

Edith Lowe Peters Scrapbooks

The Edith Lowe Peters Scrapbooks contain newspaper clippings and programs pertaining to local fine arts events. Some indexing to the contents is provided.

Descriptive Summary

Creator: Edith Lowe Peters
Title: Edith Lowe Peters scrapbooks
Dates: 1900-1970
Size: 3 scrapbooks, 4 boxes
Location: SC66-2

Administrative Information

Restrictions on access: Unrestricted access.

Additional physical form available: Scrapbooks have been photocopied.

Acquisition information: Gift, Edith Lowe Peters, date unknown.

Custodial history: Originally presented to the Kansas City School District, to be placed in the Kansas City Public Library.

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Collection Description

Biographical/Historical note

Edith Lowe Peters appears to have been a long time Kansas City resident. She was the daughter of Ona and Frank M. Lowe and it is believed she was born in 1882 in Rock Port, Missouri. Mr. Lowe was a local lawyer who at the turn of the 20th century was the prosecuting attorney for Jackson County. Edith Lowe married Howard H. Peters in 1911 and had one son. Howard Peters was a local publisher and member of the Kansas City Park Board at one time.

Edith Peters appears to have traveled in Europe and enjoyed the arts. The couple lived in the Northeast area on Gladstone Boulevard. It is believed that she died in the early 1970s, with the exact death date undetermined at the time of collection processing. Her exciting escape from the burning Pepper Building in downtown Kansas City in 1907 is found in the clippings in the back of Scrapbook #2. She is mentioned in a book written about her father entitled *Warrior Lawyer*, authored by her brother, Frank M. Lowe, Jr., and published in 1942.

Scope and content note

The contents of the scrapbooks in the collection are arranged by fine arts topics.

Scrapbook #1 - Newspaper clippings only, 1911-1970, bulk of clippings 1950s-1960s. These clippings are primarily about local artists and performers. Included attached to the front cover is an index of names and dates presumably of the clippings. They do not appear to be in any particular order within the scrapbook. Only the photocopies have been retained. Starlight Theatre is covered

throughout the scrapbook. The index to this scrapbook includes the performer's names as well as theater/performance location.

Scrapbook #2 - Scrapbook is entitled "Musical Programs, 1900-1929" and includes a variety of programs, primarily local. A date is provided with a program when it is not evident on the program itself. Also includes some foreign programs. Many programs were held in local churches. The church names and local artist's names are included in the index for this scrapbook as well as theater/performance location. The back of this scrapbook contains clippings on the fire at the Pepper Building in which several music teachers had rooms and Edith Lowe managed to escape in 1907.

Scrapbook #3 - Scrapbook is entitled "Theater Programs, 1901 to February 17, 1937." It contains foreign fine arts programs as well as local. Similar to #2.

Indexes compiled during processing include theater/performance location, personal names for primarily local performers, and function/events names. Play titles and performers listed in programs have not been indexed. All three scrapbooks have been photocopied and Scrapbook #1 has been retained as photocopies only. Original pages of scrapbooks #2 and #3 have been retained with the collection. Programs include a variety of events including theater and musical performances.

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