Knowles Postcard Collection

This collection of postcards includes scenes of Kansas City and places in Missouri, as well as a postcard from Montana of the Fort Peck Dam on the Missouri River.

**Descriptive Summary**

**Creator:** K. Johnson and Catherine M. Knowles  
**Title:** Knowles postcard collection  
**Dates:** pre-1960, primarily 1960-1980  
**Size:** 1 box, 201 postcards  
**Location:** SC13-3

**Administrative Information**

**Restrictions on access:** Unrestricted access.  
**Additional physical form available:** None  

**Custodial history:** Thirteen additional items, originally donated to the Kansas State Historical Society, were later transferred to the Kansas City Public Library on request of Mrs. Knowles and are in the current collection.

**Citation note:** Knowles postcard collection (SC13-3), Missouri Valley Special Collections, Kansas City Public Library, Kansas City, Missouri.

**Collection Description**

**Scope and content note**  
The collection consists of chrome postcards and postcards which include a wide variety of subjects such as buildings, parks, streets, libraries, and fountains. The cards cover a wide variety of towns in Missouri, but Kansas City is the primary focus. Also included is a postcard of the Fort Peck Dam in Glasgow, Montana, on the Missouri River. The collection is organized into three categories: (1) Kansas City; (2) Missouri; and (3) Other States. An inventory of the postcards, prepared by the donor that gives full descriptions, is located in the collection folder.

**Collection Inventory**

**Categories**

**Kansas City**

- American Hereford Association (1)  
- Auditoriums  
  - Municipal (1)  
- Buildings  
  - Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (1)  
  - United States Federal Building (1)  
- City Hall (3)  
- Country Club Plaza (2)
Fountains
- Haff, Delbert J., Circle Fountain (1)
- Meyer Circle Fountain (1)
- Muse of the Missouri (2)
- Nichols, J. C., Memorial Fountain (3)
- Wild Boar Good Luck Fountain (1)

Gardens
- Governors Sunken Garden (1)

Hospitals
- Research Medical Center (1)
- Simpson-Major Sanitarium (1)

Hotels
- Hotel Continental (3)
- Hotel Sherman (1)

Jackson County Court House (First) (1)
Jackson County Court House (Third) (3)
Kansas City – Views – Skyline (3)

Libraries
- Main at 9th and Locust (1)
- Harry S. Truman Presidential Library (1)

Liberty Memorial (3)

Museums
- Kansas City Museum of History and Science (1)
- Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art (3)

Parks
- Auditorium Plaza (1)
- Loose (1)

Post Office (1)

Residences
- Long, R. A. (1)

Schools
- Loretta Academy (1)

Stadiums
- Municipal (1)

Statues
- Scout (1)

Streets
- Kersey Coates Drive (3)

Theaters
- Starlight (1)

Zoos
- Kansas City Zoo (2)

Missouri

- Arcadia (1)
- Arrow Rock (1)
- Aurora (1)
- Bloomfield (2)
- Bowling Green (1)
- Bolivar (1)
- Branson (1)
- Burfordsville (3)
- Cape Girardeau (1)
- Carthage (3)
- Caruthersville (1)
- Cassville (1)
- Charleston (1)
- Columbia (1)
Defiance (2)  
Eminence (4)  
Excelsior Springs (30)  
Forsyth (2)  
Florissant (1)  
Hannibal (11)  
Hermitage (1)  
Hollister (1)  
Independence (14)  
Jefferson City (5)  
Joplin (1)  
Kennett (2)  
Keytesville (1)  
Lesterville (1)  
Lexington (2)  
Liberty (4)  
Marshall (1)  
Mexico (1)  
Missouri (4)  
Nevada (2)  
New Madrid (1)  
Old Appleton (1)  
Ozarks (11)  
Paris (3)  
Poplar Bluff (1)  
Portageville (1)  
Saint Joseph (2)  
St. Louis (6)  
Ste. Genevieve (2)  
Sedalia (3)  
Sibley (1)  
Springfield (4)  
Trenton (1)  
Unionville (1)

Other States

Montana (1)

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