William W. Shelley Papers (SC190)

Introduction

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Descriptive Summary

Title: William W. Shelley Papers
Dates: 1901-1920
Size: .1 linear feet, 2 folders
Collection Number: SC190

Donor Information

Found in collection. These materials were previously housed in the special collections vertical files.

Citation Note

William W. Shelley Papers (SC190), Missouri Valley Special Collections, Kansas City Public Library, Kansas City, Missouri.

Administrative Information


Biographical Sketch

William Williamson Shelley was a lawyer in Kansas City, Missouri for over 50 years. He was the son of William Francis Shelley, treasurer for Jarvis-Conklin Mortgage Trust Co., and nephew of George Madison Shelley, Mayor of Kansas City from 1878-1879. In 1928 William W. Shelley married Barbara Barnett, a Notary Public at his office in the Commerce Trust Building. The Shelley family home, built by William F. Shelley at 3601 Baltimore, is one of the oldest remaining residences in Hyde Park and was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1978.

Scope and Content Note

The collection contains correspondence to and from William W. Shelley, as well as notes for an issue of The Billboard. Topics of the correspondence include updates from an unknown associate of Shelley’s on their travel to the World’s Fair in St.
Louis; information on clubs and committees related to Shelley’s profession; request for a letter of recommendation for Sanford B. Ladd as Judge of the United States Court for the Western District of Missouri; opportunities for speaking on behalf of the Democratic National Committee; and information to be published in *The Billboard* publication. Also contained in the collection are theatre brochures, programs, park entry passes, and club membership cards from Kansas City and St. Louis establishments.

The collection is arranged by type of item and thereunder chronologically by date.

*Collection Inventory*

f. 1  Correspondence, 1901-1920
f. 2  Brochures, entry passes, and membership cards, 1901-1920

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- Floto, William F.
- Flynn, Matt
- Frank, Harry S.
- Freedman, H. Ike
- Glick, Joseph
- Globe Theatre
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- Hartman, Al
- Heim, M. G.
- Inside Inn
- Jacobs, Cyrus
- Johnny J. Jones Shows
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