

Bernd Foerster Papers (SC152)

Introduction

The Bernd Foerster Papers collection contains correspondence and working draft copies of chapters from Bernd Foerster's book, *Independence, Missouri*. The drafts were sent to members of the Independence Heritage Commission for editing, comments, and approval.

Descriptive Summary

Title: Bernd Foerster Papers
Date: 1976
Size: 0.04 linear feet, 2 folders
Collection Number: SC152

Donor Information

Found in collection

Citation Note

Bernd Foerster Papers (SC152), Missouri Valley Special Collections, Kansas City Public Library, Kansas City, Missouri.

Administrative Information

Related Collections: Bernd Foerster's book, *Independence, Missouri*, is available through the Kansas City Public Library under the call number 977.841 F65I. A non-circulating copy of the book may be viewed in the Missouri Valley Room. Circulating copies are available for check-out through the Central Branch.

Biographical/Historical Sketch

Bernd Foerster was born in the Netherlands on December 5, 1923. He moved to the United States in 1947 and became an American citizen in 1954. With bachelors and masters degrees in architecture, Foerster developed a career as an architect, an urban planning and historic preservation consultant, filmmaker, author, and professor. In 1971, he was named dean of the College of Architecture and Design at Kansas State University, and later became the chair of the Downtown Redevelopment Advisory Board for Manhattan, Kansas. Foerster died on November 8, 2010.

Scope and Content Note

This collection contains drafts of chapters from Foerster's book, *Independence, Missouri* sent to members of the Independence Heritage Commission for comments

and approval. Letters from Foerster are included with the drafts, requesting assistance with editing and verifying the historical accuracy of the text. The drafts include editing notations in the margins. Also included is the October 1976 issue of the Jackson County Historical Society Journal. The front page of the journal contains a biographical article on Foerster.

The collection is arranged chronologically by date.

Collection Inventory

- f. 1 Drafts, August-September 1976
- f. 2 Jackson County Historical Society Journal and drafts, October-November 1976

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