

# Frederic James Drawing (SC213)

## *Introduction*

This collection contains a drawing of a pickup truck by Kansas City artist Frederic James.

## *Descriptive Summary*

Creator: Frederic James  
Title: Frederic James Drawing  
Dates: n.d.  
Size: 1.34 linear feet, 1 folder  
Collection Number: SC213

## *Donor Information*

Found in collection.

## *Citation Note*

Frederic James Drawing (SC213), Missouri Valley Special Collections, Kansas City Public Library, Kansas City, Missouri.

## *Administrative Information*

Related Collections: Additional artwork and information on Frederic James is available in the Missouri Valley Special Collections local history collections, including the following books: *American Drawings and Watercolors from the Kansas City Region* [MVSC Q 759.1 A21am], *Decade of Decision* [MVSC 977.8 K16d], and *Proud Heritage* [MVSC 977.8411 K164P].

## *Biographical Sketch*

Frederic James was born in Kansas City, Missouri in 1915. In 1934, the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art accepted one of his watercolors for their Midwestern Exhibition. In 1939, he won the Kansas City Art Institute watercolor prize competition and in 1940, the Art Institute of Chicago International Exhibition of Watercolors accepted one of his works. The Kansas City Art Institute hired him to teach watercolor classes in the 1940s and among his colleagues was Thomas Hart Benton. In 1947, he married Diana Hearne. The Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art held an exhibition of his work in 1954. James did murals for the Trinity Lutheran Church in Mission, Kansas and the Kansas and Consumer's Coop Association. He died in 1985.

## *Scope and Content Note*

The drawing is of a pickup truck belonging to Roger Allen and drawn by Frederic James. The drawing is on a crème-colored mat surrounded by an ivory border and measures 13.5 x 11.75 inches.

*Collection Inventory*

f. 1 Drawing, n.d.

**Processed by Sheri Volpe, Intern, October 2014**