

Photograph Scrapbook #3

Historic Kansas City

This photograph scrapbook contains various early scenes of Kansas City, Missouri.

Descriptive Summary

Creator: Unknown

Title: Photograph Scrapbook #3 - Historic Kansas City

Dates: circa 1865-1880

Size: 1 box, 1 scrapbook, 72 photographs

Location: P24

Administrative Information

Restrictions on access: Unrestricted access.

Additional physical form available: Photographs have been digitized.

Acquisition information: Unknown.

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Collection Description

Scope and content note

This photograph scrapbook contains early scenes of Kansas City. It consists of 12 pages with 72 images and no negatives. It was originally bound measuring 15" x 20" with each page matted. It was disassembled in processing and trimmed and is housed in one box. All the photos are mounted (glued) on the pages, are black and white, and generally range in size as follows: 3 in. x 3 in., 4 in. x 4 in., 5 in. x 7 in., and 6 in. x 8 in. They cover the dates of circa 1865-1880 and thus represent views of the emerging post-Civil War City of Kansas (Kansas City). Approximately one half of the photos are duplicated in P1, the department's general photograph collection and most of these have negatives in that collection.

The prints in this collection appear to be second generation prints and some show thumb tacks which were used to hold the originals up. Included are scenes of the grading of the bluffs for streets, early commercial and residential buildings, street views, and some early railroad development. Also included are a few Hannibal Bridge construction events and the Gillis House which was located on the Missouri River's edge. A photocopy of each print is included in the collection's box. These photocopies are divided into two groups, those which are already located in P1 and those which were not found there at the time of processing. Written identification appears on most of the photos. A few of these descriptions do not match the description found in P1 for the image.

Collection Inventory

#1 - Hannibal Bridge construction scene, 1867 - In P1 also

#2 - Unidentified dwelling

- #3 - 5th and Bluff looking northeast from West Bottoms near Missouri River, 1869
- in P1 also
- #4 - Main Street looking south - In P1 also
- #5 - 2nd Street looking from Wyandotte Street east, Watkins Bank, 2nd and Main
on right - in P1 also
- #6 - Just east of Main looking northeast, salt barrels on open lot on west, 1868 -
In P1 also
- #7 - Balloon ascension on public square, southwest corner, near 5th, 1868 - In
P1 also
- #8, 9 - Believed to be Delaware Street - In P1 also
- #10 - 9th Street looking east by Junction area - In P1 also
- #11 - Unidentified skyline view - In P1 also
- #12 - Rock bluff view, unidentified
- #13 - Home showing street grading, unidentified
- #14 - Balloon partially up in a field
- #15 - 2nd Street between Delaware and Main Streets, looking east, 1869 - In P1
also
- #16 - Grading northeast, 2nd and Main, 1868 - In P1 also
- #17 - Missouri Street - In P1 also
- #18, 19 - Unidentified street view
- #20 - Main Street looking north from 3rd - In P1 also
- #21 - Main Street south of the Junction looking north, 1867 - In P1 also
- #22 - View of Wyandotte City and Missouri River from Delaware near 2nd Street
- #23 - Main Street looking north from Missouri Avenue - In P1 also
- #24 - Walnut Street, 3rd and 2nd, looking north, 1868 - In P1 also
- #25 - Gilliss House Hotel at river's edge - In P1 also
- #26 - Two brick buildings built by Theo S. Case in 1866-67, north side of 5th
Street - In P1 also
- #27 - 5th and Main Streets - In P1 also
- #28 - KC bluff between Delaware and Broadway, riverboat Gypsy in view - In P1
also

- #29 - Corner of 2nd and Main Street, Watkins Bank in view, 1868 - In P1 also
- #30 - 2nd and Delaware, northeast corner, 1869 - In P1 also
- #31 - Gas works on east 1st Street near Gillis looking west - In P1 also
- #32 - Looking Southwest from 3rd and Wyandotte Streets, 1870 - In P1 also
- #33 - Ravine on Grand Avenue between 2nd and 3rd, looking south, 1879
- #34 - Laying cornerstone of Hannibal Bridge - In P1 also
- #35 - Delaware and 3rd, 1868 - In P1 also
- #36 - 9th Street from Broadway, looking east, 1871
- #37 - Junction area, Main and Delaware - In P1 also
- #38 - Levee, foot of Walnut Street, 1870
- #39 - Looking up Wyandotte Street from the levee, 1869
- #40 - Riverfront west from railroad bridge at foot of Broadway, 1870 - In P1 also
- #41 - Walnut Street just south of 2nd, 1869 - In P1 also
- #42 - Unidentified city skyline view
- #43 - Rock for Hannibal Bridge on bluff east of Broadway, Gilliss House, looking northeast toward Harlem - In P1 also
- #44 - Walnut Street cutting between 8th and 8th, 1871
- #45 - Pond, northwest corner of Penn and Bluff, 1869
- #46 - Looking east from 7th and Walnut, 1871
- #47 - View of Broadway from the west between 7th and 10th Street, 1867 - In P1 also
- #48-52 - Unidentified
- #53 - From north 5th looking south at Wyandotte and Broadway, 1870
- #54 - Unidentified small home sitting above graded street
- #55 - Looking east from 7th and Walnut, 1871
- #56 - Bluff Street to west, 1870 - Also in P1
- #57 - Looking down Missouri River (east) from Bluff Street, near 5th, 1869
- #58 - Wyandotte Street looking north from 3rd, April, 1869

- #59 - Coates Opera House and Hotel, 10th and Broadway, 1871 - Also in P1
 - #60 - Looking southwest from 6th Street, 1869
 - #61 - Wyandotte Street looking north from levee, 1871
 - #62 - West Kansas City from bluff near 5th Street, 1870 - Also in P1
 - #63 - Wyandotte Street near 2nd looking north across Missouri River - Also in P1
 - #64 - Railroad cut west of Broadway looking east, 1871
 - #65 - Unidentified bluff area
 - #66 - Kansas City from Harlem, 1871
 - #67 - View in West Kansas City, looking north from 12th, 1870
 - #68 - View of Hannibal Bridge from hill east of Wyandotte Street near 3rd, 1869
 - #69 - West Kansas City, south of 10th Street
 - #70 - Delaware Street looking north from 3rd, 1869 - Also in P1
 - #71 - Public square, 1870
 - #72 - Railroad collision in cut west of Broadway, 1869
- Processed by** Special Collections Librarian Sara Nyman, August, 1995.