Missouri Valley Special Collections Postcard Collection

This collection of postcards includes scenes of Kansas City, places in Missouri and Kansas, as well as a few other states and people.

Descriptive Summary

Creator: Artificial collection

Title: Missouri Valley Special Collections postcard collection

Dates: Primarily 20th century

Size: 4 boxes

Location: SC13-1

Administrative Information

Restrictions on access: Unrestricted access.

Acquisition information: Acquired from different sources over a period of time.

Custodial history: Postcards in this collection primarily came out of the department's former picture file and vertical files. It is an open collection and added to primarily with donated postcards.

Citation note: Missouri Valley Special Collections postcard collection (SC13-1), Missouri Valley Special Collections, Kansas City Public Library, Kansas City, Missouri.

Collection Description

Scope and content note:

The collection includes a wide variety of subjects such as buildings, parks, streets, people, and festivals. The cards cover a wide variety of towns in Missouri, Kansas, and other states, but the primary focus is on Saint Louis and Kansas City.

Originally the cards were housed in three-ring binders but, in the effort to conserve shelf space, they were transferred to boxes. The cards are arranged into five distinct categories: Kansas City; Missouri; Kansas; Other States; People. These broad categories correspond to the categories in the department's other major postcard collection, SC58, the Mrs. Sam Ray Postcard Collection. Oversized postcards have been placed in a separate box.

Collection Inventory

Postcard Categories

Kansas City Categories

Airlines - TWA

Airports

American Royal

Apartments

Banks

Bartle Hall

Bridges -

ASB

Brush Creek

Covered

15th Street

Gladstone Blvd.

Hannibal

Intercity Viaduct

Buildings -

Board of Trade

BMA

Carmen's

Commerce

Commerce Towers

Emery, Bird, Thayer

Federal

Federal Reserve

Grand Avenue Temple

Kansas City Power & Light

Livestock Exchange

Long, R. A.

Missouri State Office Building

National Guard Armory

Pepper

Pickwick

Professional

Rialto

Scarritt

Telephone

Ten Main Center

Waldheim

Workhouse

Businesses

Caves

Cemeteries

Churches -

Baptist

Catholic

Christian

Christian Science

Episcopal

Institutional

Lutheran

Methodist

Nazarene

Presbyterian Synagogues/Temples Unity

City Hall City Market Clubs

Colleges & Universities

Convention Hall Country Club Plaza

Courthouse

Crown Center

East Bottoms

18th and Vine

Fire Department

Floods - 1908

Folders

Fort Osage

Fountains -

Boar

Boy & Frog

Country Club District

Diana

15th & Paseo

Meyer Circle

Muse of the Missouri

Neptune

Nichols, J.C.

Volker, William

Hospitals

Hotels -

Aladdin

Alameda Plaza

Baltimore

Bellerive

Brookside

Coates House

Commonwealth

Continental

Crown Center

Densmore

Harris House

Holiday Inn

Kansas City

Lee, Robert E.

Mercer

Midland

Muehlebach

Phillips

Pickwick

President

Saint Regis

Savoy

Sexton

Townhouse

Victoria

Westgate

Junction Kansas City - Views - Riverfront Kansas City - Views - Skyline Kemper Arena Liberty Memorial Libraries -

Main - 9th & Locust Main - 12th & Oak Plaza

Truman

Mills - Watkins Municipal Auditorium

Museums -

Kansas City Museum Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art

Parades

Parks -

Barney Allis Plaza

Budd

Electric

Fairmount

Forest

The Grove

Holmes Square

Hyde Park

Kernoodle

Loose

Mount Washington

North Terrace

Parade

Penn Valley

The Plaza

Roanoke

Spring Valley

Swope

Washington Square

West Terrace

Police Department

Post Office

Priests of Pallas

Racetracks

Radio Towers

Residences -

Anderson, Oliver

Bingham-Waggoner Estate

Gates, Edward

Harris, John

Long, R. A.

Perkins, Carter

Scarritt, Nathan

Swope, Thomas

Tiffany, Flavel B.

Truman, Harry S.

Unidentified

Wallace, William H.

Wornall, John B.

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Residential Districts
Restaurants
Riverboats
Rivers & Creeks
Santa Fe Trail
Schools -
   Benton
   Central
   Manual
   Northeast
   Penn
   Saint Teresa
   Saint Vincent
   Sweeney Automobile & Tractor
   Westport
Shawnee Indian Mission
Stadiums -
   Municipal
   Truman Sports Complex
Statues -
   Pioneer Mother
   Scout
Stockyards
Street Railways
Streets -
   3rd
   8th
    10th
   11th
   Armour
   Baltimore
   Cliff Drive
   Kersey Coates Drive
   Gillham
   Gladstone Blvd.
   Grand
   Independence Ave.
   Karnes Blvd.
   Linwood
   Main
   Mill Creek Drive
   Paseo
   Petticoat Lane
   Roanoke
   Rockhill
   Summit
   Walnut
   Warwick
Theaters -
   Gayety
   Gillis Opera House
   Grand Opera House
   Orpheum
    Starlight
   Willis Wood
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Union Depot

Union Station

West Bottoms

Westport

Winwood Beach

Worlds of Fun

YMCA

Missouri Categories

Arrow Rock

Bennett Springs

Bloomfield

Boonville

Branson

Buffalo

Butler

California

Cape Girardeau

Carrolton

Carthage

Caruthersville

Clyde

Columbia

Doe Run

Edina

El Dorado Springs

Excelsior Springs

Farmington

Fort Benton

Fulton

Glasgow

Greenfield

Ha Ha Tonka

Hannibal

Hermann

Houston

Independence

Jefferson City

Joplin

Kennett

Kirksville

Lake of the Ozarks

Lake Taneycomo

Lamar

Lancaster

Lexington

Liberty

Linn Creek

Macks Creek

Marshfield

Maryville

Meramec Springs

Milan

Missouri

Neosho

New London

New Madrid

Noel

Ozarks

Parkville

Pilot Knob

Roaring River

Rolla

Ste. Genevieve

St. Joseph

St. Louis -

Apartments - See Also Hotels

Bridges

Buildings

Cemeteries

Churches

City Hall

Gateway Arch

Hotels - See Also Apartments

Libraries

Memorial Plaza

Mississippi River

Monuments & Statues

Municipal Auditorium

Parks

Police Department

Post Office

Residential Districts

Schools

Soldiers Memorial

Union Station

Views

Water Tower

World's Fair

Zoological Gardens

Salem

Savannah

Sedalia

Silver Dollar City

Slater

Smithville

Springfield

Starkenberg

Trenton

Troy

Unionville

Van Buren

Warrensburg

Webster Groves

Weston

Windsor

Kansas Categories

Baldwin City

Blue Rapids

Bonner Springs

Camp Funston

Dodge City

Fort Leavenworth

Fort Riley

Fort Scott

Garden City

Goodland

Hays

Herington

Hiawatha

Hutchinson

Independence

Junction City

Kansas City

Lansing

Lawrence

Leavenworth

Lincolnville

Meade

Muscolah

Newton

Olathe

Osawatomie

Ottawa

Prairie Village

Quindaro

Shawnee Mission

Topeka

Wadsworth

Wichita

Other States

Arkansas

Colorado

Iowa

Minnesota

Montana

Nebraska

South Dakota

Utah

People

Asbury, George

Benton, Thomas Hart (artist)

Bingham, George C.

Boone, Daniel

Brown, John

Carson, Christopher, "Kit"

Cody, William F., Col., "Buffalo Bill"

Everitt, Paulina (KC artist)

James, Jesse

Price, Sterling

Southwick, Torey

Troost, Benoist & Vinnie

Truman, Harry S.

Twain, Mark

Unidentified

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