

Siegrist Engraving Company Etching Collection

This collection contains etchings of notable Kansas City historical landmarks.

Descriptive Summary

Creator: Siegrist Engraving Company
Title: Siegrist Engraving Company Etching collection
Dates: 1936-1966
Size: 1 box, 12 folders
Location: SC57

Administrative Information

Restrictions on access: Unrestricted access.

Acquisition information: Unknown.

Custodial history: Formerly classed in Missouri Valley Special Collections, MVSC Q 977.8411 S47C.

Citation note: Siegrist Engraving Company Etching collection (SC57), Missouri Valley Special Collections, Kansas City Public Library, Kansas City, Missouri.

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Biographical/Historical note

The Siegrist Engraving Company located at 924 Oak was founded in 1902 by Mr. Henry S. Siegrist. It continues to be in business at that location today. Mr. Siegrist was active in civic affairs, including the Citizen's League, which in the early 1920s helped obtain a non-partisan city charter. He was instrumental in founding Lincoln & Lee University, which in turn became the University of Kansas City, later the University of Missouri- Kansas City. Mr. Siegrist died at the age of 98 on January 19, 1961 in Kansas City, Missouri and is buried in Forest Hill Cemetery.

Scope and content note

This collection is comprised of 35 etchings of notable Kansas City historical landmarks, including buildings, residences, and riverfront scenes. The etchings were promotional materials published and distributed by the Siegrist Engraving Company, a Kansas City- based engraving and printing company and cover the years 1936 to 1966. They are predominantly 8" x 10", and all are black and white. Also included in the collection are three pocket-sized company calendars from 1959, 1961 and 1962, each with an engraving of a local landmark. Many of the etchings were created by Margaret Brenton. There is a chronological inventory of the scenes listing each etching title, and a subject list is included which details what landmarks appear on which year's image.

Collection Inventory**List of Titles:****Folder 1**

- Nelson Gallery of Art
- Night View - Downtown Kansas City
- The Scout

Folder 2

- View of Missouri River Looking Downtown Toward Kansas City
- Kansas City - 1853, From an old Engraving

Folder 3

- [Pioneer Mother]
- War-time Travel - Kansas City [Union Station], by M. Brenton
- October Sunday Morning, Linwood Presbyterian Church, by M. Brenton

Folder 4

- Shawnee Indian Mission - Built 1845, by M. Brenton
- Wornall Bridge, Brush Creek at Flood, by M. Brenton
- Swope Memorial, by M. Brenton

Folder 5

- Kansas City - 1864 - Arrival of First Railroad Train, from painting by Frank Nuderscher, Courtesy Missouri Pacific Lines, by M. Brenton
- Watts Mill - Dallas, Missouri, Built 1832, Destroyed 1949, by M. Brenton
- Kansas City - 1900, Cable Car on Ninth Street, Incline With Old Union Depot, by M. Brenton

Folder 6

- Starlight Theater - Kansas City, by M. Brenton
- The Old Harris Home, Built 1854 in Westport, by M. Brenton

Folder 7

- The Wornall Home, Built 1858, by M. Brenton
- The Kansas City Museum - 1955, former home of R.A. Long, built 1909-11, by M. Brenton
- The Ward Home - Kansas City, by M. Brenton

Folder 8

- Kansas City - 1857, by M. Brenton

Folder 9

- Harry S. Truman Library - Independence, Missouri, by M. Brenton

- William Volker Memorial Fountain [Pocket Calendar]
- Kansas City Union Station from Washington Square, by M. Brenton

Folder 10

- William Rockhill Nelson Gallery of Art, by M. Brenton

Folder 11

- J. C. Nichols Memorial Fountain [Pocket Calendar]
- 1961 - Kansas City Public Library, by M. Brenton

Folder 12

- Poseidon [Fountain on Country Club Plaza; Pocket Calendar]
- J.C. Nichols Memorial Fountain, by M. Brenton
- Swope Park Shelter House Number One, by M. Brenton
- The Old Junction, Ninth, Main, and Delaware Streets about 1900, by M. Brenton
- The Home of President and Mrs. Harry S. Truman in Independence, Missouri, by M. Brenton
- The Boyhood Home of President Dwight D. Eisenhower in Abilene, Kansas, by M. Brenton

Subject List

- Bridges--Wornall - 1946
- Churches--Linwood Presbyterian - 1944
- Fountains--Nichols, J.C. - 1961; Poseidon - 1962; Volker, William - 1959
- Kansas City, Missouri--Downtown - 1937, 1939, 1957
- Junction - 1964
- Libraries--Kansas City Public Library - 1961; Truman - 1958
- Mills--Watts - 1949
- Museums--Kansas City Museum - 1955; Nelson Gallery of Art - 1936, 1960
- Parks--Swope - 1947, 1962
- Railroads - 1948
- Railroad Stations - Union Depot - 1950; Union Station - 1942, 1959
- Residences - Eisenhower - 1966; Truman - 1965; Ward - 1956; Wornall - 1954
- Rivers - Missouri - 1939
- Schools - Shawnee Indian Mission - 1945
- Statues - Pioneer Mother - 1941; Scout - 1938
- Street Railways - 9th Street Incline - 1950
- Theaters - Starlight - 1952

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