

Name the Urban Park Contest Collection

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Size

1 box

Scope

The collection includes the entries for the park name, the minutes of the Name the Park Committee meeting, Mayor J. Michael Houston's speech at the park dedication November 1987, and newspaper articles about the naming contest and the park.

Background

Construction of a new park bounded by 6th, Jefferson, 5th, and Adams Streets started in March 1987. Springfield Mayor J. Michael Houston's office called for suggestions for park names from Springfield residents. One hundred and thirty-one names were submitted. The Mayor appointed a committee to select a name for the park from those submissions. The committee chose the name "Union Square Park." The park was dedicated on November 9, 1987.

Provenance

Gift from Springfield Mayor J. Michael Houston November 1987

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