

Missouri Valley Historical Society Records

The Missouri Valley Historical Society was in existence during most of the first half of the 20th century. This collection contains their various records and files.

Descriptive Summary

Creator: Missouri Valley Historical Society
Title: Missouri Valley Historical Society records
Dates: 1830-1940, bulk 1889-1940
Size: 30 linear feet, 63 boxes, 42 scrapbooks
Location: SC7

Administrative Information

Restrictions on access: Unrestricted access.

Additional physical form available: Photographs in collection have been digitized; Jewett Scrapbooks also available on microfilm.

Acquisition information: Acquired 1953 from Kansas City Museum.

Custodial history: Records were placed in storage circa 1930 and deposited with the Kansas City Museum, circa 1939-40.

Citation note: Missouri Valley Historical Society records (SC7), Missouri Valley Special Collections, Kansas City Public Library, Kansas City, Missouri.

Collection Description

Biographical/Historical note

The Missouri Valley Historical Society (1913-1940) was a local historical society that was the successor to the Kansas City Historical Society (1906-1913) and the Early Settlers' Society and Historical Association (1896-1906). All of these organizations focused on the history of the Kansas City area, and the region in general. The Missouri Valley Historical Society was especially active during the presidency of John Barber White (1913-1923). His papers, SC95, and scrapbook, SC30-2, are also apart of Missouri Valley Special Collections.

During its most active period, the society appeared to hold regular meetings often in the Allen Library in Westport and have special displays/exhibits for many years in the R. A. Long Building. They also collected artifacts and other original items that were Kansas City related as well as pertaining to United States history. It appears that they made efforts to collect personal reminiscences and narratives as well as maintain a file of papers and addresses given at society meetings. Many of these last listed items were published in their publication, the "Annals of Kansas City" which is available in the department. They also maintained for a number of years a newspaper clipping file on local and regional topics as well as books and other publications related to this area.

It appears that after the Society's demise, its materials were either scattered to individuals, placed in storage, and were later given to the Kansas City Museum during 1939-40. In 1953 the museum loaned or donated some of the paper, non-artifact items to the Kansas City Public Library. Richard Sealock was at that time library director. It appears that these materials, which are the nucleus of this

collection, were incorporated eventually into the Missouri Valley Room collections. Undoubtedly, parts of this material were simply added to existing Missouri Valley Room collections such as the vertical files, book holdings, etc. Missouri Valley Room staff tried to bring some of the material back into order, but it is felt that not all the items were found. When this collection was processed, the parts of it found in the unprocessed storage area were processed and no concentrated effort was made to go through all existing files in the department to find it all.

Scope and content note

The Missouri Valley Historical Society Collection is one of the more significant collections in Special Collections. The collection contains the official records of the Society including correspondence, minutes, curator files, membership lists, financial records, etc. Also manuscripts, photographs, old official documents, letters, newspaper clippings, stereopticon cards, and other miscellaneous items can be found in the collection.

This collection actually starts with a few records belonging to two earlier historical societies, the Early Settler's Society and Historical Association and the Kansas City Historical Society. However, the bulk of the material relates to the Missouri Valley Historical Society and gives a glimpse of the organization's existence while functioning in Kansas City.

It is fortunate that the Society kept a gift registry, numbering items and placing the number on a square gummed label and then attaching this to the item. This gift registry may be found in Series I, Official Records and it does help to give some provenance to some of the items in the collection. Another subject area covered is World War I and Kansas City people involved. Biographical data on soldiers may be found in the Gold Star League papers, Series V. The Jewett Scrapbooks were added to the collection after the initial processing when it was determined that they were a part of the holdings having been secured for the organization by Mrs. John Barber White. They were microfilmed at the time of processing.

The collection folder includes a list of the officers of the society from 1911-1918, newspaper clippings used to document the provenance of the collection, book lists identified as "Books from the Kansas City Museum", and other miscellaneous items. Two separately processed collections in the department, Centenary History of Kansas City Churches (SC29) and the Liberty, Missouri *Tribune* papers (SC34) may have been a part of this collection. Verification was not found at the time of processing.

Interesting parts of the collection include a Jim Bridger deed in Series II, William Quantrill song in Series II, early pioneer recollections, and information pertaining to an early motion picture about Kansas City called "Two Girls and One Bonnett."

Arrangement note

Organized into six series: (1) Official records, (2) Manuscripts, (3) Vertical Files, (4) Miscellaneous, (5) Gold Star League papers, and (6) Jewett Scrapbooks.

Collection Inventory

Series I - Official Records

Scope and content note

The official records include correspondence, secretary and curator files, membership lists, constitutions, minutes, gift registry, financial records, etc. Correspondence is arranged by date until 1916 when it becomes arranged alphabetically, primarily by sender.

General File – Correspondence with other organizations, 1898-1911 (Correspondence, clippings, brochures) (Missouri Valley Historical Society Collection)
Folder 1

Secretary Files – File #1 Membership correspondence, Kansas City Historical Society, 1902-1911
Folders 2-3

Secretary Files – File #3 Regular minutes, 1906-1911, minutes of Board of Directors, 1911, annual report, 1911, special committee reports, 1910-1911, treasurer's reports, 1897-1906, constitution, newspaper clippings, miscellaneous, correspondence, programs
Folders 4-5

Secretary Files – Membership, W. Malcolm Lowry, Secretary Oct. 12, 1911-Aug. 30, 1912
Folders 6-8

Secretary Files – Minutes, executive papers and correspondence for Oct. 1, 1911-Sept. 30, 1912
Folder 9

Membership Roster – March 1930 (Missouri Valley Historical Society Collection)
Folder 10

Membership Lists – Undated, also Membership list for Harris Home Association
Folder 11

Membership Lists – Mailing ca1910, ca1913-1929, ca 1900-1906 (registry #90), includes some notation of arrival in Kansas City
Folder 12-13.5

Constitutions – May 13, 1911; Nov. 8, 1913; Mar. 1931; n.d. (Missouri Valley Historical Society) Feb. 15, 1896; 1902 (Early Settlers' & Historical Association)
Folder 14

Announcements – 1911-1913, printed (Missouri Valley Historical Society)
Folder 15

Curator's Files – 1898-1899, 1900, 1906, 1907-1909, 1910, 1911, 1912-1913, Correspondence, printed notices, miscellaneous
Folders 16-22

Curator's Files – ca1925?-1928, inventory of historical records, list of papers belonging to Early Settlers and Historical Society
Folder 23

Curator's Files – undated, listings of records, notes on care and arrangement of society's collection, etc.
Folder 24-25

Annual Statement – 1914 (Missouri Valley Historical Society)
Folder 26

Minutes-Pioneer and Old Settlers' Society – Dec. 15, 1895 – Feb. 9, 1906
(Includes Treasurer's Report – p. 77, 96, 125) (Missouri Valley Historical Society)
Folder 27

Board Minutes – Missouri Valley Historical Society, 1912-1924, bound; items of interest include motion picture production, Spalding memorial, permanent location for society, centennial of steam navigation, cornerstone of Union Depot, Gold Star League (p.185), Jackson County courthouse restoration (p.186), HarrisHouse purchase and transfer (p.219-)
Folder 28

Meeting Minutes – Missouri Valley Historical Society, 1912-1918, bound; includes also newspaper clippings, meeting and program post cards, etc.; does include a detailed listing of what the society had in its exhibit (1914, p.63-); clippings in bound volume photocopied and included.
Folder 29

Registry Ledger – date compiled 1914-?; arranged alphabetically with both the donor name and subject names mixed, gives register number; includes a World War I photo of J. H. Bradey (p.449)
Folder 30

Visitor's Registry - 1914-1933, also contains a few names associated with the Pioneer's Annual meeting, Oct. 7, 1916 (p.17). Visitor dates jump from 1915 to 1928.
Folder 30.1

Gift and Accession Registry – 1912-1928, arranged alphabetically by name with subjects included, gives accession number
Folder 31

Gift and Accession Registry – undated, arranged by registry number, giving donor name only and not a description of item donated
Folder 32

Financial Record-Treasurer's Book – 1912-1919, includes endowment fund, dues, bill payments, etc.
Folder 33

Financial Record-Treasurer's Book – 1913-1915, includes initiation fees, dues
Folder 34

Financial Record – Check Register 1914-1940
Folder 35

Financial Record – Check Stubs 1920-1922
Folder 36

Financial Record – Account books, passbooks 1896-1940
Folder 37

Financial Record – Treasurer's Reports 1914-1940
Folders 38-39

Financial Record – Audit Reports 1914-1930
Folder 40

Financial Record – Related to the sale of "Annals of Kansas City" 1924-1926
Folder 41

Financial Record – Miscellaneous 1913-1926
Folders 42-43

Financial Record – Miscellaneous 1928-1940 (Arranged alphabetically by both sender and receiver)
Folders 44-52

General Correspondence – 1903-1915
Folders 53-77

General Correspondence – 1916-1932 (Arranged primarily alphabetically by sender but not always)
Folders 78-174

General Correspondence – undated
Folders 175-176

General Correspondence – undated miscellaneous
Folder 177

Series II - Vertical Files

Scope and content note

These items are primarily handwritten or typed and include personal reminiscences as well as papers or addresses on given subjects. There are some miscellaneous things as deeds, agreements, etc. Most have been arranged alphabetically by the person's name who wrote the material. Some have been listed under a subject name for easier access. A short subject guide can be found with the manuscript listing. Some of this was found in the society's vertical files as well as just in boxes with no arrangement.

Avis, Henry (Hank) – "Personal Reminiscences of Freighting Across the Plains, the Pony Express, Gold Mining and Indian Fighting", 1921, typewritten, 24p.
Folder 1

Benton, Thomas Hart – "Thomas Hart Benton", typewritten biography, n.d.
Folder 2

Bernard, William R. – Personal sketch, n.d., typewritten, 16p.
Folder 3

- Bingham, George C.** – Miscellaneous material – agreement, correspondence, etc.
Folder 4
- Bonham, W. S.** – Santa Fe Trail reminiscences, nd., typewritten, 4p,
Folder 5 - Handwritten account in SC 53 Dawson Collection – folder 10
- Borland, William** – Biographical record, 1910; printed remarks, 1910-18; “The Centennial of the Admission of Missouri”, typewritten, n.d.
Folder 6
- Bridger, Jim** – Deed, 1879; biographical material, handwritten, n.d.
Folder 7
- Brown, Philip S.** – “Tribute to Philip S. Brown, Sr.,...January 7, 1922”, typewritten, 5p.
Folder 8
- Campbell, W. L.** – “Barbecue of Early Days”, 1912, typewritten, 3p., and “William Gillis, Gentleman”, 1913, typewritten, 5p.
Folder 9
- Carpenter, Amos** – Receipts, correspondence, etc. ca 1850s-70
Folder 10
- Chick, J. S.** – Picture, miscellaneous
Folder 11
- Chick, Washington Henry** – Biographical, autobiographical, tributes, “My Earliest Recollections of the Santa Fe Trade”, etc.
Folder 12
- Churches-Baptist, Congregational** – miscellaneous, primarily typed histories
Folder 13
- Civil War** – 6th Regiment, Kansas Cavalry – Miscellaneous forms & records, 1860s
Folder 14
- Civil War** – ms. “The Civil War in Missouri” by Anna C. Gilday, n.d., typed, 15p.
Folder 15
- Civil War** – miscellaneous material, reminiscences, address on Jo Shelby, correspondence, etc.
Folder 16
- Clark, William Bingham** – “Death of William Bingham Clark of Kansas City, Missouri”, typed, n.d., 2p.
Folder 17
- Clarkson Family** – Genealogy, letter, ca1900, 7p.
Folder 18
- Coleman, John M.** – Estate distribution, n.d., 1p.
Folder 19

Conover, John – “Biographical Sketch of John Conover”, n.d., typed, 1p.
Folder 20

Cooper, H. W. – “Kansas City – Reconstruction Period”, n.d., handwritten, 21p.
(Overview of early Kansas City history)
Folder 21

“**Daily Mail-extra**”, Sept. 1, 1841, partial (concerning daguerreotypes)
Folder 22

Dalton, William J., Rev. – “Lecture of Rev. Dalton before Missouri Historical Society, March 9, 1918”, typed, 25p.
Folder 23

Davis, Joseph – “Diary of Joseph Davis on survey of Santa Fe Trail, 1825”, v.2,
5p., typed
Folder 24

Deatherage, Charles P. – “Historic Ninth Street”, written for “Annals of Kansas City”, February 4, 1925, handwritten, 24p.
Folder 25

Denham, C. L. – “Reminiscences of Kansas City and Its Pioneers”, 1913,
handwritten, includes photocopy, 17p. (Early Kansas City, railroad transportation,
etc.)
Folder 26

DeSmet, Father – “Address of Rev. Father William J. Dalton...on...Father DeSmet”, 1914, typed, printed and handwritten ms.
Folder 27

Doniphan, A. W. – “A Tribute to Major John Dougherty, January 1860”; “General Doniphan and the First Match”, n.d.; “Order of Procession” for Col. Doniphan, Liberty, MO, n.d., handwritten
Folder 28

Donnelly, Father – “Early Day Recollections by Frank Payne and P.H. Smith of Father Donnelly...”, 1913, typed, 2p.
Folder 29

Dunnica, William F. – “Death of a Pioneer”, biographical sketch, n.d., typed, 3p.
Folder 30

Dyer, D. B. – Copies of letters, traveling through Kansas, 1910, typed, 14p.
Folder 31

Ely, Thomas – Receipt for land, 1819, St. Louis, MO, 1p.
Folder 32

Emmons, Ira – Biography, 1927, handwritten, 2p.
Folder 33

Geary, Daniel – “Looking Backward”, reminiscences, 1912, 22p.
Folder 34

Gentry, William R. – “The Missouri Soldier One Hundred Years Ago”, address, Columbia, MO, 1918, typed, 8p.

Folder 35

Gilpin, Major William – “Major William Gilpin, the Prophet of Kansas City”, by W. L. Webb, typed, n.d., 5p; “Centropolis”, handwritten, 2p., n.d.

Folder 36

Glanville, Jerome H. – miscellaneous material, correspondence, 1904-10

Folder 37

Haines, Adelbert S. – Memoirs, 1906, handwritten & typed; Tribute, 1921, typed, 5p.

Folder 38

Haren, Col. Edward – “Resolutions on the Death...”, n.d., 1p.

Folder 39

Harris, Nellie McCoy – see McCoy Family

Holmes, Mrs. Daniel Boone – Letter of resignation, n.d., 1p.

Folder 40

Holmes, Thomas – receipts 1819, 1833

Folder 41

Hopkins, Henry – “Henry Hopkins”, n.d., typed, 6p.

Folder 42

Hotels-Lindell – Handwritten description, 2p., and photograph, n.d.

Folder 43

Hughes, Roland – Paper on Mexican War, 1920, typewritten, 23p.

Folder 44

Hunt, Andrew J. – “Address of...” on agriculture, 1917, typed, 12p.

Folder 45

Hunter, D. P. – “Brief History of the Christian Church of Kansas City, MO”, typewritten Paper, 1906, 2p.

Folder 45.5

Indians – Miscellaneous material including correspondence, papers, addresses, etc., typewritten and handwritten

Folder 46-48

Independence, MO – Primarily correspondence, “Early History of Col. Samuel C. Owens and James Aull” by John McCoy, handwritten, 5p.

Folder 49

Johnson, Reuben – Biographical sketch, n.d., typewritten, 11p.

Folder 50

Johnson County, Kansas – “Recollections of Johnson County in the Fifties”, n.d., 6p.

Folder 51

Kansas – Commissioner Appt., Territory of Kansas, 1859; correspondence and paper “Kansas” by J. W. Peck, n.d.
Folder 52

Kansas City, MO – Accounts of early history, unsigned, typewritten and handwritten
Folder 53

Kansas City Civic Alliance – Constitution, typed, n.d.
Folder 54

Karnes, J. V. C. – “Autobiography of J. V. C. Karnes”, photocopy, typed, 37p., 1906
Folder 55

Krauthoff, Edwin – “The Part the Kansas City Bar Has Played in the History of the Nation”, address, 1913, typewritten, 24p.
Folder 56

Lowry, J. – Plat, block 10 of Beacon Hill, July 30, 1887
Folder 57

Lykins, Johnston – “Daniel Morgan Boone” by J. Lykins, typed, n.d. 1p.; Letter to Dr. Johnston from wife Delilah, May 19, 1838, includes handwritten transcript
Folder 58

McCoy Family – Miscellaneous handwritten accounts of members of the family
Folder 59-61

McVey, Edward J. – “A Few Times in the Life of the Writer”, 1911, typewritten, 5p.
Folder 62

Mawson, Sir Douglas – Correspondence and newspaper clippings concerning his lecture sponsored by the society, 1915
Folder 63

Miller, John Henderson – “Kansas City from 1857”, 1920, typed, 12p. (early history accounts)
Folder 64

Missouri History – Accounts of including “Platte Purchase” by James Birch, 1899, handwritten, 14p.
Folder 65

Missouri River – Correspondence, 1911-20, re: Isaac Smith, riverboat pictures, etc.; Handwritten list of steamboats in Middle West, collected by George Alter, n.d.
Folder 66

Missouri River – “Social Life on the Steamboats” by Mrs. W.B. Mumford, typed, n.d., 9p.; “Steamboating Before the War” by Dr. W. L. Campbell, typed, 1910, 18p.
Folder 67

Moore, Milton – “A Journey Over the Santa Fe Trail”, n.d., typed, 10p.;
“Westward from the Missouri River”, 1912, typed 16p.; “Incidents of the Plains”
Folder 68

Morgan, Gen. William H. – “General William H. Morgan”, typewritten, n.d., 6p.
Folder 69

Music – Personal accounts, unsigned of early music in Kansas City, ca 1880's-
1900, typewritten
Folder 70

Nelson, William Rockhill – “Resolution on Death”, 1915, typewritten, 2p.
Folder 71

Old Men's Association – Correspondence, miscellaneous, ca1915, handwritten
Folder 72

Perkins, J. W. – “Talk Made...at Meeting of Historical Society”, Dec. 1, 1923,
typewritten, 4p., re: early Kansas City schools
Folder 73

Phillips, Judge John – Address & tribute, license, etc., 1850s-60, etc.
Folder 74

Porterfield, Julia – “Missourians in the World of Literature”, 1915, handwritten,
4p., Photocopied
Folder 75

Post, Herbert – “Life in New England One Hundred Years Ago”, ca1918,
typewritten, 10p.; “My Personal Tribute to Abraham Lincoln”, typewritten, 1915,
12p.
Folder 76

Putnam, George F. – Opening address, River Improvement Convention, Dec.
15, 1891, Typewritten, 9p.
Folder 77

Quantrill, William – “Albion, PA, The Fight at Tates” by Capt. Moore,
typewritten, 3p.; “Quantrill's Call for Men”, song, handwritten, 1p., photocopy also
Folder 78

Reed, Enos – “Recollections of Civil War Service”, 1914, typewritten, 11p.
Folder 79

Reed, Mrs. Homer – “Mrs. Homer Reed”, early pioneer reminiscences,
typewritten, n.d., 4p., also handwritten account
Folder 80

Revolutionary War – Correspondence concerning ancestors, paper “A Few of
the Colonial & Revolutionary Ancestors of Mrs. Jessie Benton Fremont”, 3p.,
typewritten
Folder 81

Rivard, Peter – Affidavit and indenture statement, 1854, 1887
Folder 82

Root, Walter C. – “Notes on the Kansas City Flood of 1903”, typewritten, 7p.

Folder 83

Schultze, H. E. – Account of early musicians, 1908, handwritten, 2p.

Folder 84

Self, John – Biographical account, n.d., handwritten, 2p.

Folder 85

Shawnee Mission – Includes photographs, accounts & histories, Methodist mission Information, Indians, etc.

Folder 86-87

Smart, Judge – Biographical sketch by his daughter, n.d., handwritten, 2p.

Folder 88

Smith, Inez – “The Latter Day Saints in Jackson County”, typewritten, 22p., n.d.

Folder 89

Spalding, Charles C. – Correspondence, primarily re: Spalding monument, 1917-18

Folder 90

Spence, William B. – Deed of trust, 1871, West Kansas addition

Folder 91

Stout, Ben – Reminiscence, 1916, handwritten, 2p.

Folder 92

Sweeney, Thomas – Quit claim deed, 1880, receipt, 1889

Folder 93

Swope, Thomas H. (T.H.S.) – Letter (1856) to Horace Everett, esq., handwritten, 2p.

Folder 94

Titus, Frank – “Early Days in Kansas City”, address, Oct. 12, 1905, handwritten, 16p.

Folder 95

Treffren, Marslin D. – Writing tablet, re: early Kansas City history, 1858-61

Folder 96

Turgeon, Louis A. – “Life of Gabriel Prudhomme, Pioneer of Kansas City”, n.d., Typewritten, 4p.

Folder 97

Van Horn, Robert – 1850-1916. Includes correspondence, speeches, addresses, tributes, Mostly handwritten

Folder 98

Vest, George Graham – Personal commendation by Judge John F. Phillips, n.d., Typewritten, 1p.

Folder 99

Waddell, John Alexander Low – “Biography”, n.d., typewritten, 6p.
Folder 100

Walpole, Richard C. – “Mrs. Homer Reed”, n.d., typewritten, 4p., Early Kansas City History, signed Richard Walpole; “A Tramp for a Day”, n.d., signed W.H.R.L., handwritten, 7p.
Folder 101

Ward, Seth – Signed checks, vouchers, receipts, 1871-72
Folder 102

Warkey, Alex – Receipts, 1858-65
Folder 103

Westport, MO – Correspondence 1896-1922; photograph of Westport Library; various Accounts, etc.
Folder 104

Westport, Battle of – Correspondence, accounts, photograph, etc.
Folder 105

Wharton, Clifton – “Clifton Wharton, US Army” by Henry Shindler, n.d., 6p.
typewritten
Folder 106

Wheeler, Mrs. G. B. – “Farm Life at the Junction”, 1891, typewritten, 6p.; “Childhood Memories of Westport Landing”, n.d., handwritten and typewritten
Folder 107

White, Emma S. – “Our National Emblem and the Story of Its Origin”, 1905, 4p.,
Typewritten
Folder 108

Winch, M. R. – “War Reminiscences” (Civil War), 1906, 5 parts, typewritten
Folder 109

Wood, Joseph Madison – “Joseph Madison Wood” by Dr. George Halley, 1913,
3p., Handwritten
Folder 110

Woodson, Mrs. Blake L. – “Black Mammies”, typewritten, n.d., 6p.
Folder 111

Worley, Jess M. – “History of Wooden Black”, 1921, typewritten, 2p.,
(Cornerstone, Federal Reserve Bank
Folder 112

Subject Guide to Series II - Manuscripts

Boone, Daniel – See Lykins, Johnston

Churches-Christian – See Hunter, D. P.

Civil War – See Reed, Enos; Winch, M. R.

Federal Reserve Bank – See Worley, James

Flood, 1903 – See Root, Walter

Fremont, Jessie Benton – See Revolutionary War

Gillis, William – See Campbell, W. L.

Kansas City Bar – See Krauthoff, Edwin

Mormons – See Smith, Inez

Prudhomme, Gabriel – See Turgeon, Louis

Santa Fe Trail – See Bonham, W. S.; Chick, W. H.; Davis, Joseph; Moore, Milton

Westport Landing – See Wheeler, Mrs. G. B.

Series III - Vertical Files

Scope and content note

The society maintained vertical files on local subjects for roughly the years 1910-1930. These were made up primarily of newspaper clippings with some brochure, printed material. The original subject arrangement was basically retained with the newspaper clippings being photocopied for the sake of preservation. Most folders have a list of clippings enclosed which the society typed giving the year only of the clipping. When processing this part of the collection, usually a check mark was made by the clippings that were found in the folder. Most of these clippings have been arranged within the folder in chronological order.

Agriculture – newspaper clippings 1912-24
Folder 1

Agriculture-Kansas – newspaper clippings 1911-1939
Folder 2

Agriculture and Grain – newspaper clippings, pamphlet 1910-1939
Folder 3

American History – folder listing, pamphlets, brochures, etc.
Folder 4

American History – newspaper clippings, “Missouri’s Aboriginal Inhabitants”
Folder 5

American Royal – list of articles only 1912-1939
Folder 6

Amusements-Kansas – includes football, centennial celebrations, parties, etc.;
Newspaper clippings 1910-1929
Folder 7

Arrow Rock, MO – see “Missouri”

- Art** – newspaper clippings, post card, brochure “10th Convention of the Western Authors’ & Artists’ club, 1895” 1910-1939
Folder 7.5
- Art Literature-Music (Missouri)** – newspaper clippings, listings 1911-1928
Folder 8
- Art Literature-Music (Missouri)** – brochures
Folder 9
- Art-Writers (Kansas)** – newspaper clippings 1910-1939
Folder 10
- Aviation and Airlines** – newspaper clippings 1913-1940
Folder 11
- Banks-Miscellaneous** – newspaper clippings, chronology, pamphlets 1907-1930
Folder 12
- Barton Murder Case** – newspaper clippings 1920-21
Folder 13
- Benton, Thomas Hart** – newspaper clippings, brochure 1904-1939
Folder 14
- Biography A-J** – newspaper clippings, printed items
Folder 15
- Biography K-R** – newspaper clippings
Folder 16
- Biography S-Z** – newspaper clippings
Folder 17
- Biography and Necrology** – newspaper clippings, printed brochures 1906-1930
Folder 18
- Birmingham, George** – newspaper clippings 1911-1923
Folder 19
- Boone’s Lick Road** – newspaper clippings 1910-1939
Folder 19.5
- Booneville, MO** – newspaper clippings, miscellaneous items 1910-1933
Folder 20
- Boone, Daniel** – newspaper clippings, miscellaneous items 1910-1937
Folder 21
- Border Warfare** – typed paper, n.d.
Folder 22
- Boundaries-Population-Missouri** – newspaper clippings 1906-1923
Folder 23

Boy's Hotel – newspaper clippings, brochures, postcards, miscellaneous items
1911-1921
Folder 24

Bridger, James – newspaper clippings 1904-1925
Folder 25

Bridges – (includes Hannibal Bridge) newspaper clippings 1909-1939
Folder 26

Bridges & Viaducts – newspaper clippings 1909-1928
Folder 27

Buildings – newspaper clippings, pamphlets, postcard 1911-1939
Folder 28

Case, Theodore – newspaper clippings 1900
Folder 29

Centennial (State)-KC – newspaper clippings, ball program, miscellaneous 1921
Folder 30

Centennial (State)-Missouri – newspaper clippings, papers 1912-1921
Folder 31

Chamber of Commerce – newspaper clippings, photograph, by-laws 1911-1939
Folder 32

Chanute, Octave – booklet “Uniformity in Railway Rolling Stock”
Folder 33

Charities – (Includes Helping Hand, Minute Circle, Friendly House, McCune Home, St. Anthony's, Little Sister of the Poor, KC Boys Orphan's Home, Spofford Home, Evans Home, J. Gillis Home, Mutual Help Center) newspaper clippings
1910-1930
Folder 34

Charities – (Includes Mayor's Christmas, miscellaneous, Relief for Unemployed Women, Salvation Army) newspaper clipping brochure 1915-1940
Folder 35

Charities – (Includes Girls Hotel, Home for the Aged, House of Good Shepherd, Mercy Hospital) newspaper clippings, typed paper 1912-1926
Folder 36

Chick, J. S. – newspaper clippings, pictures, article listings 1915-1921
Folder 37

Church History-Kansas – newspaper clippings, typed report 1907-1939
Folder 38

Churches-Baptist, Congregational – newspaper clippings, program, listings only
Folder 39

Churches-Christian – newspaper clippings, listing 1911-1939
Folder 40

Churches-Episcopalian and Presbyterian – yearbook, article listings
Folder 41

Churches-Grand Avenue Temple – newspaper clippings 1911-1939
Folder 42

Churches-Methodist – newspaper clippings 1899-1939
Folder 43

Circus-Rodeo – newspaper clippings 1910-1916
Folder 44

City Hall – newspaper clippings 1913-1939
Folder 45

Civil War-Missouri – newspaper clippings, picture (Masonic College) 1875-1929
Folder 46

Clay County – newspaper clippings 1912-1928
Folder 47

Clubs-Athenaeum – newspaper clippings 1913-1930
Folder 48

Clubs-Men – newspaper clippings, program 1898-1923
Folder 49

Clubs-Women – newspaper clippings 1900-1927
Folder 50

Commerce-Railroads-Kansas – newspaper clippings 1910-1921
Folder 51

Constitution-Missouri – newspaper clippings 1916-1922
Folder 52

Conventions-G.A.R. – listing of articles only
Folder 53

Crime-Kansas – newspaper clippings 1911-1924
Folder 54

Daughters of the American Revolution & other type groups – newspaper clippings 1899-1933
Folder 55

Dickey Family – newspaper clippings 1911-1922
Folder 56

Donnelly, Father – newspaper clippings 1877-1921
Folder 57

Drumm, Maj. Andrew – newspaper clippings 1911-1919
Folder 58

Dyer, Col. D. B. – newspaper clippings 1912-1922
Folder 59

Education – brochures, post card, certificates, photo, manuscript, etc.
Folder 60

Education – newspaper clippings 1901-1940
Folder 61

Education-Kansas – newspaper clippings 1911-1927
Folder 62

Federal Reserve Bank – newspaper clippings, typed history 1913-1923
Folder 63

Fires and Fire Chiefs – newspaper clippings 1903-1930
Folder 64

Foods – listing of articles only 1911-1921
Folder 65

Gardner, Governor – newspaper clippings 1916-1928
Folder 66

Geology and Mineralogy – newspaper clippings, paper by Col. Dyer 1911-1923
Folder 67

Gold Rush 1849 – newspaper clippings 1912-1913
Folder 68

Governors of Missouri – newspaper clippings, lists, papers, etc. 1921-1924
Folder 69

Guinotte, Judge – newspaper clippings 1906-1924
Folder 70

Hadley, Governor – newspaper clippings, photographs, address, etc. 1909-1923
Folder 71

Harding, President Warren G. – printed speech 1921
Folder 72

Historical Society of Kansas – newspaper clippings 1907-1925
Folder 73

History – newspaper clippings, address, brochure 1870-1929
Folder 74

History-Kansas City (Early) – newspaper clippings, post card, typed histories,
etc. 1909-1940
Folder 75

Hospitals – newspaper clippings 1906-1939
Folder 76

Hotels and Hotel Apartments – newspaper clippings 1912-1928
Folder 77

Hyde Murder Case – newspaper clippings, public opinion 1911-1928
Folder 78

Improvements – newspaper clippings 1909-1939
Folder 79

Independence, MO – newspaper clippings, post cards, brochures, etc. 1905-1940
Folder 80

Indian History – newspaper clippings, printed and typed paper 1913-1929
Folder 81

Indians-Kansas – newspaper clippings 1910-1926
Folder 82

Indian Warfare – newspaper clippings 1874-1926
Folder 83

Industries – newspaper clippings, brochures 1911-1940 (Includes automotive, steel, coal, stock exchange, packing, petroleum, wholesale grocers, lumber, mercantile and factories)
Folder 84

Industry-Kansas – newspaper clippings 1918-1939
Folder 85

Jackson County-Rural – Includes clipping on Reuben Mastin death, 8th annual report of Jackson County Juvenile Court (1911), map (1917), address of Gen. Clarke on Lone Jack, MO (1903), etc.
Folder 86

Jefferson City, MO and Capitol Building – newspaper clippings, ephemera 1905-1927
Folder 87

Jewish Activities – newspaper clippings 1911-1927
Folder 88

Journal-Post – newspaper clippings 1921-1931
Folder 88.5

Kaw River & Bridges-Kansas – newspaper clippings 1911-1939
Folder 89

Landmarks – newspaper clippings, etc. 1911-1925
Folder 90

Leavenworth, Kansas – newspaper clippings 1912-1925
Folder 91

Legion Convention-1921 – official program, brochures, newspaper clippings
1921-1922
Folder 92

Liberty, MO – newspaper clippings 1910-1930
Folder 93

Liberty Memorial – brochures, chart, dedication, newspaper clippings 1909-
1927
Folder 94

Lincoln, Abraham – “A Tribute to Lincoln” 1915
Folder 95

Literature (Libraries) – newspaper clippings, poems by Kansas City poets
1910-1923
Folder 96

Little Blue, Battle of – newspaper clippings 1912-1922
Folder 97

Livestock (Stockyards) – brochure, newspaper clippings 1910-1939
Folder 98

Loose, Jacob – Flag pole gift, newspaper clippings, Christmas card, etc. 1915-
1916
Folder 99

Lyne, Felice – newspaper clippings 1911-1916
Folder 100

McCoy Family – newspaper clippings
Folder 101

Military History-Kansas – newspaper clippings 1910-1922
Folder 102

Miscellaneous – (Includes Post Office) brochure, newspaper clippings 1915-
1933
Folder 103

Mexican War – (Including Doniphan, Price, etc.) brochures, articles, newspaper
clippings, etc. 1910-1928
Folder 104

Missouri – newspaper clippings 1939-1941 (Includes MU, Clay Co., Ozarks,
Civil War, rural MO, Arrow Rock, etc.)
Folder 105

Missouri Duels – newspaper clippings 1912-1921
Folder 106

Missouri-Folklore – newspaper clippings 1912-1923 (Also a list of Missouri
Folklore Society charter members, 1906)
Folder 107

Missouri-Origin & Development – newspaper clippings, post card 1909-1930

Folder 108

Missouri-Resources – newspaper clippings, ad. Card 1913-1939

Folder 109

Missouri River – newspaper clippings 1911-1916

Folder 110

Missouri River – pamphlet, lists, articles, etc. 1909-1915

Folder 111

Missouri Valley Historical Society – newspaper clippings

Folder 112

Mormons – “Copies of Original Documents and Papers Concerning the Mormon Troubles in Missouri...taken from the originals in the Office of the Secretary of State at Jefferson City, MO.”

Folder 113

Music and Musicians – newspaper clippings 1909-1940

Folder 114

Natural History – newspaper clippings 1911-1940

Folder 115

Nielsen, Alice – “Alice Nielsen”, a biographical sketch, 5p., typed, n.d.

Folder 116

Obituaries – A-Z newspaper clippings (Index in front of folder 117)

Folder 117-119

Old Men’s Association – newspaper clippings, constitution, lists, etc. 1894-1918

Folder 120

Oregon Trail – postcards, pamphlets, newspaper clippings, etc.

Folder 121

Pershing, J. J. – newspaper clippings, picture 1919-1920

Folder 122

Phillips, E. D. – miscellaneous material ca1900

Folder 123

Phillips, Judge John – newspaper clippings, printed address 1914-1918

Folder 124

Pictures (Not Photographs) – includes Conover, Halley, Loose, McDougal, Richards, Silleman

Folder 125

Pioneer Churches & Mormons – newspaper clippings 1903-1927

Folder 126

Pioneer Kansas Citians – newspaper clippings 1878-1926

Folder 127

Pioneer Life – newspaper clippings (Reminiscences of Hawkins Taylor) 1895-1896

Folder 128

Political Personalities – Includes Pendergast, McElroy, Shannon, Welsh, etc. newspaper clippings, letter dated April 5, 1928 by McElroy 1913-1939

Folder 129

Politics-Government-Kansas – “Border Ruffians Code in Kansas”

Folder 130

Pony Express – newspaper clippings 1941

Folder 131

Priests of Pallas – newspaper clippings, dance cards, invitations, etc. 1896-1926

Folder 132

Prisons – newspaper clippings 1913-1917

Folder 133

Prohibition – newspaper clippings 1913-1920

Folder 134

Quantrill and His Men – newspaper clippings 1901-1925

Folder 135

Railroads-Missouri – Railroad map, Rock Island Brochure, clippings list only

Folder 136

Real Estate – newspaper clippings, pamphlet 1910-1939

Folder 137

Red Cross – newspaper clippings, brochure, etc. 1914-1918

Folder 138

Reily, E. Mont. – newspaper clippings, address 1916-1921

Folder 139

Roads & Boulevards – newspaper clippings 1892-1930

Folder 140

St. Louis, MO – brochures, post cards, miscellaneous

Folder 141

Sante Fe Trail – newspaper clippings 1902-1930

Folder 142

Santa Fe Trail – brochures, miscellaneous

Folder 143

Science – newspaper clippings 1911-1926

Folder 144

Shawnee Mission – newspaper clippings, brochures, etc.
Folder 145

Shows-Auto, Fashion, Flower – newspaper clippings 1913-1922
Folder 146

Shriner's Convention – newspaper clippings, brochures, articles, etc. 1924
Folder 147

Sni-A-Bar Farms – newspaper clippings 1918-1923
Folder 148

Spalding, C. C. – newspaper clippings 1914-1918
Folder 149

Spaulding, James F. – newspaper clippings 1912-1919
Folder 150

Sports – newspaper clippings 1911-1939
Folder 151

Stone, Senator William J. – newspaper clippings 1910-1918
Folder 152

Sunday, Billy – newspaper clippings 1914-1917
Folder 153

Swope Family – newspaper clippings, city council resolution (typed) 1909-1922
Folder 154

Talley, Marion – newspaper clippings, program 1922-1929
Folder 155

Trails-Various – newspaper clippings, miscellaneous 1911-1922
Folder 156

Twain, Mark – newspaper clippings, post card 1910-1928
Folder 157

Union Cemetery, Shelley Park Cemetery – newspaper clippings,
miscellaneous papers, speech given at Shelby Monument dedication, 1911, etc.
1910-1931
Folder 158

United Daughters of the Confederacy – newspaper clippings 1895-1922
Folder 159

Utilities (railways, power and light, gas) – newspaper clippings, pf, period.
1911-1939
Folder 160

"Veiled Prophet" – newspaper, St. Louis, MO, October 3, 1882
Folder 161

Waldo, Harry & Henry – miscellaneous items

Folder 162

War Mothers – newspaper clippings, pf, program, etc. 1921-1929

Folder 163

Weather – newspaper clippings 1903-1926

Folder 164

Weather-Grasshopper Plague-Kansas – newspaper clippings 1903-1925

Folder 165

Westport, Battle of – newspaper clippings, post card, resolutions, etc. 1902-1925

Folder 166

Westport-Development – newspaper clippings, miscellaneous 1905-1930

Folder 167

Westport-Harris House – newspaper clippings 1919-1928

Folder 168

“Westport Crier” – May 14, 1930

Folder 169

White, John Barber & Family – newspaper clippings, application to SEW 1900-1923

Folder 170

Who’s Who in Kansas City – newspaper clippings, “Missouri-the Mother of Empires”, Speech by William Borland, 1911, 1912-1927

Folder 171

Wilkins, Zoe – newspaper clippings 1923-1924

Folder 172

Wills & Bequests – newspaper clippings 1911-1922

Folder 173

Women’s Clubs of Missouri – newspaper clippings, program 1914-1923

Folder 174

Women’s Suffrage – newspaper clippings

Folder 175

Works Progress Administration – newspaper clippings 1939

Folder 176

World War I – post cards, leaflets, miscellaneous

Folder 177

World War I in Kansas City – pamphlets

Folder 178

World War I in Kansas City – newspaper clippings 1917-1922
Folder 179-180

World War I-Kansas City Men in Service – Ammunition train, listing,
newspaper clippings
Folder 181

World War I-Kansas City Men in Service – Artillery listing, newspaper clippings
Folder 182

World War I-Kansas City Men in Service – Aviation Corp listing, newspaper
clippings
Folder 183

World War I-Kansas City Men in Service – Cavalry listing, newspaper clippings
Folder 184

World War I-Kansas City Men in Service – Engineer Corp listing, newspaper
clippings
Folder 185

World War I-Kansas City Men in Service – Infantry listing, newspaper clippings
Folder 186

World War I-Kansas City Men in Service – Machine gun listing, newspaper
clippings
Folder 187

World War I-Kansas City Men in Service – Motor Transportation Corps listing,
newspaper clippings
Folder 187.5

World War I-Kansas City Men in Service – Signal Corp listing, newspaper
clippings
Folder 188

World War I-Kansas City Men in Service – Tank Corp listing, newspaper
clippings
Folder 189

Series IV - Miscellaneous

Scope and content note

This part includes items which did not clearly fit elsewhere. There were very few photographs found with the collection and what was found is in this section. The most significant folders contain information and photographs on the film "Two Girls and One Bonnet" which the society was heavily involved in. These include folders 12-18. Also found were a number of very old documents, letters which were obviously displayed at one time. These include slave agreements, correspondence, etc. They are found in this series in folders 20 and 21. Folder 11 is also significant, containing biographical sketches of early Kansas City families gathered while at an Old Settler's Picnic in 1932.

Bibliography of books and pamphlets on “Rockies & Prairies” by Daniel H. Newhall, typewritten, n.d., 8p.
Folder 1

Photographs-People – includes J. M. Greenwood, G. B. Longan, Henry Withers, Jim Bridger, Milton McGee, H. R. Gamble, C. C. Bailey, Tod Hellen, and a shrunken head
Folder 2

Photographs – Stereopticon cards of Coates Opera House, Front Street between Main and Walnut, Riverfront area, flood scene, 1903 (mule drawn street car), and St. George Hospital boat (1889)
Folder 3

Photographs – Family scenes, John Campbell, unidentified tintype, unidentified woman and child, 3 negatives of residences including the Wornall House and Seth Ward House
Folder 4

Insurance Policies, 1915-1929 for the society
Folder 5

“The Illustrated Family Christian Almanac”, 1850
Folder 6

Webb, W. L. – “Prospectus of Kansas City” and “Brief Biography and Popular Account of Unparalleled Discoveries...”
Folder 7

Typed Index to Missouri Valley Historical Society gift items, appears to follow registry Listing of society. Done by Kansas City Museum? Goes up to register number 309.
Folder 8

Miscellaneous items
Folder 9

Guest Register – February 4, 1911 meeting
Folder 10

Old Settler’s Picnic – June 30, 1932, contains biographical sketches of early Kansas City and Jackson County families written by descendents who were present. Includes Boone family.
Folder 11

Film-“Two Girls and One Bonnet” – photographs, actual film fragments
Folder 12

Film-“Two Girls and One Bonnet” – brochure, contract, bill of sale, benefit account, newspaper clipping, etc.
Folder 13

Film-“Two Girls and One Bonnet” – agreements, donations, plan for production, scripts, etc.
Folder 14

Film—"Two Girls and One Bonnet" – Correspondence 1912 – January 1924
Folders 15-18

"The Fool-Killer", v. 1 #1, Mayslick, Kentucky, October, 1851; Map – "Map Showing Comparative Distributing Freight Rates...With Airline mileages...", Kansas City Commercial Club, n.d.
Folder 19

Display documents, with some donor cards – mixed items presumably used for society's displays (includes sale of slaves, Kansas Territory documents, political party tickets, etc.)
Folder 20

Display documents, continued – includes early doctor certificate, indenture document, deed, correspondence, appt. certificates, funeral address, will (Robert Buffington), etc.
Folder 21

Pamphlets – mixed group
Folder 22

Listing of veterans buried in Kansas City area cemeteries, Civil War (?)
Folders 23-24

Autograph album of S. Elizabeth Cole, 1836, Reg. #264
Folder 25

Scrapbook of newspaper clippings concerning the Society, ca1915, photocopied
Folder 26

Series V - Gold Star League Papers

Scope and content note

This group was involved with World War I soldiers. This series includes correspondence, 1917-27, newspaper clippings, testimonials of soldiers, biographical sheets of soldiers, a few photographs primarily of the men, and various brochures, tributes, etc. Published in World War Soldier Dead Memorial. See Series IV, Miscellaneous for the listings of soldiers buried in the Kansas City area.

Photographs – primarily of soldiers, most identified
Folder 1

Newspaper clippings – 1918-1923, and print out sheets of dead soldiers' names
Folder 2

Brochures – "Annals of Kansas City", v.12 #1, etc.
Folder 3

Correspondence – arranged by date 1917-1927
Folders 4-9

Correspondence – miscellaneous and undated

Folder 10

Testimonials of soldiers – alphabetical by last name (includes some photos),

B-T

Folders 11-12

World War I-Kansas City Area – State of Missouri, Adjutant General's Office,

Biography and Service Records (arranged alphabetically by last name A-Z)

Folders 13-15

Series VI - Jewett Scrapbooks

Scope and content note

A group of 42 scrapbooks that were donated to the society in 1917-1918. (See newspaper clipping concerning.) These scrapbooks were processed in 1999-2000. Microfilming of this series began in July of 2000 and includes 16 reels of film. The scrapbooks were compiled by Erwin S. Jewett, a railroad ticket agent in Kansas City. The scrapbooks cover the years 1869-1909. The contents of the scrapbooks include newspaper clippings, correspondence, receipts, railroad items, and other miscellaneous materials. Most information deals with Kansas City and the surrounding area; Niles, Michigan; and railroad news from around the country.

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