

# Archaeological Institute of America Collection (SC185)

## *Introduction*

This collection consists of photocopies of newspaper clippings, a yearbook from 1905-1906, and a card advertising a lecture sponsored by the club.

## *Descriptive Summary*

Creator: Kansas City Society of the Archaeological Institute of America  
Title: Archaeological Institute of America Collection  
Dates: 1905-1913, 1922, 1929  
Size: 0.02 linear feet, 2 folders  
Collection Number: SC185

## *Donor Information*

Found in collection.

## *Citation Note*

Archaeological Institute of America Collection (SC185), Missouri Valley Special Collections, Kansas City Public Library, Kansas City, Missouri.

## *Administrative Information*

Related Collections: Publications by the American Institute of Archaeology can be found by searching the Kansas City Public Library catalog.

## *Historical Sketch*

The American Institute of Archaeology (AIA), a nonprofit organization which promotes public interest in archaeology and preservation of archaeological sites, was founded in 1879 by Charles Eliot Norton. The institute is responsible for the production of two publications, the scholarly journal, *American Journal of Archaeology* since 1885 and *Archaeology* magazine since 1948. Current headquarters are located in Boston, with over 100 local societies and more than 10,000 members around the world.

The Kansas City Society of the AIA first convened December 9, 1905 at Central High School (11<sup>th</sup> and Locust) and was granted a charter on December 26, 1905. This group sponsored regular meetings as well as a series of illustrated lectures each year. The group is still active today and is known as the Kansas City/Lawrence Chapter.

***Scope and Content Note***

This is an artificial collection consisting of materials related to the Archaeological Institute of America found in Missouri Valley Special Collections.

Materials in this collection are arranged by type and then chronologically.

**Series 1: Research file, 1905-1929**

The research file contains photocopies of newspaper clippings published in the *Kansas City Star*, *Kansas City Times*, and *Kansas City Journal* that detail lectures held by the Kansas City branch of the AIA.

**Series 2: Yearbook and lecture advertisement, 1905-1906, 1922**

This series consists of a yearbook for the Kansas City Society from 1905-1906 which states the rules, officers, executive committee members, charter membership, and descriptions of the five meetings held that year. In addition, there is a card advertising a lecture sponsored by the AIA Kansas City Society held at the Kansas City Art Institute titled "An Archeological Year in Italy and Greece" presented by the president of the Archaeological Institute of America.

***Collection Inventory*****Series 1: Research file, 1905-1929**

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