

# Finding Aid for the Scott Dekins Papers

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## **Descriptive Summary**

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Creator: Scott Dekins.

Title: Scott Dekins Papers.

Dates: 1903 – 1953.

Quantity: 1.5 linear feet.

Language: English.

## **Biographical Note**

Scott R. DeKins was born in Bloomington, Illinois. He attended public schools in St. Louis and the Benton College of Law. He first attracted attention in 1914 when, as Assistant Secretary of the Civic League, he arranged, in conjunction with the late Senator Seldon P. Spencer, the largest meeting of new citizens ever held in St. Louis, attended by over ten thousand newly naturalized citizens. He resigned as Assistant Secretary of the Civic League in 1916 and entered private law practice.

Beginning in 1917, DeKins held a number of positions with the St. Louis Chamber of Commerce. In 1929 he was elected Secretary. In 1948 he was named Vice President. On his retirement in 1954 he held the position of Executive Vice President. He held a number of other civic and business posts, including: Co-founder of the American Retailers Association (1923), Secretary of the Social Planning Council (now the Health and Welfare Council) (1924), Director, St. Louis Citizens Committee on Relief and Unemployment (1930), and Director, Citizens' War Time Fuel Committee (1940s).

In 1956, DeKins became Vice Chairman of the Governmental Research Institute of St. Louis and during that same year, Counsel for the law firm of Lashly and Neun.

## **Scope and Content Notes**

This collection contains a variety of items relating to Scott R. Dekins and his interests. Included are scrapbooks, Chamber of Commerce files, material relating to the Civic League of St. Louis, and photographs. The material is arranged alphabetically by subject.

## **Administrative Information**

### **Source of Collection**

This material was donated to University Archives by Mrs. Scott R. Dekins in July 1970.

**Accruals**

There are no accruals.

**Processing Information**

Compiled by Sarah Pabarcus in January 2006.

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**Collection Contents**

Box No.	Folder
01	ACCE Convention (St. Louis [Minutes])
	ACCE Convention (St. Louis [Papers Presented])
	Clayton Township Republican Club
	Civic Improvement League – First Annual Report, March 4, 1903
	Civic Improvement League of St. Louis – Report of the Open Air Playground Committee, 1903
	Civic Improvement League of St. Louis – Report of the Open Air Playground Committee, 1905
	Civic League of St. Louis – The Civic League, The Story of the Year's Work for St. Louis, 1912
	Civic League of St. Louis – Civic Problems, address delivered March 9, 1909 at the Annual Meeting of the Civic League of St. Louis
	Civic League of St. Louis – Home Rule Legislation, January 1913

Civic League of St. Louis – A Year of Civic Effort, addresses and reports at the Annual Meeting, 1907

Civic League of St. Louis – A Year's Work, addresses and reports at the Annual Meeting, 1908

Civic League of St. Louis – Yearbook, 1909

Civic League of St. Louis – Yearbook, 1910

Civic League of St. Louis – Yearbook, 1914-15

Civic League of St. Louis – Yearbook, 1916

Civic League of St. Louis – Yearbook, 1917

Correspondence

Newspaper, Radio, and Public Appearances, 1928-36

Photos (Personal)

Photos (Mexican Good Will Tours)

Photos (Southern Tour)

St. Louis Chamber of Commerce (Constitution and By-laws)

St. Louis Chamber of Commerce (Eisenhower Dinner)

St. Louis Chamber of Commerce (Pamphlets)

St. Louis Chamber of Commerce (Trade Board)

St. Louis Chamber of Commerce (War Tax Committee)

St. Louis Tuberculosis Society

02 Scrapbook – Scott R. Dekins, 1918-1926

Scrapbook – Scott R. Dekins, Printing Samples, 1914-1925

Scrapbook – Scott R. Dekins, 1926-1949

Scrapbook – Scott R. Dekins, 1949-1953

Photo – Missouri State Conference for Social Welfare, Sedalia, MO,  
November 1920