Hughes Photograph Collection

This small collection of black and white snapshots was taken around 1915 apparently by an amateur photographer. It shows scenes of Kansas City at that time.

Descriptive Summary

Creator: Hughes Family

Title: Hughes photograph collection

Dates: circa 1915 **Size**: 1 box, 2 folders

Location: P7

Administrative Information

Restrictions on access: Unrestricted access.

Additional physical form available: All the photographs have been

photocopied and digitized.

Acquisition information: Gift, 1978, Mrs. L.J. Hughes.

Custodial history: Originally donated to the Kansas City Chamber of Commerce in 1077. Transferred by them to the Misseyri Valley Room.

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Citation note: Hughes photograph collection (P7), Missouri Valley Special Collections, Kansas City Public Library, Kansas City, Missouri.

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Scope and content note

The Hughes Photograph Collection is a small collection consisting of 30 black and white, primarily snapshot views. The images are mostly of Kansas City, Missouri, with four of the Kansas City, Kansas, area. Some of the photographs have the date of 1915 written on them, so it is presumed the whole collection was taken around that date. They are a variety of sizes with most between 2 1/2" x 3 1/2" and there were no negatives present with the collection. Most of the images are of well known sites in the city as Union Station, the R.A. Long home, Swope Park, the Missouri River and Kansas River, Quindaro ruins, Coca-Cola Building, Penn Valley Park and the Scout Statue, etc.

The donor indicated that the photographs were in her mother's possession but did not name her mother. It could not be decided if her mother was the one who actually took the pictures or not. On photograph #30 she identifies A.W. Miller as her father.

Collection Inventory

Photograph numbers

- 1-2 R. A. Long residence, later Kansas City Museum
- 3-5 Union Station, winter scenes taken in 1915
- 6-9 Swope Park related including entrance to park, Thomas Swope Memorial, and zoo animals
- 10 Residence at 16th and Wyandotte
- 11 Industrial district of Kansas City, Missouri
- 12-13 Overland Auto Company Building
- 14 Pavilion at North Terrace Park
- 15 Coca-Cola Building, 1915
- 16 Sunset scene with buildings in view
- 17 American flag on flag pole, location not given
- 18 Missouri River
- 19 Liberty Bell at 18th Street in route to Frisco
- 20 Postcard of entrance to Evanston Club
- 21 Scout statue in Penn Valley Park, from a distance
- 22 Penn Valley Lake
- 23 Interior of cafe on Troost Avenue with two women at the counter
- 24 Kaw River
- 25 Street scene with houses on N. 5th Street in Kansas City, Kansas, 1915
- 26 Train near Quivira, Kansas
- 27 Quindaro ruins in Kansas City, Kansas, 1915
- 28 Men standing in front of Chadborn & Bailey Machine and Electrical Works building at 709 N. 6th Street in Kansas City, Kansas

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