INTRODUCTION
The scrapbook contains newspaper clippings regarding the history and development of Jackson County and Independence, Missouri.

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH
William James Anderson, Jr., was born in 1884 in Kansas City, Missouri, the son of William James Anderson and Edna Johnson. Anderson's grandfather, Reverend Thomas Johnson, for whom Johnson County, Kansas, was named, founded the Shawnee Indian Mission in 1830.

Beginning early in the 20th century with his work on a booklet for the Missouri Historical Society, Anderson devoted a considerable portion of his time to local historical studies. He was a member of virtually all area historical organizations. As a member of the Native Sons of Kansas City, Anderson urged the group to undertake the restoration of Fort Osage. He also established the Native Sons Archives which sought to preserve documents of early Kansas City history. Anderson was appointed historian for the Native Sons Association in 1938 and held the position for the remainder of his life. He died November 11, 1967 at the age of 84.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE
The scrapbook contains newspaper clippings regarding the history and development of Jackson County and Independence, Missouri, as well as other towns in Jackson County including Fort Osage, Sibley, Lone Jack, Westport, Wayne City, and Lee’s Summit. Topics include the origins of place names, early explorers, pioneers and prominent citizens, as well as historic landmarks, churches, buildings, grave sites, homes, bridges and monuments. Many articles cover events, including the Civil War, post-war activities, the expulsion of Mormons from Missouri, and Harry S. Truman’s early years and presidency. The clippings date from the early 1900s to the early 1950s, although the
events they describe date as far back as the early 1800s. The folder list lists topics as they appear in the scrapbook, and an index appears at the end of this finding aid.

At some point, this scrapbook was divided by topic into two collections: the Jackson County and Independence history portion, constituting the Anderson Jackson County and Independence Scrapbook (K0521), and the Western history portion, constituting the Anderson Western History Scrapbook (K0522).

Due to preservation concerns, researchers are asked to use the photocopies of the scrapbook.

RELATED COLLECTION
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