1951**
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- Folder 5 **Correspondence S–Smith, Luther Ely, 1903**
European Notes and Diary. Travel notes and diary of Luther Ely Smith’s travels in Europe.
- Folder 6 **Correspondence S–Smith, Luther Ely, 1942-1947**
Family Letters–Children. Letters of Luther Ely and SaLees Smith to their children while away on travel.
- Folder 7 **Correspondence S–Smith, Luther Ely, 1888-1922**
Family Letters–Parents. Correspondence between Luther Ely Smith and his parents Luther R. and Helen Smith. Also two letters written by Luther R. Smith to Luther Ely Smith’s two very young children, Adeline and “Buddy B.” (Luther Ely, Jr.), in 1913.
- Folder 8 **Correspondence S–Smith, Luther Ely, 1938-1940**
Family Plot. Correspondence between Luther Ely Smith and family members regarding the upkeep of the Horatio Ely family burial plot. Also correspondence regarding the care of the elderly family members.
- Folder 9 **Correspondence S–Smith, Luther Ely, 1941-1942**
Family Plot.
- Folder 10 **Correspondence S–Smith, Luther Ely, 1942-1945**
Financial Record Notebook.
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Insurance Claim. Correspondence between Luther Ely Smith and J.H. Sheahan regarding a claim for lost or damaged items.
- Folder 2 **Correspondence S–Smith, Luther Ely, 1943-1949**
Membership and Credit Cards.
- Folder 3 **Correspondence S–Smith, Luther Ely, 1950-1951**
Membership and Credit Cards.

- Folder 4 **Correspondence S–Smith, Luther Ely, 1909**
Smith, Luther R. Reinstatement correspondence between Luther Ely Smith, government officials, friends, and acquaintances regarding the efforts to reinstate Luther Ely Smith’s father, Luther R. Smith, as assistant attorney general in the office of the Secretary of the Interior in Washington, D.C.
- Folder 5 **Correspondence S–Smith, Luther Ely, 1909**
Smith, Luther R. Reinstatement.
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- Folder 8 **Correspondence S–Smith, Luther Ely, 1944-1945**
Special Occasion Card Lists.
- Folder 9 **Correspondence S–Smith, Luther Ely, 1946-1948**
Special Occasion Card Lists.
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