

DAR, Elizabeth Benton Chapter Scrapbook

This scrapbook contains photographs taken in the 1920s which depict sites of historical interest in the Kansas City area.

Descriptive Summary

Creator: Daughters of the American Revolution. Elizabeth Benton Chapter (Kansas City, Mo.). Committee on Preservation of Historic Points

Title: DAR, Elizabeth Benton Chapter scrapbook

Dates: 1921

Size: 1 scrapbook, 1 box, 11 folders

Location: SC30-8

Administrative Information

Restrictions on access: Unrestricted access.

Additional physical form available: Scrapbook has been photocopied, photographs have been digitized, new prints and negatives funded by Friends of the Library, 1998.

Related collections in other repositories: Daughters of the American Revolution – Elizabeth Benton Chapter (Kansas City) Records (KC0412), Western Historical Manuscripts-Kansas City.

Acquisition information: 1962, Elizabeth Benton Chapter, DAR.

Custodial history: Scrapbook was originally part of a set of scrapbooks and other material related to the Elizabeth Benton Chapter which were transferred to Western Historical Manuscript Collection-Kansas City, October, 2001.

Citation note: DAR, Elizabeth Benton Chapter scrapbook (SC30-8), Missouri Valley Special Collections, Kansas City Public Library, Kansas City, Missouri.

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Biographical/Historical note

According to a *Kansas City Times* article dated November 12, 1979, the Elizabeth Benton DAR chapter located in Kansas City, Missouri, was the first chapter formed west of the Mississippi River. The chapter was organized in 1894 and named after Elizabeth Benton, wife of Missouri Senator Thomas Hart Benton.

Scope and content note

This scrapbook is entitled "Historical Points About Kansas City, Missouri." It was compiled in 1921 by the Kansas City Elizabeth Benton chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Committee on Preservation of Historic Points which included Mrs. W.B. Cravens, Chairman, Mrs. F.C. Irion, Miss M.E. Dugan, and Mrs. J.H. Ewing. It has an earlier Kansas City Public Library accession number of 62-12024 attached to it. A grant from the Friends of the Library in 1998 provided new 8" x 10" prints and negatives for the 70 photographs found in the scrapbook.

The scrapbook was disassembled during processing and contains 177 photocopied pages. These pages were left as found with some pages out of order according to the contents page listing. Included in the scrapbook are 70 black and white historical photographs of Kansas City and the metropolitan area in varying sizes. Located at the front of the scrapbook is a contents page listing the local subjects included which pertain to historical points of interest in the area. These include businesses and buildings, disasters, events, churches, cemeteries, local personalities, etc. Most of the entries on the contents page have a corresponding typed, manuscript history signed by the author. Newspaper clippings, a 1915 map of Kansas City and a post card are also included.

Collection Inventory

The scrapbook contains a contents page listing and most of the headings include a typed history. Also listed below with the contents is a list of material type included with the topic.

Benton Memorial - Newspaper clippings

Early Topography of Kansas City - Photographs, pictures, newspaper clippings

The Floods - Photographs, newspaper clippings

Cyclone of 1886 - Newspaper clippings

Independence [Mo.] of Long Ago - Photographs, newspaper clippings

The Mormons [Latter Day Saints] - Postcard

Old Westport - Photographs, newspaper clippings

Shawnee Mission - Photographs, newspaper clippings

Huron Cemetery - Photographs, newspaper clippings

Quindaro Ruins - Photographs

Santa Fe Trail - Photographs, 1915 map of K.C., Mo., newspaper clippings (SEE ALSO p. 154 of photocopied scrapbook)

Our Pioneers - Photographs, newspaper clippings (SEE p. 173-176 of photocopied scrapbook)

Aunt Sophie's Kitchen - Photographs

Old Mill [Watts] - Photographs, newspaper clippings

Old Play Houses [Theaters] - Newspaper clippings

Old Schools - Newspaper Clippings, pictures

St. Peters and St. Pauls (Includes local Catholic Church history) - Photographs, newspaper clippings

Protestant Churches - Photographs, newspaper clippings

Early Mercantile Business - Photographs, newspaper clippings, pictures

Old Banks - Photographs, newspaper clippings

The Winner Bridge - Photographs, newspaper clippings

Early Hotels - Photographs, newspaper clippings

Early Graveyards - Newspaper clippings, picture

Old Parks - (Appears to have no information)

Old Homes - Newspaper clippings

Early Newspapers - Newspaper clippings

Public Buildings - Photographs, newspaper clippings (Contains no typed history)

Kersey Coates Drive - Newspaper clippings

Meyer Monument - Photographs, newspaper clippings

Swope Monument - Photographs, newspaper clippings

Spalding Monument - Newspaper clippings

Liberty Bell Visit to Kansas City, 1915 - (Appears to have no information)

DAR Convention at Hannibal - Typed poem (No typed history)

The "Legion" in Kansas City - (Appears to have no information)

The History We Are Making Today - Photographs, newspaper clippings, pictures (Includes Convention Hall)

Photographs Found In Sc 30-8a

Listed as found in scrapbook. Numbering of photos done by processor. Photographs were removed and filed separately when scrapbook was disassembled. All reprints done with Friends of Library funding are 8" x 10."

#1 - View of two story small home above street level with wooden steps leading up to it. Identified as "House on Independence Ave. after grade was made." n.d., 2" x 3½", P241-412. 10011631

#2 - Street level view showing some of original bluff area after street grading. Early car in view on street and building in background, exact location unknown. Identified as "High ground left near tall building," n.d., 1 ½" x 2 ½", P242-412. 10011632

#3 - View believed to be looking south probably on Main Street by Union Station area or Signboard Hill area. Identified as "Cut through the rocks near Union Station," n.d., 2 ½" x 4 ", P243-412. 10011633

- #4 - 1903 Flood scene, homes flooded and smokestacks across the river in view, exact location unknown. Identified as "Flood of 1903." 4" x 5", P244-412. 10011634
- #5 - 1903 Flood scene, West Bottoms area, train in view appears to be near Union Depot area. Identified as "Flood of 1903." 4" x 5", P245-412. 10011635
- #6 - 1903 Flood scene, exact location unknown. Foundation, small building and barrels in view. Identified as "Flood of 1903." 4" x 5", P249-412. 10011636
- #7 - 1903 Flood scene, flat boat loaded with people on river edge. Identified as "Flood of 1903." 4" x 5", P250-412. 10011637
- #8 - 1903 Flood scene, tracks and railway cars with businesses in distance. Appears to be West Bottoms area. Identified as "Flood of 1903." 4" x 5", P251-412. 10011638
- #9 - 1903 Flood scene. H. (Henry) Kulka's business with going out of business sign and activity. According to 1903 KC directory, store was located at 1706 W. 9th St., Kansas City, Mo., and was a men's store. Identified as "Flood of 1903." 4" x 5", P252-412. 10011639
- #10 - 1903 Flood scene. Located in West Bottoms area, train cars in view and not far from Union Depot. Identified as "Flood of 1903." 4" x 5", P253-412. 10011640
- #11 - 1903 Flood scene. Displaced women standing beside a tent with belongings around her, exact location unknown. Identified as "Flood of 1903." 4" x 5", P254-412. 10011641
- #12 - Full, front view of the first Jackson County courthouse located in Independence, Missouri. Originally located at Lynn and Lexington St. In this view it may be at 107 West Kansas where it was moved sometime between 1911 and 1921. Identified as "First Courthouse of Independence." 2 ½" x 3 ½", P255-412. 10011642 (#13-16 probably taken at same time)
- #13 - Full, back view of the first Jackson County courthouse located in Independence, Missouri. Identified as "First courthouse of Independence." 2 ½" x 3 ½", P256-412. 10011643
- #14 - Full, front view of the first Jackson County courthouse located in Independence, Missouri. Identified as "First courthouse of Independence." 2 ½" x 3 ½", P257-412. 10011644
- #15 - Interior view of first Jackson County courthouse located in Independence, Missouri. Identified as "First courthouse of Independence." View includes a Piano, chairs, and shows the log walls. 2 ½" x 3 ½", P258-412. 10011645
- #16 - Interior view of first Jackson County courthouse located in Independence, Missouri. Identified as "First courthouse of Independence." View shows a stone Fireplace and chairs. 2 ½" x 3 ½", P259-412. 10011646
- #17 - Exterior, street view of the Harris House located at the northeast corner of Westport Avenue and Penn Street. A truck and automobiles are visible in front.

Identified in scrapbook as "Old Westport views," n.d. (ca1920). 3 ½" x 4 ½", P260-412. 10011647

#18 - Exterior, corner street view of Harris House (Hotel). Similar to #17 different view. Identified as "Old Westport Views", n.d. (ca1920). 3 ½" x 4 ½", P261-412. 10011648

#19 - Full street level exterior view of the First Presbyterian Church located on Penn Street in Westport. Identified as "Old Westport Views", n.d. 3 ½" x 4 ½", P262-412. 10011649

#20 - Full, front view of the Harris (Kearney) House probably located at Westport Ave. and Main at the time of the photograph. House was moved to 40th and Baltimore in 1922. Identified as "Old Westport Views," n.d., 3 ½" x 4 ½", P263-412. 10011650

#21 - Full view of Santa Fe Trail marker located at Westport Avenue and Main Street in the Westport area. Identified as "Old Westport Views," n.d., 3 ½" x 4 ½", P264-412. 10011651

#22 - View of Westport Avenue, looking east at Broadway, n.d. (ca1920). Identified as "Old Westport Views." 3 ½" x 4 ½", P265-412. 10011652

#23 - View of well behind Shawnee Indian Methodist Mission located on a Santa Fe Trail route with an address of 3403 W. 53rd Street, Roeland Park, Johnson County, Kansas. Identified as "Shawnee Mission," n.d., 3 ½" x 5 ½", P266-412. 10011653

#24 - View similar to #23, showing more of the back of the building. Identified as "Shawnee Mission," n.d., 3 ½" x 5 ½", P267-412. 10011654

#25 - Front view of home at Shawnee Indian Methodist Mission. Identified as "Shawnee Mission," n.d., 3 ½" x 4", P281-412. 10011655

#26 - View of large, obelisk tombstone with "Armstrong" name on it located in Huron Cemetery in downtown Kansas City, Kansas, on Minnesota Avenue between 6th and 7th Street. Identified as "Huron Cemetery," n.d., 3 ½" x 5 ½", P282-412. 10011656

#27 - View of tombstones in Huron Cemetery. Identified as "Huron Cemetery," n.d., 3 ½" x 5 ½", P289-412. 10011657

#28 - View of "Barnes" tombstone in Huron Cemetery. Identified as "Huron Cemetery," n.d., 3 ½" x 5 ½", P290-412. 10011658

#29 - View of tombstones in Huron Cemetery. Identified on back of original photo "Views from Huron Cemetery, not very good," n.d., 3 ½" x 5 ½", P291-412. 10011659

#30 - View of "George I. Clark" tombstone in Huron Cemetery. Clark is identified as "Head Chief of the Wyandotte Nation, Born June 10, 1802, Died Jan. 25, 1858," identified as "Huron Cemetery," n.d., 4" x 5", P292-412. 10011660

#31 - View of Quindaro Ruins located in Kansas City, Kansas. Missouri River is visible in the background. Identified as "Quindaro Ruins," n.d., 4" x 5", P293-412. 10011661

#32 - View of a stone wall remnant, Quindaro ruins, Wyandotte County, Kansas. Identified as "Quindaro Ruins," n.d., 4" x 5", P294-412. 10011662

#33 - View of stone wall remnant, Quindaro ruins. Identified as "Quindaro Ruins," n.d., 4" x 5", P295-412. 10011663

#34 - View of remaining stone wall, Quindaro ruins. Identified as "Quindaro Ruins," n.d., 4" x 5", P296-412. 10011664

#35 - View of Quindaro ruins, portions of remaining stone wall. Identified as "Quindaro Ruins," n.d., 4" x 5", P297-412. 10011665

#36 - Santa Fe Trail marker in Penn Valley Park, full close up view. Identified as "Santa Fe Trail Markers- in Penn Valley Park," n.d., 3 ½" x 5 ½", P298-412. 10011666. SEE ALSO Photos #62, 63.

#37 - Santa Fe Trail marker located on Blue Ridge Drive, full view with house in background partially showing. Marker placed by the DAR and the state of Missouri, 1909. Identified as "Santa Fe Trail Markers-on Blue Ridge Drive," n.d., 2" x 4", P299-412. 10011666.

#38 - Full view of log cabin still standing referred to as Aunt Sophie's kitchen in the scrapbook. Located by the home of Archibald Rice which is referred to as the Rice-Tremonti home. Located in Raytown, Mo. at 8801 E. 66th, near the Santa Fe Trail, n.d., 3" x 4", P300-412. 10011668.

#39 - Similar view as #38, different angle, n.d., 3" x 4", P301-412. 10011669.

#40 - Interior view of Aunt Sophie's kitchen (cabin) showing the fireplace, n.d., 3" x 4", P302-412. 10011670.

#41 - Full view of Watt's Mill including view of Indian Creek and rock ledge, Dallas, Mo. Identified in scrapbook as "Watt's Mill," n.d., 3" x 5", P303-412. 10011671.

#42 - View of Watt's Mill taken from out on Indian Creek. Identified as "Watt's Mill," n.d., 3" x 5", P313-412. 10011672

#43 - Mr. and Mrs. Stubbins Watts seated in rocking chairs on porch by front entrance. Identified as "Watt's Mill" in scrapbook, n.d., 3" x 5", P314-412. 10011673

#44 - View of front of church with two women and a child about to enter. Identified in the scrapbook as "Catholic Church still standing, East Bottoms," n.d., 2 ½" x 4", P315-412. 10011674

#45 - Full view of stone church with small steeple. Identified in scrapbook as "Catholic Church, 11th and Cherry, razed three years ago," n.d., 2 ½" x 4", P316-412. 10011675

#46 - Street side view of St. Peter's and St. Paul's Catholic Church located at the southwest corner of 9th and McGee in Kansas City, Mo. Street light in view. Identified as "St. Peter's and St. Paul's church," n.d., 1 ½" x 2 ½", P317-412. 10011676

#47 - Full, front street side view of the First Presbyterian Church located at 40th and Penn in the Westport area. Identified as "First Protestant Church" in scrapbook, n.d., 3" x 4 ½", P318-412. 10011677

#48 - Side view of #47, showing ivy growing on building. Identified as "First Protestant Church," n.d., 2 ½" x 4", P319-412. 10011678

#49 - Street view looking at the east side of Delaware just north of 6th Street. Buildings in view include what was the National Bank of Commerce at 545-547 Delaware and the T.M. James & Son China Company building referred to in the scrapbook as the James Building located at 551-53 Delaware, n.d., 4" x 5", P320-412. 10011679

#50 - Seated, portrait view of Willard E. Winner, promoter and builder of early electric street railways in the area, n.d., 4" x 7", P321-412. 10011680

#51 - Corner and street view of the Pacific House hotel building located at 4th and Delaware. Identified in scrapbook as "Palatial Pacific House," n.d., 2" x 4", P322-412. 10011681

#52 - Street view of the Metropolitan Hotel located at 5th and May, southeast corner. Also known as "The City hotel" according to the scrapbook newspaper clipping. Identified in scrapbook as "Metropolitan," n.d., 4" x 5", P323-412. 10011682

#53 - View of Grand Avenue at 5th Street, with the Centropolis Hotel in the center. Identified as "Centropolis," n.d. (ca1915). 4" x 5", P324-412. 10011683

#54 - View of Fifth Street at Central showing the Fifth Avenue Hotel at 305-307 W. Fifth Street. Was earlier known as the Delmonico Hotel. Identified on photo as "5th Ave.," n.d., 4" x 5", P325-412. 10011684

#55 - View of City Market facilities when located in block with City Hall at 5th and Main. Identified as "Market" in scrapbook, n.d. View includes a partial view of a small truck backed up to the market. 2 ½" x 3 ½", P344-412. 10011685

#56 - Full, street view of Grand Central Depot (Station) located at 2nd and Wyandotte in Kansas City, Mo. Sign on building reads "Friedman Bros. Wholesale Groceries". Identified as "Grand Central Depot" on original photo, n.d., 4" x 4", P345-412. 10011686

#57 - Street level view of the August Meyer Memorial located at 10th and the Paseo. Identified as "Meyer Monument" in scrapbook, n.d., 3 ½" x 5 ½", P346-412. 10011687

#58 - Up-close view of the August Meyer Memorial located at 10th and the Paseo. Identified as "Meyer Monument" in scrapbook, n.d., 3 ½" x 5 ½", P347-412. 10011688

#59 - View of Swope Memorial, photo centered on the bronze plaque in the center of the columns. Located on bluff in Swope Park, Kansas City, Mo. Identified as "Swope Monument" in scrapbook, n.d., 3 ½" x 4 ½", P348-412. 10011689

#60 - Full view of column part of the Swope Memorial, looking up the hill it is situated on in Swope Park. Identified as "Swope Monument" in scrapbook, n.d. , 3 ½" x 4 ½", P349-412. 10011690

#61 - View of Swope Memorial, columns, steps, and lion in view. Identified as "Swope Monument" in scrapbook, n.d., 3 ½" x 4 ½", P350-412. 10011691

#62 - Street view of Santa Fe Trail marker, Penn Valley Park, n.d., (See Also #36), 3 ½" x 5 ½", P351-412. 10011692

#63 - Close up view of Santa Fe Trail marker located in Penn Valley Park, n.d., (Almost the same as #36), 3 ½" x 5 ½", P352-412. 10011693

#64 - "To the Pioneer Mother" tablet. Described in scrapbook as "Daughter of Old Westport Memorial to the Pioneers of Westport. Fortieth and Broadway. Bronze tablets set into a rough block of Missouri red granite. Merrell Gage, sculptor, Kansas City, Mo., n.d., 3 ½" x 7," P353-412. 10011694

#65 - Full view of Police Memorial, statue and pedestal, located at 15th and the Paseo at the time of the photograph. Statue unveiled, May 30, 1921. n.d. for photograph, 3" x 5", P354-412. 10011695

#66 - Portrait view of John Richards, n.d. Identified as "Kansas City Pioneers" with name written on back of photograph. 4" x 5", P355-412. 10011696

#67 - Portrait view of Robert Thompson Van Horn, as an early middle-aged man, n.d. Identified as "Kansas City Pioneers" with name written on back of photograph. 4" x 5", P356-412. 10011697

#68 - Portrait of Thomas Crittenden, middle-age, n.d. Identified as "Kansas City Pioneers" with name written across back of photograph. 4" x 5", P357-412. 10011698

#69 - Portrait view of Major Andrew Drumm, at an older age, n.d. Identified as "Kansas City Pioneers" with his name written across the back of the photograph. 4" x 5", P358-412. 10011699

#70 - Street, corner view of Convention Hall located at 13th and Central, Kansas City, Mo., n.d. "Convention Hall, Kansas City, Mo." stamped on back of photo. 8"x10", P359-412. 10011700

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