

# *The Kents* Comic Book Collection (SC115)

## ***Introduction***

This collection consists of a complete 12-issue comic book series, *The Kents*, published by DC Comics from 1997-1998. The story follows members of the fictional Kent family (Superman's adoptive ancestors) in Kansas between 1854 and the 1870s, as they encounter significant individuals and events of the time period.

## ***Descriptive Summary***

Creator: John Ostrander  
Title: The Kents  
Dates: August 1997-July 1998  
Size: 0.2 linear feet, 1 box  
Collection Number: SC115

## ***Donor Information***

Gift, 2014, Timothy C. Westcott.

## ***Citation Note***

The Kents (SC115), Missouri Valley Special Collections, Kansas City Public Library, Kansas City, Missouri.

## ***Administrative Information***

Related Collections: Additional information regarding "Bleeding Kansas" and Civil War guerrillas and outlaws may be found by searching the Missouri Valley Special Collections local history collections, the Civil War on the Western Border website ([www.civilwaronthewesternborder.org](http://www.civilwaronthewesternborder.org)), and the Kansas City Public Library Catalog.

## ***Scope and Content Note***

This collection consists of a complete 12-issue comic book series, *The Kents*, published by DC Comics from 1997-1998. The story follows members of the fictional Kent family (Superman's adoptive ancestors) and their settlement in Kansas. The series is broken into three, four-issue arcs covering the "Bleeding Kansas," Civil War, and post-war time periods, from 1854 through the 1870s. Significant individuals and events of the era are referenced in regards to slavery, abolition, politics, guerrilla warfare, and outlaws.

## ***Collection Inventory***

f. 1 "Bleeding Kansas," parts 1 and 2, August-September 1997 (no. 1 and 2)

- f. 2 "Bleeding Kansas," parts 3 and 4, October-November 1997 (no. 3 and 4)
- f. 3 "Brother versus Brother," parts 1 and 2, December 1997-January 1998 (no. 5 and 6)
- f. 4 "Brother versus Brother," parts 3 and 4, February-March 1998 (no. 7 and 8)
- f. 5 "To the Stars by Hard Ways," parts 1 and 2, April-May 1998 (no. 9 and 10)
- f. 6 "To the Stars by Hard Ways," parts 3 and 4, June-July 1998 (no. 11 and 12)

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