K0289
Kivett and Myers Records
1945-1993
Ten cubic feet, oversize materials

Records and drawings by the premier Kansas City architectural firm of Kivett and Myers. Newspaper clippings, printed materials and photographs generated for promotional and informational purposes. Also clippings, articles, and personal correspondence about Clarence Kivett, his wife Margaret, and their activities in Kansas City’s professional, civic, and Jewish communities.

BIOGRAPHY:

Clarence Kivett (1905-1996) was born Clarence Kivovitch in St. Paul, Minnesota, on October 18, 1905, and his family moved to Kansas City when he was one year old. He received a B.S. in Architecture from the University of Kansas in 1928, changed his name, and began working for the Kansas City firm of Madorie and Bihr. He then went to work for Hoit, Price, and Barnes, but left in 1931 due to the work slowdown caused by the Depression. Kivett maintained his own office for several years, and in 1945, started the firm of Kivett and Myers, Architects and Planners with Ralph E. Myers (1917-2007). Myers was born on November 30, 1917, and received a B.S. in Architecture from the University of Illinois in 1940.

During its glory years from 1945-1975, Kivett & Myers was the leading architectural design firm in Kansas City and won 30 of the 73 design awards given by the local chapter of the American Institute of Architects (AIA). However, facing increasing competition from other architectural firms and losing its monopoly on design in Kansas City, Kivett and Myers merged with Howard Needles Tamen and Bergendoff in 1975. Nonetheless, its legacy continues to be felt with 40 of the 46 AIA chapter awards given to Kivett & Myers alumni from 1975-1993.
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DESCRIPTION:

This collection contains materials which document individual structures that the architectural firm of Kivett and Myers designed from the 1950s through the 1970s. The records chiefly consist of newspaper clippings and printed materials generated by Kivett and Myers for promotional and informational purposes. Interspersed are clippings, articles, and a small amount of personal correspondence about Clarence Kivett, his wife Margaret, and their activities in Kansas City’s professional, civic, and Jewish communities.

See Howard, Needles, Tammen, and Bergendoff (HNTB) Records (K0268) for additional architectural drawings from the Kivett and Myers firm.

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Chamber of Commerce annual dinner, 1972, 1973
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Folder 1:26. Personal/professional, 1959

Folder 1:27. Mission Hills Country Club; Bretton’s Restaurant; Air Force Reserve Training Center; elementary school, 83rd and Lamar; B’nai Jehudah; Hwy. 69 and 71; KC North police/fire station; 1111 Grand parking unit; Quality Hill; personal/professional

Folder 1:28. Downtown development; Parke-Davis and Co.; awards; Hallmark; Cliff House Motor Hotel; Katz Drug Store; zoning; Woolf Brothers; Quality Hill; 6th Street Freeway; Patch’s Restaurant; personal/professional, 1957

Folder 1:29. Federal Youth Guidance Center; downtown development; Bingham Jr. High School; KC Art Institute; Quality Hill; Southwestern Bell Building; personal/professional. 1958-1962

Folder 1:30. B’nai Jehudah; KC Art Institute; personal/professional; Research Hospital Student Nurse Residence; UMKC Pharmacy Building; Hallmark; Federal Reserve Building; downtown development; Cumonow residence, 6536 Seneca Rd.; Loretto Academy; Greyhound Bus Terminal; General Electric office/warehouse; Wentworth Military Academy; MO State Office Building; Oak Park High School. 1965

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Folder 1:34. Southwestern Bell Building; Gerson Co. building; awards; UMKC Pharmacy Building; Milburn Country Club; Katz Drug Store; McPike, Inc. office/warehouse; Brookridge Country Club; personal/professional, 1960

Folder 1:35. Downtown development; Village Inn Pancake House; Menorah Hospital; Hilton Hotel; Empire State Bank; awards; MO State Office Building; personal/professional; UMKC Pharmacy Building; Southwestern Bell Building; Cumnow residence, 6536 Seneca Rd.; College of St. Teresa; McPike, Inc.; Cliff House Hotel; Midland Theater bowling lanes; Notre Dame de Sion; Milgram Store, 1961

Folder 1:36 Preliminary Design Report for UMKC’s Center for the Performing Arts, February 20, 1976

Sachs, David H. Space for Architecture: The Practice of Kivett & Myers, 1993

Folder 1.37 Photographs- buildings, plans, 1976-1980s

Box 002

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Folder 2:2. Alameda Plaza; UMKC Medical School; downtown development, June-August 1969


Folder 2:4. KCI, May-September 1967

Folder 2:5. Sports Complex “Catch Up, Go Ahead” bond issue - leaflet, buttons, election flyer, Midwest Architect (April/May), April-June 1967


Folder 2:7. Sports Complex, 1967

Folder 2:8. UMKC Medical School; KCI; Wentworth Military Academy; Sports Complex; awards; personal/professional; Munich Airport; Alameda Plaza; B’nai Jehudah, 1970


Folder 2:10. Programs, printed materials: K&M brochure
Schedule of 6th Sculpture Conference, 1970
Committee of 101 salute to professional football, 1970
National Conference of Christians and Jews Annual Citation Dinner, 1967
K&M Progress Report, 1970

Folder 2:11. Mid-Continent Airport, 1966
Folder 2:12. Mid-Continent Airport - includes Iran Air postcard and boarding passes, 1966
Folder 2:13. Mid-Continent Airport, 1965
Folder 2:14. 1st National Bank, Lawrence; Jewish Home for the Aged; Spencer Chemistry Building; KCPL Crosstown distribution facilities; MO State Office Building; Federal Office Building; 1968-1969
Folder 2:15. Southwestern Bell Building, October-November 1968
Folder 2:17. Downtown, Inc. and other clippings of personal interest, 1968-1969
Folder 2:18. Programs, reports, clippings - personal, 1969-1970
Folder 2:19. Convention Center, downtown development, general publicity
Folder 2:22. MO State Office Building (ads in Time and Sports Illustrated); KCPL Crosstown distribution station; B’nai Jehudah; Sports Complex; personal/professional; schools, 1967
Folder 2:23. Greyhound Bus Terminal; Mid-Continent Airport; Oak Park High School; Research Hospital Student Nurse Residence; MO State Office Building; personal/professional; schools, 1967
Folder 2:24. General publicity - K&M, Clarence Kivett, Margaret Kivett; Seville Square; Kemper Cultural Center; awards; personal/professional, including many programs, newsletters, ca. 1967-1984
Folder 2:25. KCI; Kemper Cultural Center; River Quay; personal/professional, 1974-1976
Folder 2:26. Mid-Year Report, KC Star, July 1, 1973
Folder 2:27. Sports Complex, 1973

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Folder 3:1. KCI, 1972-1973
Folder 3:2. KCI, 1972
Folder 3:4. KCI, 1971-1972
Folder 3:5. Sports Complex opening - autographed programs, ticket stubs, press release, August 1972
Folder 3:7. KCI dedication - includes programs, pins, medallions, October-November 1972
Folder 3:8. KCI dedication - clippings, 1972
Folder 3:9. Sports Complex - KC Star Chiefs Special Section, September 17, 1972
Folder 3:10. KCI - KC Star Special, July 16, 1972
Folder 3:12. KCI, 1972
Folder 3:14. Alameda Plaza; housing; Hilton Hotel; B’nai Jehudah; Research Hospital housing; Spencer Chemistry Building; Southwestern Bell Building; professional; Federal Office Building; 1972-1973
Folder 3:15. B’nai Jehudah; junior high school, 43rd and Cleveland; downtown development; professional, 1966-1967
Folder 3:16. Wentworth Military Academy; downtown development; Greyhound Bus Terminal; personal/professional; B’nai Jehudah; Hilton Hotel; Research Hospital housing, 1966
Folder 3:17. Downtown, Inc.; Southwestern Bell Building; KCI; Sports Complex; Swanson’s; Southgate Bank; B’nai Jehudah; Spencer Chemistry Building; personal/professional; Loretto Academy, 1016 Baltimore, 1965-1968
Folder 3:18. B’nai Jehudah; Bacchus calendar; KC Art Institute Beaux Arts Ball; KCI; Sports Complex; personal/professional; “Progress 1968: KC Star Special (January 14), 1968
Folder 3:19. KC-AIA awards - program, clippings, 1968
Folder 3:20. Oak Park High School; KC Art Institute; KC80; personal/professional, 1964-1969
Folder 3:21. MO State Office Building; Oak Park High School; Greyhound Bus Terminal; Sports Complex; personal/professional; MU Biological Sciences Building; Swanson’s; B’nai Jehudah; Federal Reserve Building, Jewish Home for the Aged; schools at 43rd and Indiana, 1966
Folder 3:22. Discrimination against Jews; Loretto Academy; 23rd Street Viaduct; B’nai Jehudah; KCI; Downtown, Inc.; St. Joseph Hospital; personal/professional; MO State Office Building; City Managers Annual Report - KC Star special section (August 20); invitation, photo of Warren Hearnes and wife, 1967

Folder 3:23. UMKC Medical School, 1969, 1971

Folder 3:24. KCI, June-August 1969


Folder 3:26. Personal/professional, including Chamber of Commerce, 1971-1972

Folder 3:27. Federal Office Building, Topeka; KCI; Farmland Industries; Jewish Home for the Aged; personal/professional, 1974

Box 004

Folder 4:1. UMKC Performing Arts Center - programs, printed materials, 1978-1979

Folder 4:2. Loose clippings - some may be dupes, 1954-1981

Folder 4:3. KCI - printed materials, clippings, 1972-1970


Folder 4:5. Awards, 1974

Folder 4:6. Personal/professional publicity, 1975


Folder 4:10. Kivett & Myers stationary

Folder 4:11. MO Pavilion at World’s Fair, 1963-1964


Folder 4:14. Programs - People to People Salute to Mexico Dinner and Concert, January 5, 1963


Folder 4:20. Jewish Home for the Aged - dedication program, history, reports, 50th annual meeting, 1950-1963
Folder 4:22. Independent clippings - may be dups, ca. 1960s
Folder 4:23. KU School of Engineering and Architecture - programs, correspondence, Alumni Magazine (March 1963), 1951-1963

Remainder of box contains published and printed materials concerning Kivett, K&M, or individual structures designed by them

Box 005
Folder 5:2. Programs, invitations, 1955-1956
Folder 5:3. Newsletters, reports, 1954-1959
Folder 5:5. Marked “for Ted Seligson and others” - possible PR ideas?
Folder 5:7. Rockhurst Pro Meritis Award - Margaret Kivett - correspondence, congratulations, 1960
Folder 5:8. Rockhurst Pro Meritis Award - Margaret Kivett - invitations, programs, clippings, 1960
Folder 5:10. Indian Tour
Folder 5:11. Primitive Gallery
Folder 5:12. Paintings/Period Rooms
Folder5:13. East Indian/Persian
Folder5:14. Early American/Silver/Paintings by American Artists

*Remainder of box 5 contains printed materials generated chiefly by K&M*

Folder5:16. KCI/Airport design
Folder5:17. Giants Stadium (ca. 1975); MO State School, Higginsville (1956); Federal Office Building, Topeka (ca. 1975)
Folder5:18. Stadiums, Convention Centers and Arenas; Hotels
Folder5:19. Postal Service Facilities, ca. 1971

**Box 006**

*PRINTED MATERIALS*

Kivett and Myers promotional books - hardcover
Kivett and Myers promotional books - white paper cover
“Expanded Medical Education in KS - Growth in programs and physical plant, Kansas City,” vol. 4, 1972
Phase 2 Report - Narrative and Plans - UMKC Medical School, 1971
Folder - Index to Schematic Design Plans - Enid Jackson Kemper Center for the Performing Arts (includes budgets), 1974
The New Munich Airport - black binder and green book
The Modern Builder - features Southwestern Bell Building, September 1973
KCPL Annual Report - features Crosstown distribution station, 1969
Educational Facilities (K&M/HNTB)
Paper prints of individual structures (2 folders)
Brochures - various structures and types of structures
Portfolio - Airports
Portfolio - Environmental Engineering
Portfolio - Architecture
Portfolio - Architecture and design
Arthur Young Tax Forum - seminar packet, 1978
Photographs

Box 007

Photographs

Belton High School
Missouri Bar
Arrow Rock Country Club
Anderson Furniture Co.
American Airlines Ticket Office - Chicago
Allied Mutual Insurance Co.
Kansas City Civic Center
Coregidor, Bataan Memorial Competition
Churches - misc.
Command and General Staff College
Cumonow residence
Doctors’ Motel #2 - North Kansas City
Doctors’ Motel - St. Petersburg, Florida
Douglass Elementary School
Dreyfuss - Dallas - 2nd and 4th floors, 1962
Duff and Repp
Empire State Bank
First National Bank - Kansas City
Great Lakes Pipeline Co.
Hare and Hare
Home for Jewish Aged
Interstate Bakeries
State Office Building
43rd and Indiana
King and Weeks Schools
Jackson County Public Library
Jacobson Memorial Gates
Jahn Supermarket
KCI publicity, 1962-1969
Common Situs Picketing Bill, 1977
Doctors’ Motel - publicity
Scarritt Building
Gas Service Co.

Box 008
Clarence Kivett - itinerary and miscellaneous information re: March 31-May 5, 1973
Clarence Kivett - Associated Builders and Contractors Association

Photographs
Missouri National Guard - Jefferson City
Montrose Hotel
National Bellas Hess
Oakwood Country Club
Old Security Life Insurance Co.
One West Armour
Owens-Corning - fiberglas
Patch’s Restaurant
Peck’s, ca. 1970
Pennsylvania Avenue Church
Percy Kent Bag Co.
Professional Building
Petticoat Lane - proposed elevated mall
Purity Bakery
Quality Hill - 1 negative of model
Queen of the Holy Rosary
Quirk and Tobin Funeral Home
Richards-Gebauer - Officers Club
River Club
Robinson residence
FDR Memorial Competition
Rotary Boys Camp
S7RC
Santa Fe Trail Elementary School
Seqoyah Elementary
Shepard Elementary
Sheraton - Des Moines
Stenzel residence
Ray Starr - Mayo Furniture Co., Tulsa
Standard Milling Co.
Shane, Myron - Hav-a-Car
Shoppers Center
Schutte Lumber Co.
St. Ann’s
Statler-Hilton - Cleveland
Stinson, Mag, Thompson, McEvers and Fizzell
Stern, Slegman, Prins
Starlight Motel
Stratford Engineering Co.
Sugar Creek City Hall
Misc. temples
Job information sheets, 1970s

Box 009

Mounted photos of completed and proposed projects
Midwest Architect - Preservation Issue, December 1972
Metroplan - Regional Plan of Metro Planning Commission, 1971
Small photos (unmounted) of completed and proposed projects
Negatives
Project Photos
State School for Retarded Children, KCMO Proposal

Box 010 (KA1620)

Folder 10.1 Special awards to Kivett & Myers from AIA KC Chapter, 1954-1961

Plaque- AIA KC Chapter, award to Kivett & Myers for excellence in design of the Student Nurse Residence Research Hospital & Medical Center, presented on October 28, 1966

Plaque- AIA KC Chapter design awards program merit award for excellence in design to Kivett and Myers for the Grand Avenue Bank, presented on October 22, 1976

Plaque- AIA KC Chapter medal award to Kivett & Myers & McCallum for outstanding design on the Missouri State School, Higginsville, presented in April 1957

Plaque- AIA KC Chapter medal award to Kivett & Myers for outstanding design of Office and Warehouse for Gerson Jewelry, presented on November 1, 1961

Plaque- picture of The Federal Reserve Bank corner facade with notes, ca. 1960s

Plaque- AIA KC Chapter, Allied Arts & Craftsmanship award (2 copies)

Plaque- AIA KC Chapter medal award to Kivett & Myers & McCallum for outstanding design of the Parke-Davis offices and warehouse, presented on April 21, 1959

OVERSIZE

Architectural drawings - KCI - 7 bound books, 14x20

Poster - invitation to Executive Secretaries, Inc. to K&M Firm Night, June 21, 1972

Flat Box 001

Architectural drawings (mylars) - additions and alterations to Home for Jewish Aged and Geriatric Center, 1965

Schematic Design Reports - Sports Complex, March 18, 1968

Seating plan - Arrowhead Stadium

Program - Gala Brillante - opening of Alameda Plaza, May 26, 1972

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Preliminary designs - Pontiac Stadium, 1972

Drawings - Phase I of Munich Airport, 1971