

Relishing Our Roots Neighborhood Project Records

The Relishing Our Roots Neighborhood Project was funded through the KC150 Legacy Fund. This fund was associated with the Sesquicentennial celebration for Kansas City. Neighborhoods covered include: Roanoke, Coleman Highlands, and Roanoke Ridge/Woodbridge Apartment Complex.

Descriptive Summary

Creator: Susan Ford, project manager
Title: Relishing Our Roots Neighborhood Project records
Dates: 1999-2001
Size: 1 box, 18 folders
Location: SC83

Administrative Information

Restrictions on access: No restrictions.

Acquisition information: Gift, November 2000, Accession #2000-46.

Custodial history: Additional items received, August 2001. Includes house history for 1008 Valentine and 1102 Valentine.

Citation note: Relishing Our Roots Neighborhood Project records (SC83), Missouri Valley Special Collections, Kansas City Public Library, Kansas City, Missouri.

Collection Description

Biographical/Historical note

This collection was created as a result of an award by the KC150 Legacy Fund, a fund set up by KC150, the organization primarily responsible for celebrating Kansas City's sesquicentennial in 2000. Four homes/neighborhood associations were slated to be participants in the project. They included: Roanoke Homes Association, Coleman Highlands Neighborhood Association, Roanoke Ridge Tenant Association, and the Volker Neighborhood Association.

The application to KC150 states the project was "designed to gather historical information from each neighborhood...that includes background information on land use, housing structures, historic architecture, famous and interesting residents, stories that have passed on, mysterious events, and undocumented legends."

Scope and content note

The collection consists of a printed walking/driving tour, transcripts from oral histories of various residents of the area, videotapes, house histories with related material, documentation describing the KC150 Legacy Fund grant, short historical papers, color illustrative photographs (photocopies) of homes in the area, and other miscellaneous material.

Collection Inventory**Folder 1**

- Copy of the online catalog record for the collection
- Photocopy of article giving a brief description of the application submitted to the Greater Kansas City Community Foundation for a KC150 Legacy Fund grant.
- Original accession letter and further sheets from Project Manager Susan Ford detailing additional items donated to collection

Folder 2

- Coleman Highlands Neighborhood Walking/Driving Tour which includes:
- A brief history of Coleman Highlands by Susan Jezak Ford
- Stop 1 – 3120-3130 Coleman Road
- Stop 2 – 3201 & 3205 Karnes Boulevard
- Stop 3 – 3220 Karnes Boulevard
- Stop 4 – 915 & 923 W. 33rd Street
- Stop 5 – 926-934 W. 33rd Terrace
- Stop 6 – 330, 3334 & 3341 Karnes Boulevard
- Stop 7 – 920 & 927 W. 34th Street
- Stop 8 – 3400 W. Coleman Road
- Stop 9 – 3427 & 3434 W. Coleman Road
- Stop 10 – 3414, 3429, 3435 Coleman Road
- Stop 11 – 3414-3428 Karnes Boulevard
- Bibliography

Folder 3 – Roanoke Neighborhood Association Oral History Project

- Roanoke Neighborhood Association Oral Histories-Project Description
- Copy of Roanoke Newsletter, Spring, 1999

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- Transcript of taped conversation with Blanche Carstenson, interviewer-Dory DeAngelo – February 9, 1999, 13 p.
- An Artist's Life...Blanche Carstenson by Dory DeAngelo, 6 p.

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- KC150 Neighborhood Hero Award Nomination Form (Blanche Carstenson)
- Awards letter, Awards ceremony program

Folder 6 – Roanoke Neighborhood Association Oral History Project

- Interview with Ned (NH) and Joyce (JH) Holland by Susan Jezak Ford, November 4, 2000, 14 p.
- The Holland House- 3674 Belleview Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri, 2 p. back-to-back

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- Discussion between Howard Sanders, 3726 Madison, Laura Shaughnessy, 3723 Madison and Susan Ford (interviewer). 12 p.
- From Harry Truman to Clay Chastain—Howard Sanders Has Seen A Lot! P. 13-14 of above)

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- The Story of the Shryock/Wilkensen House at 3601 Belleview, 4 p.
- 2 photocopies of photos of the home and dinner and swimming party announcement
- 2 newspaper clippings, photocopied, n.d.

Folder 9

- Roanoke Ridge/Woodbridge Apartment Complex, 3442 Wyoming, transcript of video tape, 5 p.
- Brochure for Woodbridge Apartment Complex, 2 c.
- Former Tenant Association Presidents Says Its Time to Move On, 1 p.
- Saturday Morning Academy Teacher Looks for Harmony, 1 p.
- Mother of Gunshot Victim Says Son Made Changes, 1 p.

Folder 10

- Videotape: Roanoke Ridge/Woodbridge, 2 c.

Folder 11 – Your House’s History

- 1008 Valentine Road, Kansas City, Missouri, compiled by Susan Jezak Ford, 18 p. Includes photocopies of water permits, magazine and newspaper articles concerning home and owners, and atlas entries. Original owner: Llewellyn E. James.

Folder 12 – Your House’s History

- 1102 Valentine Road, Kansas City, Missouri, compiled by Susan Jezak Ford, 30 p. Includes photocopies from newspapers, magazines, and books concerning home and owners. Original owner: Albert J. Yanda.

Folder 13

- Interview with Fern Jessee (FJ), widow of Randall Jessee, conducted by Susan Jezak Ford (SJF) March 5, 2001, 8 p.

Folder 14

- Nametags for Roanoke residents, 2001, color photocopied with name of owner, address and photo of house, 27 p.

Folder 15 – Your House's History

- 3658 Madison Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri, compiled by Susan Jezak Ford, 41 p. Includes photocopies of water permit, atlas pages, book articles, newspaper clippings, and color copy of postcard. Original owner: Charles S. Keith.
- Truman Library – Oral History Interview with Mr. and Mrs. Randall S. Jessee, Kansas City friends of President and Mrs. Harry S. Truman, May 19, 1964 by Dr. Philip C. Brooks, Harry S. Truman Library, (14 p.)

Folder 16 – Your House's History

- 3668 Madison Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri, compiled by Susan Jezak Ford, 19 p. Includes photocopies of water permit, atlas pages, newspaper clippings, and social register entries. Original owner: William Buchholz.

Folder 17 – Your House's History

- 3672 Madison Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri, compiled by Susan Jezak Ford. 15 p. Includes photocopies of water permit, atlas pages, newspaper clippings, and book articles. Original owner: Mrs. Margaret Muehlebach.

Folder 18

- Videotape (Copy) – Roanoke Neighborhood, Longmoor Family, 1937.

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