

# Kansas City School District, Department of Visual Instruction Glass Slides

This collection contains selected prints that were made from glass slides prepared and used by the Kansas City School District for instruction purposes.

## Descriptive Summary

**Creator:** Kansas City School District, Department of Visual Instruction

**Title:** Kansas City School District, Department of Visual Instruction glass slides

**Dates:** circa 1920-1940, bulk 1935-40

**Size:** 12 boxes, 267 slides, 121 photographs processed, 17 boxes unprocessed

**Location:** P21

## Administrative Information

**Restrictions on access:** Unrestricted access.

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

**Acquisition information:** Unknown, assumed given to library by the Kansas City School District.

**Citation note:** Kansas City School District, Department of Visual Instruction glass slides (P21), Missouri Valley Special Collections, Kansas City Public Library, Kansas City, Missouri.

## Collection Description

### **Scope and content note**

Instructional slides that were produced and used by the Kansas City, Missouri Public School System, Department of Visual Instruction, were placed with the Kansas City Public Library at some unknown time and eventually became a part of Missouri Valley Special Collections. Most of the collection which had images of the Kansas City area was processed and the rest of the collection with Missouri related topics was left to be processed at a later date.

Within the processed portion of the collection, there are 267 black and white glass slides measuring 4" x 5". In 1993, the library's Friends of the Library organization provided funding to have 8" x 10" photographs and 4" x 5" negatives made for 121 of those slide images that the processor deemed the most important. From those that were dated, it is presumed that the slides in this collection cover the years circa 1935-40. A few images which dated from an earlier time were also included to supplement the then current images. Those of local interest which were not processed include images of various art holdings of the Nelson Art Gallery at the time.

Each slide includes a typed identification and some of these are dated. The Kansas City related slides are grouped and labeled by the following headings: Kansas City Parks and Boulevards, Kansas City Business Buildings, Kansas City Sculpture, the Liberty Memorial, Kansas City Charity, Zoo, Municipal Auditorium, Jackson County Courthouse, and Kansas City Stock Yards.

E. J. Davison is identified as the photographer on some of the slides while for many the photographer is not identified. Jack Denzer Photo did the photo reproduction work, and an effort was made to ensure that the photos were printed on the correct side. A few may have been reversed. The prints are contained in one box and are arranged chronologically by original box number and by slide number within the folder. The glass slides and regular negatives are together in the same small box in the collection. These boxes are arranged by original box number and inside by slide number. The negatives have been arranged in the back of the box by slide number. An inventory for each processed box is available with the collection.

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