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K0050

Lyle Kennedy (1922-1983) Papers

1885-1983

3 cubic feet

Research notes and papers, maps, books, newspaper clippings, photographs, and slides related to local historian Kennedy's studies of Kansas City history.

BIOGRAPHY:

Lyle Kennedy was born in 1903. Since his early childhood, when he spent much of his time with an uncle in Westport, Kennedy had been interested in the history of that area. In 1922, after graduating from Harrisonville High School, he moved to Kansas City when he practiced engineering from 1933 until 1943. He then took a job as business manager of the Conservatory of Music. Later, Kennedy served as academic advisor, then dean of men, then dean of students, and in 1959 became associate dean during the merger of the Conservatory with the University of Missouri System.

From the time of his retirement in 1969 until his death in 1983, Lyle Kennedy was the historian for the Westport Historical Society. His extensive research covers the 19th and 20th century history of the Kansas City area.

PROVENANCE:

Lyle Kennedy donated notes and materials related to his studies of Kansas City history. They were received on April 8, 1981 as accession KA0076. Additionally, Mrs. Lyle (Alice) Kennedy donated papers on April 26, 1988 as accession KA0460.

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DESCRIPTION:

The Lyle Kennedy Papers consists of research papers, maps, books, newspaper clippings, notes, photographs, and slides related to Kennedy's studies of Kansas City history. A minute book for the Coates House Management Company was moved to K0197, and nine books were moved to K0027.

INVENTORY:

BOX 001

BIOGRAPHICAL

- Folder 1. Correspondence 1969-1983
- Folder 2. Speeches and letters to the editor of the *Kansas City Star/Times* by Lyle Kennedy, 1976-1981
- Folder 3. Awards, certificates, dinners, and other events, 1933-1980

RESEARCH PAPERS BY LYLE KENNEDY

- Folder 4. Research Paper: *Arthur E. Stilwell*; rough draft and notes
- Folder 5. Research Paper: *Gold Found in Janssen Place*; rough draft with editing
- Folder 6. Research paper: *Gold Found in Janssen Place! Fact or Fiction*; rough draft
- Folder 7. Research Paper: *Westport's Golf Course, The Hyde Park Country Club: Second in the United States*

- Folder 8. Research Paper: *The Mormons in Jackson County*; rough draft, notes, and newspaper clippings
- Folder 9. Research Paper on Hyde Park with pencil editing and corresponding notes and clippings
- Folder 10. Research Paper: *Westport and the Santa Fe Trade*; two drafts with editing
- Folder 11. Research paper: *The Ill-Fated 1889 Annexation*
- Folder 12. Research paper: *Who Is the Mayor of Westport?*; rough draft with pencil editing
- Folder 13. Research paper: *New Deal in Old Westport and Violence in Bigtown City Hall*
- Folder 14. Research paper: *Improvements, Insults and Lawsuits*
- Folder 15. Research Paper: *A Condensed History of Music in Kansas City*, by Lew Larkin and Lyle Kennedy
- Folder 16. Research Paper: *The Klabers, the Allsups and the Streins, Including a touch of William Rockhill Nelson, the House at 420 E. 44th Street, the 5 Fredric W. Klabers 1780-1961*; three drafts
- Folder 17. Research Paper: *The Klabers and Streins Who Built the House at 44th and Locust*; rough drafts with editing
- Folder 18. Research Paper: *The House at 420 East 44th Street... and William R. Nelson, Real Estate Developer of the Area*; pencil editing and notes
- Folder 19. Research paper: *Strange Political Maneuvers: The Final Annexation*

RESEARCH NOTES

General Research Notes

- Folder 20. Notes on Kansas City area history, 1540-1702
- Folder 21. Postcards of Historic Kansas City and photocopied pictures
- Folder 22. The Kansas City Inter-State Fair: Abstracts and sales transactions of tract, and formation by McGee, Werk, Armour, Webster, Coates, Ford, Bullene, Esslinger, Pratt, Bernard, Allen, and Scott, all of Jackson County
- Folder 23. Research notes: Little Sisters of the Poor Home for the Aged
- Folder 24. Census: 1840, 1850, 1860, and census related notes
- Folder 25. Allen School Centennial Celebration 1854-1954
- Folder 26. Research notes: unidentified

Box 002Genealogical Research Notes

- Folder 27. Research notes: Armour Family and Armour Boulevard
- Folder 28. Family trees: Klaber-Allsup family
- Folder 29. Research notes: Klaber family
- Folder 30. Research notes: Klaber family
- Folder 31. Court Case regarding the land of Elizabeth Klaber
- Folder 32. Genealogical Research: Lond and Doub Families: with connection to McGee, Ramey, Phister, Frost, Bruun, Wren

Research Notes Regarding Specific Locations

- Folder 33. Research notes: labeled "City Direc"
- Folder 34. Maps and lists of ownership of various tracts of land in Kansas City, including the Broadway-Gillham Neighborhood area
- Folder 35. List of lot ownership for the Broadway-Gillham, Westport areas circa 1917
- Folder 36. Research notes: Broadway-Gillham area and Gillham Plaza; includes newspaper clippings and maps
- Folder 37. Abstracts and sales transactions of various tracts in Westport and surrounding area: Mendel's Murray Hill, John Harris Addition, John Campbell, etc.
- Folder 38. Abstracts and court sales transactions and corresponding maps regarding an 80 acre tract of land: the east 1/2 of the southeast 1/4 of Section 19, Township 49, Range 33, Westport
- Folder 39. Scenes in Roanoke with pencil notes
- Folder 40. Abstracts of land titles, and maps of the Roanoke-Valentine area: Kansas City Orphan Boys, Tiernan Family, pictures of residences
- Folder 41. Research notes: Janssen Place

Research Notes: Maps

- Folder 42. Maps and lists of ownership of various tracts in Westport and Kansas City
- Folder 43. Miscellaneous maps of Kansas City area
- Folder 44. Walking Tours: Union Cemetery, Westport, Harrisonville, Greater Kansas City Area

RESEARCH PAPERS BY OTHER AUTHORS

- Folder 45. *Gleed Terrace, Hyde Park Neighborhood*, by Jo Musgrave
- Folder 46. *The Skeleton in the Garage*, by John Lear; *Can We Bust the Highway Trust?*, by Denis Hayes
- Folder 47. *The Sublettes of Kentucky*, by Doyce B. Nunis
- Folder 48. Articles about the Harris House in Westport
- Folder 49. *Chouteau-Bridger vs. Ewing-Boone*, by William A. Goff
- Folder 50. *Lenin's Archival Decree of 1918: The Bolshevik Legacy for Soviet Archival Theory and Practice*, by Patricia Kennedy Grimsted
- Folder 51. Articles regarding the Conservatory and Opera in Kansas City
- Folder 52. Research outline: *Rascals, Respectables, and Renegades...*, by Madelyn Voights; with editing and map
- Folder 53. *Saturday Evening Post 1927-1928: I Had a Hunch*, by Arthur Stilwell and James R. Crowell
- Folder 54. *Kansas City: Seville on the Missouri*, Chapter 2 of *The Right Places*, by Stephen Birmingham
- Folder 55. *A short History of South Hyde Park*, by Jim Levitt
- Folder 56. *As I Remember*, by Washington Henry Chick

LOCAL PERIODICALS IN WHICH LYLE KENNEDY PUBLISHED ARTICLES

- Folder 57. *Westport Magazine* (1976)
- Folder 58. *Westport Magazine* (1977)
- Folder 59. *Westport Magazine* (1978)
- Folder 60. *Westport Magazine* (1979)
- Folder 61. *Westport Magazine* (1980-1981)
- Folder 62. *The Hyde Parker Newsletter*, August 1974-March 1977
- Folder 63. *The Bookmark of the Friends of the Library*, March 1981, March 1983.
- Folder 64. *The Historic Kansas City News*, September 1976-January 1981
- Folder 65. *The Westporter Newsletter*, February 1977, May 1977, February 1982
- Folder 66. *Westport Tomorrow: Newsletters*, December 1976- May 1978; Tenth Annual Meeting, May 1988; Annual Report, 1978
- Folder 67. *Voice of Westport: Vol. 1, No. 1: "Kennedy's Tales Unfold Westport Past"*

Folder 68. Miscellaneous historical newsletters and pamphlets, 1974-1980

NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS

- Folder 69. Index file of *Sentinel Examiner* 1893-1898
- Folder 70. Newspaper Clippings: *Sentinel-Examiner, Kansas City Journal* (1885), and notes by Lyle Kennedy
- Folder 71. Newspaper Clippings circa 1885 regarding Fourth of July Celebrations and the Inter-State Fair
- Folder 72. Newspaper Clippings: *Sentinel-Examiner, Kansas City Journal* (1889), and notes by Lyle Kennedy
- Folder 73. Newspaper Clippings: *Sentinel-Examiner, Kansas City Journal* (1890), and notes by Lyle Kennedy
- Folder 74. Newspaper Clippings: *Sentinel-Examiner, Kansas City Journal* (1891), and notes by Lyle Kennedy
- Folder 75. Newspaper Clippings: *Sentinel-Examiner, Kansas City Journal* (1893), and notes by Lyle Kennedy
- Folder 76. Newspaper Clippings: *Sentinel-Examiner, Kansas City Journal* (1894), and notes by Lyle Kennedy
- Folder 77. Newspaper Clippings: *Sentinel-Examiner, Kansas City Journal* (1895), and notes by Lyle Kennedy
- Folder 78. Newspaper Clippings: *Sentinel-Examiner, Kansas City Journal* (1896), and notes by Lyle Kennedy
- Folder 79. Newspaper Clippings: *Sentinel-Examiner, Kansas City Journal* (1897), and notes by Lyle Kennedy
- Folder 80. Newspaper Clippings: *Sentinel-Examiner, Kansas City Journal* (1898), and notes by Lyle Kennedy
- Folder 81. Newspaper Clippings ca 1916-1980

LOCAL HISTORICAL SOCIETIES

- Folder 82. Landmarks Commission: inventories and lists of historic sites in Kansas City, Mo., research criteria
- Folder 83. Citizen's Capital Improvement Program, Westport Planning Commission, Greater Kansas City Alternative Futures Program, and related information about rezoning and restoration
- Folder 84. Hyde Park Neighborhood Association: list of officers 1976, general meeting notice

- Folder 85. Westport Historical Society: includes inventory of abstracts, brochure, "Heritage Home-'76", Certificate of survey, dedication ceremony
- Folder 86. Westport Community Council: Executive Board duties, By Laws, list of officers, minutes, notes
- Folder 87. Broadway Area Association, position paper, May 9, 1972; Broadway-Gillham Neighborhood Association, newsletter, March 7, 1979
- Folder 88. The Lyric Opera: 1982 Board of Directors, Lyrical Notes newsletter September 1982, 1978-1979 budgetary comparisons and projections

NATIONAL HISTORIC PROGRAMS

- Folder 89. National Register program for historic preservation. Procedures for evaluation and nominations of Kansas City landmarks to the National Register.

PHOTOGRAPHS

- Folder 90. Slide shows and presentations that Kennedy put on for various clubs and associations (see the processing folder for the slide listing)
- Folder 91. Photographs: Contact prints of 35mm negatives, architecture of Old Westport
- Folder 92. Photographs: Kenwood-Janssen Residences
- Folder 93. Photographs: Hyde Park Residences
- Folder 94. Photographs: Kansas City Area Residences
- Folder 95. Photographs: People circa 1912-1920's -- Hosey, Henderson, Austin, Lather, and unidentified

RESEARCH NOTES

- Folder 96. Notes of "The Heritage of University of Missouri-Kansas City Performing Arts and Professional Schools."

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- Folder 97-101. Lyric Opera 1958-1979
- Folder 102. Photos late 19th/early 20th
- Folder 103. Production History University Playhouse 1933-1973
- Folder 104. Opera Report 1969
- Folder 105. The Future of Adult Education 1977

- Folder 106. Correspondence 1975-1976
- Folder 107. University of Kansas City (UKC) Education 1959, 1977
- Folder 108. Westport 1976
- Folder 109. Walter Fritschy 1969-1971
- Folder 110. Conservatory of Music 1950-1976
- Folder 111. Conservatory Clarion 1969, 1978
- Folder 112. Dental History 1978
- Folder 113. Federal Exemption 1955
- Folder 114. K.C. Art Institute Alumni Directory 1970
- Folder 115. University of Kansas City (UKC) Dentistry History 1949
- Folder 116. Missouri Repertory Theatre 1975

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