

# William Weber Collection (SC133)

## *Introduction*

This collection contains sketches by William Weber. Weber was a German-born artist who lived in Kansas City, taught drawing at Central High School, and designed floats for local parades.

## *Descriptive Summary*

Title: William Weber Collection

Dates: 1890, n.d.

Size: 1.34 linear feet, 1 box

Collection Number: SC133

## *Donor Information*

Gift, 2008, Barbara Dietrich

## *Citation Note*

William Weber Collection (SC133), Missouri Valley Special Collections, Kansas City Public Library, Kansas City, Missouri.

## *Biographical/Historical Sketch*

William Weber was born in Gross Gerau, Germany on July 10, 1865. His family moved to Peoria, Illinois when he was still a baby. As a child, Weber's parents encouraged his interest in drawing, and sent him to Germany to study as an artist when he was 20 years old. He eventually moved back to the United States. In 1890, Weber settled in Kansas City and opened a studio. He served as drawing instructor at Central High School for seven years. Additionally, Weber designed floats for the local German Day parade and the Priests of Pallas parade. One of his Priests of Pallas floats was displayed at the Chicago World's Fair in 1893. He died on April 4, 1905.

## *Scope and Content*

This collection contains three sketches by William Weber. One sketch features children playing on a banquet table with German text beside it. It celebrates the new year of 1890. The other two drawings appear to be sketches of Priests of Pallas parade floats and are not dated.

## *Collection Inventory*

f. 1     Sketches, 1890 and n.d.

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