Ice Houses Photograph Collection

This collection contains views of various ice houses located mostly in Kansas City, Missouri and Kansas City, Kansas.

Descriptive Summary

Creator: Unknown
Title: Ice Houses photograph collection
Dates: 1932
Size: 1 box, 50 photographs
Location: P13

Administrative Information

Restrictions on access: Unrestricted access.

Additional physical form available: Photographs have been digitized.

Acquisition information: Gift, Frank R. Ohrazda, date unknown.

Citation note: Ice Houses photograph collection (P13), Missouri Valley Special Collections, Kansas City Public Library, Kansas City, Missouri.

Collection Description

Scope and content note

This photograph special collection was originally in scrapbook form and was titled "Description of City Ice Company of Kansas City Properties". The collection contains 50 black and white photographs with some duplicates and all measuring 8" x 10". There is a typed description page for each image. The scrapbook was dated December, 1932, Book No. 4.

The ice houses in this collection were located in Kansas City, Missouri; Kansas City, Kansas; North Kansas City, Missouri; and Omaha, Nebraska. Descriptive information includes plant number, location, property of, real estate, buildings, date built, type and equipment. Images include exterior building scenes, a few interiors, a few gasoline stations, and a number of delivery vehicles.

It should be noted that as this scrapbook was being processed, the photographs were inadvertently separated from the descriptive, scrapbook pages. An attempt was made to reunite the photographs and pages, but it was impossible to do so for all. Therefore, the scrapbook pages which could not be placed with the proper photograph have been placed in the front of the box.

Collection Inventory

Folder 1 - Scrapbook pages for individual ice houses

- Plant No. 5 - Waldo, located at 75th and Broadway
- Plant No. 24 - Car Icing Station, located at 18th and Muncie, Kansas City, Kansas
- Plant No. 101 - 48th and Tracy
- Plant No. 102 - 31st and Wyandotte, located at 3125 Wyandotte Street
- Plant No. 103 - 71st and Wyandotte, located at 201 West Gregory Boulevard
- Plant No. 106 - College Street, located at 3300 East 15th Street
- Plant No. 107 - Kansas Avenue, located at Kansas and Mill Streets, Kansas City, Kansas
- Plant No. 108 - 7th and Northwestern, Kansas City, Kansas
- Plant No. 109 - Centropolis, located at 15th and Winchester
- Plant No. 110 - 17th and State, Kansas City, Kansas
- Plant No. 120 - 4th and Oak
- Car Icing Equipment
- Kansas City map showing location of City Ice Company plants, storages, stations as well as Western Ice Service company plants and stations. Map legend also contains deliveries, peddlers, commercial and car icing designations.

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- Plant No. 1 - Campbell Street, located at 21st and Campbell
- Plant No. 2 - Hickory Street, located at 8th and Hickory Streets
- Plant No. 3 - Sheffield, located at 7401 Independence Road

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- Plant No. 22 - Leeds, located at 39th and Holden Streets
- Plant No. 53 - Oak Street Plant, located at 48th and Oak

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- Plant No. 54 - Washington Street, located at 20th and Washington.
- Central Ice Service Company Plant, located at 24th and Seward, Omaha, Nebraska

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- Plant No. 21 - Dodson, located at 85th and Olive
- Plant No. 123 - North Kansas City, located at 12th and Iron
- Plant No. 125 - Penn Street, located at 42nd and Penn Street

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- Refrigerated Route Supply Stations

Folder 7 - Photographs 30-33

- Combination Gasoline, Oil and Ice Stations

Folder 8 - Photographs 34-39

- City Ice Delivery Trucks

Folder 9 - Photographs 40-45

- Delivery Equipment

Folder 10 - Photographs 46-50

- Delivery Equipment
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