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
  - 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
  - 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/Temperles
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
Continental
Crown Center
Densmore
Harris House
Kansas City
Lee, Robert E.
Mercer
Midland
Muehlebach
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
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-Waggone 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.

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
Orpheum
Starlight
Willis Wood

Union Depot
Union Station
West Bottoms
Westport
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
Kirkville
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
Kansas City
Lansing
Lawrence
Leavenworth
Lincolnville
Meade
Muscolah
Newton
Olathe
Osawatomie
Ottawa
Prairie Village
Quindaro
Shawnee Mission
Topeka
Wadsworth
Wichita

Other States

Arkansas
Minnesota
Montana
Nebraska

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
Troost, Benoist & Vinnie
Truman, Harry S.
Twain, Mark
Unidentified

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