

# Dorothea Eldridge Slide Collection

This collection contains over 100 color slides taken in the 1950s-60s that capture a glimpse of what Kansas City looked like at that time.

## Descriptive Summary

**Creator:** Dorothea Eldridge

**Title:** Dorothea Eldridge slide collection

**Dates:** 1957-1968

**Size:** 108 color slides, 25 b & w prints, 2 color prints; 26 negatives

**Location:** P25

## Administrative Information

**Restrictions on access:** Unrestricted access.

**Additional physical form available:** 24 prints have been digitized.

**Acquisition information:** Gift, 1995, Dorothea Eldridge, Accession #1995-44.

**Citation note:** Dorothea Eldridge slide collection (P25), Missouri Valley Special Collections, Kansas City Public Library, Kansas City, Missouri.

## Collection Description

### **Scope and content note**

The Dorothea Eldridge slide collection consisted only of 108 color slides when it was received in Missouri Valley Special Collections. These slides were taken by amateur photographer Dorothea Eldridge and are primarily a group of various images pertaining to Kansas City, Missouri, taken during the 1950s and 1960s. The collection was initially given to the library's Plaza branch and was then transferred by them to Missouri Valley Special Collections in September 1995.

Each slide is identified, dated, and the exposure and film noted. Scenes include buildings, fountains, hospitals, downtown rooftop views which include both the riverfront areas and Municipal Airport, Richards Gebaur Air Force base, shopping centers, streets, Union Station, and the West Bottoms. The slides were in no particular order when received and have been placed in a subject arrangement determined by the processor.

At a later date, black and white photographs with negatives were made from 24 of the slides and color prints were made from two of the slides. These photographs have been added to the original donation. Of special interest are the interior views of both Union Station and Municipal

Airport, a view of the Wayne Miner housing development, and views of downtown in the 1960s.

All 108 color slides were digitized in 2018.

### **Collection Inventory**

#### **Airports**

- Municipal - Folder 5 - 8 slides; Folder 5,6 - 3 black and white photographs; Folder 18 - 1 color photograph
- Richards Gebaur - Folder 5,6 - 3 slides

#### **Apartments**

- Quinlan Apartments at 8th and Highland - Folder 1 - 1 slide; Folder 7 - 1 black and white photograph

#### **Banks**

- Commerce Trust Company - Folder 1 - 4 slides

#### **Bridges**

- Intercity Viaduct (Lewis and Clark) - Folder 1 - 3 slides

#### **Buildings**

- 811 Building - Folder 1 - 3 slides
- Halls on the Plaza - Folder 1 - 2 slides
- Ten Main Building - Folder 1 - 1 slide

#### **City Hall**

- Flower pots in front - Folder 1 - 1 slide

#### **Federal**

- Federal Building (Bolling) on 12th Street - Folder 1 - 2 slides; Folder 7 - 1 black and white photograph

#### **Fountains**

- Commerce Tower Fountain - Folder 2 - 1 slide
- Missouri Muse - Folder 2 - 3 slides
- Nelson Gallery of Art - Rozzelle Fountain - Folder 2 - 1 slide; Folder 14 - 1 black and white photograph

- Nichols, J.C. - Folder 2 - 3 slides; Folder 8 - 1 black and white photograph

### **Highways**

- Southeast Trafficway - Folder 2 - 1 slide
- Turnpike and 18th Street Cloverleaf - Folder 2 - 1 slide
- 6th and Southeast Trafficways - Folder 2 - 1 slide
- I-70, taken northeast from City Hall - Folder 2 - 1 slide

### **Hospitals**

- Children's Mercy - Folder 2 - 5 slides; Folder 8 - 1 black and white photograph
- St. Luke's - Folder 2 - 3 slides; Folder 9 - 1 black and white photograph
- Trinity Lutheran - Folder 3 - 1 slide
- St. Mary's - Folder 3 - 1 slide; Folder 9 - 1 black and white photograph

### **Kansas City - Downtown - Skyline (Distant)**

- Various view including at night - Folder 3 - 8 slides; Folder 10 - 1 black and white

### **Kansas City - Downtown - Skyline (Rooftop)**

- Various views - Folder 3 - 7 slides; Folder 10 - 2 black and white photographs

### **Kansas City - Midtown**

- Various views - Folder 3 - 2 slides

### **Kansas City - Northeast**

- Folder 3 - 1 slide

### **Kansas City - Riverfront Area**

- Various views - Folder 4 - 10 slides; Folder 11 - 2 black and white photographs

### **Kansas City - Westside**

- Various views - Folder 4 - 2 slides

### **Libraries**

- Kansas City Public Library, Main branch, 12th and Oak - Folder 5 - 5 slides; Folder 12 - 1 black and white photograph

### **Parks**

- Loose Park - Folder 5 - 2 slides; Folder 14 - 1 black and white photograph
- 27th and Madison Playground - Folder 5 - 3 slides

### **Shopping Centers**

- Brookside - Folder 6 - 1 slide; Folder 15 - 1 black and white photograph
- Waldo - Folder 6 - 1 slide; Folder 15 - 1 black and white photograph
- Ward Parkway - Folder 15 - 2 slides

### **Street Railways**

- Electric Country Club Trolley Line - Folder 6 - 1 slide; Folder 16 - 1 black and white photograph

### **Streets**

- Southwest Trafficway - Folder 6 - 1 slide
- Southeast Trafficway - Folder 6 - 2 slides
- Walnut - Folder 6 - 1 slide - 1 black and white photograph

### **Union Station**

- Interiors - Folder 6 - 3 slides; Folder 17 - 3 black and white photographs; Folder 19 - 1 color photograph
- Exterior - Folder 6 - 1 slide

### **Utilities and Public Works**

- Water - Folder 6 - 1 slide

### **Wayne Miner Housing Development**

- Exterior - Folder 6 - 1 slide; Folder 16 - 1 black and white photograph

### **West Bottoms**

- Various views - Folder 6 - 3 slides

**Processed by** Special Collections Librarian Sara Nyman, September, 1995.