

Carnival Park Postcards (SC217)

Introduction

This collection contains two postcards of Carnival Park in Kansas City, Kansas.

Descriptive Summary

Title: Carnival Park Postcards

Dates: 1907

Size: 0.01 linear feet, 1 folder

Collection Number: SC217

Donor Information

Found in collection.

Citation Note

Carnival Park Postcards (SC217), Missouri Valley Special Collections, Kansas City Public Library, Kansas City, Missouri.

Administrative Information

Related Collections: Additional postcards may be found in Mrs. Sam Ray Postcard Collection (SC58) and by searching the Missouri Valley Special Collections local history collections.

Historical Sketch

Carnival Park opened on May 25, 1906, and closed in 1911. The park was situated between 14th Street, 16th Street, Armstrong, and Barnett in Kansas City, KS. The park consisted of the usual features of an amusement park including a merry-go-round, skating rink, and a shoot-the-chutes over a water fall. There were picnic areas and band concerts as well as a restaurant in the park called the Wigwam Café. The location is now an athletic field.

A history, *Great American Amusement Parks*, by Gary Kyriazi, pictures Carnival Park and describes it as once equal to New York's Coney Island.

Scope and Content Note

This collection contains two postcards of Carnival Park in Kansas City, KS. One postcard, *One Of The Statues*, is of a statue of an angel blowing a horn and addressed to Walter Houser, 410 S. Jefferson Ave., Iola, Kansas, postmark September 7, 1907. Another postcard, *The Chutes and Pool*, is of the chutes and pool area and addressed to Mrs. D. A. Houser, 410 S. Jefferson Ave., Iola, Kansas, postmark August 12, 1907.

Collection Inventory

f. 1 Postcards, 1907

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