Presidents and Past Presidents Club Scrapbook

This scrapbook contains signed vignettes and reminiscences concerning Kansas City history. Photographs are included.

Descriptive Summary

Creator: Presidents and Past Presidents General Assembly of Greater Kansas

City, Inc.

Title: Presidents and Past Presidents Club scrapbook

Dates: 1945?

Size: 1 box, 1 scrapbook

Location: SC47

Administrative Information

Restrictions on access: Unrestricted access.

Additional physical form available: Photographs have been digitized.

Related Collections in Other Repositories: Presidents and Past Presidents General Assembly of Greater Kansas City Records (0776kc), Western Historical Manuscripts Collection-Kansas City.

Acquisition Information: Unknown.

Custodial History: Scrapbook was formerly classed as MV q095.2 P93m in the book collection.

Citation: Presidents and Past Presidents Club scrapbook (SC47), Missouri Valley Special Collections, Kansas City Public Library, Kansas City, Missouri.

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Biographical/Historical note

The Presidents and Past Presidents Club was an organization unique to Kansas City. It was formed in 1917 as an outgrowth of World War I and the use of women in promoting the Liberty Loan campaign. Mrs. George Fuller Green was instrumental in the organizing of the group. Membership numbered over 800 members by the mid-1950s and was made up of women who had served or were serving as president of a local organization. Its efforts were devoted over the years to patriotic, educational and civic projects. This included donations for Loose Park, funds for the first building on the University of Kansas City campus, Kansas City Museum, etc.

Scope and content note

This undated scrapbook is a one volume bound compilation containing 135 pages. The foreword states "This is a permanent Civic Project of the Presidents and Past Presidents General Assembly of Greater Kansas City..." There were 28 people who contributed chapters or "memories" of Kansas City with a total of 29 different topics which are listed in the collection inventory. The entries are typed and include illustrations, usually from magazines or books. There are six photographs primarily of the Kansas City Museum and also of Children's Mercy Hospital and Loose Park. Of special interest are personal reminiscences of Kansas City residents, a section on women physicians in Kansas City, and the sheet music for *World-Women Awaken*, a song dedicated to this group.

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