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These papers include John Houston's general correspondence, speeches, and newspaper clippings. Other documents relate to the National Labor Relations Board, the Taft-Hartley Law, election campaigns, the State Department, and Harry S. Truman.

Biography

John Mills Houston (1890-1975) was born on a farm near Formosa, Jewell County, Kansas, September 15, 1890; attended the public schools of Wichita, Kansas, St. John's Military School, Salina, Kansas, and Fairmount College (now Wichita State University), Wichita, Kansas; engaged in the theatrical business 1912-1917; during the First World War served as a noncommissioned officer in the United States Marine Corps 1917-1919; engaged in the retail lumber business at Newton, Kansas, 1919-1934; mayor of Newton 1927-1931; secretary of the Democratic
State central committee in 1934 and 1935; elected as a Democrat to the 74th and to the three succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1935-January 3, 1943); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1942 to the 78th Congress; appointed a member of the National Labor Relations Board on March 15, 1943, and served until his retirement on August 27, 1953; resided in Laguna Beach, California, where he died April 29, 1975; interment in Melrose Abbey Cemetery, Anaheim, California. (Source: Biographical Directory of the United States Congress.)

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