

## Summary Information:

**Collection Title:** Richard J. Barr Papers

**Collection Number:** MSS.37

**Date Range:** 1924-1925, 1930-1932, 1938-1948

**Size:** 6 Linear Feet

**Location:** RR.7.2, RR.7.3

**Creator:** Richard J. Barr

**Abstract:** The Richard J. Barr Papers contains correspondence from and to Richard J. Barr from 1924 through 1925, and additional materials from work on the Illinois and Michigan Canal through the 1930s and 40s. Barr served two terms as Mayor of Joliet and spent 48 years on the Illinois State Senate.

**Separated Materials:** None

**Citation:** Item Description. MSS.37 Richard J. Barr Papers, Joliet Area Historical Museum. Box #, Folder #.  
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**Restrictions:** None

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## Background Information:

**History:** Richard J. Barr was born in Will County on November 28<sup>th</sup>, 1865. Barr attended the University of Illinois and later received his law degree from University of Michigan Law School. He practiced law in Will County, served as Joliet city attorney for one term and was elected Mayor of Joliet for two terms. During his administration he oversaw the elevated track ordinance and the building of Union Station. In the 1902 general election Barr was then elected to the Illinois State Senate. From 1903 until 1951, Barr served in the State Senate, representing the 41<sup>st</sup> district. Barr passed away in June of 1951.

**Scope and Content Arrangement:** The Richard J. Barr Papers contains correspondence from and to Richard J. Barr from 1924 through 1925. The correspondence is maintained in its original order, organized alphabetically by last name of the correspondent and then by year. The collection also contains records from Barr's work on the Illinois and Michigan Canal from 1938 through the mid-1940s. These records are organized chronologically.

**Related Materials:** None.

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Correspondence – L, 1924	5	1
Correspondence – M, 1924	6	1
Correspondence – N, 1924	7	1
Correspondence – O, 1924	8	1
Correspondence – P, 1924	1	2
Correspondence – Q, 1924	2	2
Correspondence – R, 1924	3	2
Correspondence – S, 1924 (Folder 1 of 2)	4	2
Correspondence – S, 1924 (Folder 2 of 2)	5	2
Correspondence – T, 1924	6	2
Correspondence – U-V, 1924	7	2
Correspondence – W, 1924	8	2
Correspondence – X-Z, 1924	9	2
Correspondence – A, 1925	1	3
Correspondence – B, 1925 (Folder 1 of 2)	2	3
Correspondence – B, 1925 (Folder 2 of 2)	3	3
Correspondence – C, 1925	4	3
Correspondence – D, 1925	5	3
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Correspondence – F-G, 1925	7	3
Correspondence – H, 1925	1	4
Correspondence – I, 1925	2	4
Correspondence – J, 1925	3	4
Correspondence – K, 1925	4	4
Correspondence – L, 1925	5	4
Correspondence – M, 1925	6	4
Correspondence – N, 1925	7	4
Correspondence – O, 1925	8	4
Correspondence – P, 1925	9	4
Correspondence – Q, 1925	10	4
Correspondence – R, 1925	1	5
Correspondence – S, 1925	2	5
Correspondence – T, 1925	3	5
Correspondence – U-V, 1925	4	5
Correspondence – W, 1925	5	5

Correspondence – X-Z, 1925	6	5
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Checkbook, C. 1930s	2	6
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