

## Olive L. Hoggins Papers (Centenary History of the Churches)

This collection contains information about Kansas City area churches and synagogues gathered by Mrs. Olive Hoggins during the 1920s. Mrs. Hoggins used her research in the publication of a column known as the "Centenary History of Kansas City Churches" which appeared in the *Kansas City Post* newspaper.

### Descriptive Summary

**Creator:** Olive L. Hoggins  
**Title:** Olive L. Hoggins papers (Centenary History of Kansas City Churches)  
**Dates:** 1923-1930  
**Size:** 8 boxes, 203 folders, 149 photographs  
**Location:** SC29

### Administrative Information

**Restrictions on access:** Unrestricted access.

**Additional physical form available:** Photographs have been digitized and are online.

**Publication note:** These papers were associated with the church history articles written by Mrs. Hoggins and published in the *Kansas City Post* in the late 1920s.

**Acquisition information:** Unknown. This collection may have been a part of other materials associated with the Missouri Valley Historical Society that were obtained possibly from the Kansas City Museum at some point in the circa 1950s.

**Custodial history:** *The Centenary History of Kansas City Churches* was sponsored by the Missouri Valley Historical Society and Mrs. Hoggins may have left her papers with them after completing her research. She also was instrumental in starting the Kansas City Museum in 1939-40 and at one time was to have lived in the building. She may have left these papers with the museum at that time. It is believed that while Richard Sealock was director of the library (1950-1968), some sort of arrangement was made between the Kansas City Public Library and the Kansas City Museum which brought these materials to the library. The Missouri Valley Historical Society records are found in SC7.

**Citation note:** Olive Hoggins papers (Centenary History of Kansas City Churches), SC29, Missouri Valley Special Collections, Kansas City Public Library, Kansas City, Missouri.

## **Collection Description**

### **Biographical/Historical note**

Olive Laing Hoggins was born circa 1874 in Georgia, the daughter of a physician. She graduated from Agnes Scott College in Decatur, Georgia, and taught school in both Georgia and South Carolina before moving to Missouri. She married Robert Hoggins and they apparently had no children. Mrs. Hoggins died in 1942 in the Kansas City area.

Besides the extensive research she did for the local church histories, she was also noted as being an early advocate for the formation of the Kansas City Museum. According to a local newspaper article, she lived on the second floor of the R.A. Long home just before it became the Kansas City Museum. Here she worked tirelessly toward seeing the museum become a reality. Three bronze plaques were dedicated at the museum in 1952 and her name was on one of them. (Information obtained from newspaper article, "A Woman's Vision Founded the Project of Kansas City Museum," *Kansas City Star*, May 25, 1952, p. 8C.)

It appears that the Missouri Valley Historical Society sponsored the centenary history of Kansas City churches with work starting in the early 1920s. Olive Hoggins was the compiler and writer, probably intending to publish a book with the material. However, it seems that the material was only published in the Saturday church page of the *Kansas City Post*, starting it appears in 1927.

### **Scope and content note**

This collection contains what appear to be Mrs. Hoggins' personal files that contain research to be used in her writing. Included in these files are newspaper clippings, photographs, edited versions of congregational histories, various church bulletins and publications, correspondence concerning her research as well as the publication of the work, and other miscellaneous types of notes and material. The photographs are of both area churches as well as area ministers of the time.

It seems apparent when going through the material that parts of it are perhaps missing. Denominations starting with the beginning of the alphabet, i.e. Baptist, Catholics, do not have as much material and as files listed later in the alphabet as Methodists and Presbyterians. Also included are a few files on charitable organizations as the Red Cross, City Union Mission, etc.

Boxes 1-6 contain files on individual denominations and congregations within them and are arranged in alphabetical order by denominational name. Box 7 contains correspondence maintained by Mrs. Hoggins and is arranged in chronological order. Other miscellaneous items are also in this box as the *Urban League Pilot*, V.1#1, June 1927 - V.2#12, November 1928, incomplete. Box 8 contains photographs. In this box, churches are arranged first and are in alphabetical order by denominations. Individual ministers are found next, arranged alphabetically by last name.

Although most all the churches mentioned were in Kansas City, there are also some included from Independence, Missouri, as well as occasionally from other suburban areas. Area African American churches are also included.

Note: The articles as they appeared in the *Post* have been photocopied and bound and are available in Special Collections classed as MVSC Q 096 H71H, v.1-2.

### **Collection Inventory**

#### **Box 1**

- **Folder 1** Kansas City Churches - General Information
- **Folder 2** Ararat Temple
- **Folder 3** Assembly of God
- **Folder 4** Baptist – General Information
- **Folder 5** Baptist – Congregations, A-F
- **Folder 6** Baptist – Congregations, G-M
- **Folder 7** Baptist – Congregations, N-Z
- **Folder 8** Baptist – Benton Boulevard Baptist Church, 25<sup>th</sup> St. & Benton Blvd.
- **Folder 9** Baptist – Centropolis Baptist Church, 14<sup>th</sup> St. & White Ave.
- **Folder 10** Baptist – First Baptist Church, Linwood & Park
- **Folder 11** Baptist – Tabernacle Baptist
- **Folder 12** Baptist – Trinity - 2208 55<sup>th</sup> St.
- **Folder 13** Baptist – Westport, Baltimore & 39<sup>th</sup> St.
- **Folder 14** Baptist – First, Independence, Mo., Pleasant & Van Horn
- **Folder 15** Baptist – Maywood Baptist Church, 15<sup>th</sup> St. & Northern Blvd., Independence
- **Folder 16** Baptist – Mt. Washington Baptist, Independence & Oakland Aves.
- **Folder 17** Baptist – (Negro)
- **Folder 18** Bible Mission
- **Folder 19** Brethren Groups
- **Folder 20** Catholic – General Information
- **Folder 21** Catholic – Congregations, A-S
- **Folder 22** Catholic – Assumption, Benton & Lexington Ave.
- **Folder 23** Catholic – Cathedral of Immaculate Conception, 11<sup>th</sup> & Broadway
- **Folder 24** Catholic – Guardian Angel, Westport Rd. & Mercier
- **Folder 25** Catholic – Liberal, 22 Ridge Bldg.
- **Folder 26** Catholic – St. Ann's, Cedar & Lexington, Independence, Mo.
- **Folder 27** Catholic – (Negro)
- **Folder 28** Christadelphian Church, 351 Myrtle Ave.
- **Folder 29** Christian Church –General Information
- **Folder 30** Christian Church –Congregations, B-W
- **Folder 31** Christian Church –First Christian Church, NE Corner Independence & Pleasant Sts.
- **Folder 32** Christian Church –(Negro)
- **Folder 33** Christian Science
- **Folder 34** Christian Science –(Negro)

#### **Box 2**

- **Folder 35** Church of Christ. (Including Negro)
- **Folder 36** Church of God –First, 15<sup>th</sup> & Topping
- **Folder 37** Church of God – Gospel Trumpet including Negro
- **Folder 38** Church of God – Holiness, Victor & Askew
- **Folder 39** Church of God – In Christ (Negro)
- **Folder 40** Church of Illumination, 2490 Troost
- **Folder 41** Church of the Nazarene
- **Folder 42** Church of this World, Isis Theater

- **Folder 43** City Union Mission
- **Folder 44** Congregational - General
- **Folder 45** Congregational - Beacon Hill, 24<sup>th</sup> & Troost
- **Folder 46** Congregational – Clyde, 7<sup>th</sup> & Brooklyn; Country Club, 65<sup>th</sup> & Brookside
- **Folder 47** Congregational – Elmwood, 14<sup>th</sup> & Olive; Ivanhoe, 39<sup>th</sup> & Michigan; Fourth, 23<sup>rd</sup> & McCoy
- **Folder 48** Congregational – First, Admiral Blvd. & Highland Ave.
- **Folder 49** Congregational – Olivet, 19<sup>th</sup> & Woodland; Plymouth, Kansas City, KS.
- **Folder 50** Congregational – Prospect Ave., 29<sup>th</sup> & Prospect; Southwest Tabernacle, 11<sup>th</sup> & McGee
- **Folder 51** Congregational –Westminster, 36<sup>th</sup> & Walnut
- **Folder 52** Episcopal – General (including St. Mary's)
- **Folder 53** Episcopal – Grace and Holy Trinity, 415 W. 13<sup>th</sup> St.
- **Folder 54** Episcopal – St. Andrews
- **Folder 55** Episcopal – St. George's (Linwood); St. John's, Lexington & 5th
- **Folder 56** Episcopal – St. Paul's, 40<sup>th</sup> & Main
- **Folder 57** Episcopal – (Negro)
- **Folder 58** Evangelical Church
- **Folder 59** First National Spiritual Alliance Church
- **Folder 60** Gospel Hall, 2814 Troost
- **Folder 61** Greek Orthodox

### Box 3

- **Folder 62** Jewish – General
- **Folder 63** Jewish – Anshei Sholem, 29<sup>th</sup> & Forrest
- **Folder 64** Jewish – Anshei Sphorad Vohlin, Admiral & Tracy
- **Folder 65** Jewish – Beth Hamidrash Hagodel, Linwood & Highland
- **Folder 66** Jewish – B'Nai' Jehudah, Linwood & Flora
- **Folder 67** Jewish – Kerem Isreal
- **Folder 68** Jewish – Linath Hazedek, Independence & Forrest
- **Folder 69** Jewish – Ohavo Torah Amshei; Sherith Isreal D'Lubawitz, 924 Olive
- **Folder 70** Jewish – Tiphereth Isreal, Admiral & Tracy
- **Folder 71** Jewish – Tiphereth Sphorad, 2535 Benton
- **Folder 72** Latter Day Saints (RLDS) – General
- **Folder 73** Latter Day Saints (RLDS) – Independence, Mo –Englewood, 1706 Northern Blvd.
- **Folder 74** Latter Day Saints (RLDS) – Independence, Mo –Enoch Hill, 1310 S. Osage St.
- **Folder 75** Latter Day Saints (RLDS) – Independence, Mo –Gudgel; Park, Liberty St.
- **Folder 76** Latter Day Saints (RLDS) – Independence, Mo –Mt. Washington, Independence Ave. & Crescent
- **Folder 77** Latter Day Saints (RLDS) – Independence, Mo –Second Church, South & Delaware St.
- **Folder 78** Latter Day Saints (RLDS) – Independence, Mo –Spring Branch
- **Folder 79** Latter Day Saints (RLDS) – Independence, Mo –Stone Church, Lexington & River
- **Folder 80** Latter Day Saints (RLDS) – Independence, Mo –Walnut Park, Pearl & Alton Ave.
- **Folder 81** Latter Day Saints (RLDS) –K.C., Mo – Bennington Heights, Bennington Ave. & 13th
- **Folder 82** Latter Day Saints (RLDS) –K.C., Mo – Central, 2917 Tracy

- **Folder 83** Latter Day Saints (RLDS) –K.C., Mo – Northeast Church, Guinotte & Montgall
- **Folder 84** Latter Day Saints (RLDS) – K.C., Mo – 2<sup>nd</sup> K.C. Church, 17<sup>th</sup> & Belleview
- **Folder 85** Latter Day Saints (RLDS) – K.C., Mo – 4<sup>th</sup> Church, 43<sup>rd</sup> & Garfield; Gladstone Mission
- **Folder 86** Latter Day Saints (RLDS) – K.C., Mo – Stark Acre Mission, 16<sup>th</sup> & Vincil
- **Folder 87** Latter Day Saints (RLDS) – N.K.C. Mission
- **Folder 88** Latter Day Saints – Hedrickites, Independence, Mo.
- **Folder 89** Latter Day Saints (Utah) – Independence, Mo.; Kansas City Branch 9<sup>th</sup> & Lydia
- **Folder 90** Lutheran – General
- **Folder 91** Lutheran – Augustina Synod - General
- **Folder 92** Lutheran – Calvary – (Mo. Synod), 7524 Wornall Rd.
- **Folder 93** Lutheran – Children’s Memorial (United Synod), Independence & Brighton
- **Folder 94** Lutheran – Christ Evangelical (Ohio Synod)
- **Folder 95** Lutheran – Church of Redeemer (Mo. Synod), 8<sup>th</sup> & Benton
- **Folder 96** Lutheran – Fairmount Evangelical –(United Synod), Kentucky & Ash
- **Folder 97** Lutheran – First Swedish (Augustina Synod), 1238 Penn St.
- **Folder 98** Lutheran – Grace English (Ohio Synod), 43<sup>rd</sup> & Madison
- **Folder 99** Lutheran – Grace (United Synod), 14<sup>th</sup> & Euclid
- **Folder 100** Lutheran – Immanuel Evangelical (Mo. Synod), 52<sup>nd</sup> & Tracy
- **Folder 101** Lutheran – Immanuel Swedish (Augustina Synod) 43<sup>rd</sup> & Genessee
- **Folder 102** Lutheran – Mission for Deaf (Mo. Synod)
- **Folder 103** Lutheran – St. John’s Evangelical (Ohio Synod), 28<sup>th</sup> & Cherry
- **Folder 104** Lutheran – St. John’s Evangelical (United Synod), Main & 62nd
- **Folder 105** Lutheran – St. Mark’s English (United Synod), Troost & 38th
- **Folder 106** Lutheran – St. Paul’s Evangelical (Mo. synod), 29<sup>th</sup> & Indiana

#### Box 4

- **Folder 107** Mennonites
- **Folder 108** Methodist – Episcopal (South) – General
- **Folder 109** Methodist – Episcopal (South) – Blue Park, 50<sup>th</sup> & Hardesty; Brookside, 63<sup>rd</sup> & Brookside
- **Folder 110** Methodist – Episcopal (South) – Central, 11<sup>th</sup> & Paseo
- **Folder 111** Methodist – Episcopal (South) – Cleveland Ave., 26<sup>th</sup> & Cleveland; Epworth, 4501 Genessee
- **Folder 112** Methodist – Episcopal (South) – Independence, Maple & Spring; Garland, Garland Ave.
- **Folder 113** Methodist – Episcopal (South) – Institutional, Campbell & Missouri
- **Folder 114** Methodist – Episcopal (South) – Kenwood, 59<sup>th</sup> & Kenwood
- **Folder 115** Methodist – Episcopal (South) – Melrose, Bales & Windsor Ave.; Mersington Ave., Mersington & Linwood
- **Folder 116** Methodist – Episcopal (South) – Mt. Washington (Independence, Mo), Independence Ave. & Arlington; Olive St., 14<sup>th</sup> & Olive
- **Folder 117** Methodist – Episcopal (South) – South Benton, 18<sup>th</sup> & Benton; South Prospect, 51<sup>st</sup> & Montgall
- **Folder 118** Methodist – Episcopal (South) – Swope Park, 63<sup>rd</sup> & Swope Parkway

- **Folder 119** Methodist – Episcopal (South) – Troost Ave., 26<sup>th</sup> & Troost; Washington St.
- **Folder 120** Methodist – Episcopal (South) – Walnut Street, 809-11 Walnut
- **Folder 121** Methodist – Episcopal (South) – Westport, Washington & 40th
- **Folder 122** Methodist – Episcopal (South) – White Ave., White & Anderson St.; Young's Chapel, Blue Ridge & Chapel Rds.
- **Folder 123** Methodist – Free – 39<sup>th</sup> & Askew
- **Folder 124** Methodist Protestant – Jackson Ave., 69<sup>th</sup> Terrace & Jackson
- **Folder 125** Methodist – Episcopal (Negro) – General
- **Folder 126** Methodist – Episcopal (Negro) – Asbury Chapel, 18<sup>th</sup> & Cherry
- **Folder 127** Methodist – Episcopal (Negro) – Centennial, 19<sup>th</sup> & Woodland
- **Folder 128** Methodist – Episcopal (Negro) – Clark's Chapel, 14<sup>th</sup> & Campbell
- **Folder 129** Methodist – Episcopal (Negro) – Jamison Temple, 1815 Paseo; Turner Chapel, 3007 Mercier
- **Folder 130** Methodist – Episcopal (Negro) – White Oak (Independence, Mo.), White Oak & Noland Rd.
- **Folder 131** Methodist – Episcopal African

#### Box 5

- **Folder 132** Methodist – Episcopal – General
- **Folder 133** Methodist – Episcopal – General
- **Folder 134** Methodist – Episcopal – Agnes Ave., 41<sup>st</sup> & Agnes; Arlington, 22<sup>nd</sup> & Prospect
- **Folder 135** Methodist – Episcopal – Beaumont, Marsh & Missouri Ave.
- **Folder 136** Methodist – Episcopal – Broadway, 74<sup>th</sup> & Broadway
- **Folder 137** Methodist – Episcopal – Campbell St., 14<sup>th</sup> & Campbell
- **Folder 138** Methodist – Episcopal – Country Club, 57<sup>th</sup> & Wornall
- **Folder 139** Methodist – Episcopal – Dundee
- **Folder 140** Methodist – Episcopal – (German) – Independence, Mo., Lexington & Spring
- **Folder 141** Methodist – Episcopal – Grace, 29<sup>th</sup> & Holly
- **Folder 142** Methodist – Episcopal – Grand Ave., 9<sup>th</sup> & Grand
- **Folder 143** Methodist – Episcopal – High Oaks, 39<sup>th</sup> & Vineyard Rd.; Hyde Park, Broadway & Valentine
- **Folder 144** Methodist Church – Independence Ave., Independence Ave. & Olive
- **Folder 145** Methodist – Episcopal – Indiana Ave., 25<sup>th</sup> & Indiana; Liberty, Liberty & Joy St.
- **Folder 146** Methodist – Episcopal – Linwood Blvd., Linwood and Olive
- **Folder 147** Methodist – Episcopal – Marlborough, 82<sup>nd</sup> & Woodland; Maywood Community (Independence, Mo), 18<sup>th</sup> & Northern
- **Folder 148** Methodist – Episcopal – (Independence, Mo.), Mt. Washington, Independence & Arlington Ave.; Oakhurst, 18<sup>th</sup> & Spruce
- **Folder 149** Methodist – Episcopal – Oakley, Independence & Elmwood; Paseo, 56<sup>th</sup> & Wayne
- **Folder 150** Methodist – Episcopal – Phoenix Park, 26<sup>th</sup> & Spruce; Quayle (N.K.C.), 21<sup>st</sup> & Iron
- **Folder 151** Methodist – Episcopal – Roanoke, 41<sup>st</sup> & Bell
- **Folder 152** Methodist – Episcopal – St. Paul's, 39<sup>th</sup> & Flora
- **Folder 153** Methodist – Episcopal – Sheffield Neighborhood Center, 429 Cambridge; Southwest Blvd.; German (Kansas City, KS) Cambridge and 43rd
- **Folder 154** Methodist – Episcopal – Sugar Creek, Mo., Elizabeth & High; Summit St., 1622 Summit
- **Folder 155** Methodist – Episcopal – Stewart Memorial, 7025 Agnes

- **Folder 156** Methodist – Episcopal – Trinity, Armour & Kenwood
- **Folder 157** Methodist – Episcopal – Watson Memorial; (Independence, Mo.), Maple & Delaware
- **Folder 158** Methodist – Episcopal – Wesley, Belmont & Perry; Westwood, Roanoke & Madison
- **Folder 159** New Spiritual Church, 806 E. 15<sup>th</sup>

#### Box 6

- **Folder 160** Pentecostal – 12<sup>th</sup> St., Pentecostal Mission
- **Folder 161** Presbyterian U.S.A. – General
- **Folder 162** Presbyterian U.S.A. – Benton Blvd., 2621 Benton Blvd.; Broadland 79<sup>th</sup> Terr. & Main
- **Folder 163** Presbyterian U.S.A. – Central, Armour & Campbell St.
- **Folder 164** Presbyterian U.S.A. – Covenant, 60<sup>th</sup> & Swope Parkway; Eastminster, Benton & Anderson
- **Folder 165** Presbyterian U.S.A. – East Side, 23<sup>rd</sup> & Van Brunt; Fifth, 12<sup>th</sup> & Prospect
- **Folder 166** Presbyterian U.S.A. – First, 10<sup>th</sup> & Forest; Fourth, 10<sup>th</sup> & Indiana; Grace, 811 Benton
- **Folder 167** Presbyterian – Hill Memorial, 22<sup>nd</sup> 7 Brooklyn Ave.; North Hollywood, 44<sup>th</sup> & Jackson
- **Folder 168** Presbyterian - Immanuel, 40th & Harrison; Linwood
- **Folder 169** Presbyterian - Marlborough, 74th & Paseo; Northeast, Van Brunt & Anderson
- **Folder 170** Presbyterian - Prospect, 43rd & Prospect; Reformed, 44th & Wyoming
- **Folder 171** Presbyterian - Roanoke, 3922 Genesee St.; Second, 55th & Oak
- **Folder 172** Presbyterian - Southeast, 36th 7 Indiana
- **Folder 173** Presbyterian - Third, 31st & Walnut; Trinity, 59th & Olive
- **Folder 174** Presbyterian - Westport, Westport & Wyandotte
- **Folder 175** Presbyterian - Independence, Missouri, Lexington & Pleasant; Westminster, Liberty & Maple Street
- **Folder 176** Presbyterian - Mt. Washington, Missouri - Westminster, Arlington & Independence; St. Clair (Anthol, Mo.) Stark & Lexington
- **Folder 177** Presbyterian - North Kansas City - 1st Presbyterian, 23rd & Fayette
- **Folder 178** Presbyterian (Cumberland)
- **Folder 179** Quakers (Friends)
- **Folder 180** Reformed - St. Paul's, 36th & Wabash
- **Folder 181** Salvation Army
- **Folder 182** Seventh Day Adventist
- **Folder 183** Sunshine Mission
- **Folder 184** Swedish Evangelical Free Church
- **Folder 185** Tabernacle
- **Folder 186** Theosophical Societies
- **Folder 187** Unitarian - All Soul's, 3427 Baltimore
- **Folder 188** Unity - 50 Highway
- **Folder 189** Volunteers of America - 617 Massachusetts Building
- **Folder 190** YWCA and YMCA

#### Box 7

- **Folder 1** Publication - *Centenary History of Kansas City Churches* - General information as newspaper clippings, flyers, lists, etc.
- **Folder 2** Committee on Publication - reports

- **Folder 3** Correspondence, 1921, 1924, 1925
- **Folder 4** Correspondence, 1926, 1927
- **Folder 5** Correspondence, 1928
- **Folder 6** Correspondence, 1929, 1930
- **Folder 7** Correspondence, undated
- **Folder 8** *Directory of Churches and Pastors, Kansas City, Mo. and Independence, Mo.*, 1925
- **Folder 9** Miscellaneous items - Lists, publishing information, etc.
- **Folder 10** Lists of names and miscellaneous items
- **Folder 11** Publication - *The Church Today*, V.1,#1, Oct. 19, 1929 - V.1, #11, Dec. 29, 1929
- **Folder 12** Pictures, including 4 photographs
- **Folder 13** Publication - *Urban League Pilot*, V.1#1, June 1927 - V.2#12, November 1928, incomplete; miscellaneous items

### Box 8

- **Folders 1- 28** - Photographs of local churches and ministers. Finding aid in collection folder includes an alphabetical list of ministers by last name. Photos have been digitized and are online.

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