

# Kansas City Posse of Westerners Records (SC2)

## *Introduction*

This collection consists of records, correspondence, publications, and photographs from the Kansas City Posse of Westerners, the local chapter of a national social organization interested in preserving the history and heritage of the American West. The Kansas City Posse was formed in 1955 and the originally male-only membership included hobby scholars and prominent local historians like A. Theodore Brown and Kenneth LaBudde, PhD. The group held monthly dinner meetings that included speakers on a range of Western history and culture topics; membership dues also sponsored several publications that are referred to and/or present in the collection.

## *Descriptive Summary*

Creator: Kansas City Posse of Westerners  
Title: Kansas City Posse of Westerners Records  
Dates: 1955-1998  
Size: 0.875 linear feet, 2 boxes, 32 folders  
Collection Number: SC2

## *Donor Information*

Gift, 1991, Fred Lee.

## *Citation Note*

Kansas City Posse of Westerners (SC2), Missouri Valley Special Collections, Kansas City Public Library, Kansas City, Missouri.

## *Administrative Information*

Additional form available: Two digitized photographs from the collection are available in the Digital Gallery: Kansas City Posse of the Westerners members, 1972 (Barcode: 10017227) and Kansas City Posse of Westerners leaders, 1974 (Barcode: 10017226). The original prints can be found in SC2 Kansas City Posse of Westerners Records, Box 2, f. 26.

## *Historical Sketch*

The Posse of Westerners is a national social organization interested in preserving the history and heritage of the American West. The Kansas City Posse was formed in 1955 and its male-only membership quickly included “armchair scholars” and prominent local historians like A. Theodore Brown and Kenneth LaBudde, PhD. The group held monthly dinner meetings that included speakers on a range of Western history and culture topics; the membership dues also sponsored several publications that are referred to and/or present in the collection. At some point, membership was

opened to women, and the Kansas City Posse of Westerners continues as an active organization.

### ***Scope and Content Note***

This collection is arranged in a generally chronological order as created by the donor, Fred Lee in 1991. The records cover primarily the first 20 years of the chapter, from 1955 through the early 1970s. Mr. Lee continued to contribute to the collection until his death in December 1998.

### ***Collection Inventory***

#### **Box 1:**

- f. 1 Organization creation and history: Brochure, n.d.; Certificate, 1970; Historical information, n.d.
- f. 2 Membership rosters, attendance records, member obituaries, group listings, 1955-1958
- f. 3 Meeting minutes, clippings, correspondence, 4/1955-6/1955
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- f. 10 Meeting minutes, correspondence, 1/1959-12/1959
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- f. 24 Meeting notices, correspondence, 1/1974-5/1984 (incomplete); Meeting minutes, 5/1975
- f. 25 St. Louis Posse meeting notices, 5/84, 4/88; Columbia (MO) Meeting notices, 1987-1991 (incomplete)

#### **Box 2:**

- f. 26 Photographs: Christmas dinner party, 12/1972 (B&W) Barcode: 10017227;  
Daniels, Zink, Phillips, 2/1974 (color) Barcode: 10017226
- f. 27 Compiled list of meeting speakers, 1955-1971
- f. 28 *Buckskin Bulletin*, Winter1970- Summer 1998 (incomplete)
- f. 29 Meeting notices, 1956-1960 (duplicates)
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