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K0609
Richard Lawrence Matthis (1953- ) Papers
1997-2013
6 cubic feet, electronic files

Matthis is a composer and musician in Kansas City, MO. includes personal records of correspondence, legal files, financial records, personal research, educational and social activities, poetry and musical compositions. Also electronic files containing; music, poetry, correspondence and miscellaneous personal papers.

BIOGRAPHY:

Richard L. Matthis was born March 27, 1953 in Fort Worth, Texas to Caroline Jean Armentrout and Lawrence Dale Matthis. Richard moved frequently throughout his childhood living with his mother and various stepfathers in California, Oklahoma and Kansas City. In 1964, Richard went to live with his father who was stationed at Scott Air Force Base in Illinois. They attended a Seventh Day Adventist church and Richard felt a call into the ministry. In 1968 his father agreed to send him to Broadview Academy, a parochial school, near Chicago, Illinois. While there, Richard was falsely accused of an infraction of the rules, and expelled.

Richard came once again to live with his mother, now in Kansas City. At his mother’s request, Richard came to her defense against her abusive husband. Unfortunately his mother called the police and had Richard arrested. He became a ward of the court and subsequently lived in six or seven foster homes in the Weston, Missouri area. Richard graduated from North Kansas City High School in 1972.

Matthis was married to Dianna Lee Livingston from 1980-1990, and again in 1992. During that time, Richard received regular mental health services, which continued.

Active in choral music performances since the early 1970’s, Richard applied for and was accepted into the Conservatory of Music and Dance at the University of Missouri-Kansas City in 2005. Combining his interest in writing with that of music, Richard has become a prolific composer of poetry, choral and instrumental music. Further information about Richard’s music may be found at http://www.creative-concept-enterprises.com/.

PROVENANCE:

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DESCRIPTION:

This collection contains the personal records of Richard L. Matthis dating primarily from 1997 to 2008. Arranged by topic and then chronologically, the files include correspondence, legal files, financial records, personal research, educational and social activities, poetry and musical compositions written by Matthis. In addition to the manuscript materials, electronic files containing; music, poetry, correspondence and miscellaneous personal papers are also included.

INVENTORY:

BOX 001

CORRESPONDENCE/LEGAL FILES

Folder 1. Correspondence: Gail Montano to Richard Matthis ca 1997-2000, miscellaneous handwritten note


Folder 3. Correspondence: Gail Montano to Richard Matthis April 2000-January 2001

Folder 4. Correspondence: Gail Montano to Richard Matthis May 10, 2002-June 25, 2002; Richard Matthis to Gail Montano; legal agreement May 23, 2002

Folder 5. Correspondence: Gail Montano to Richard Matthis October 2005

Folder 6. Correspondence: Gail Montano to Parole Officers January-September 2000

Folder 7. Correspondence: Richard Matthis to Gail Montano September 2000-March 2002; others to Gail Montano

Folder 8. Correspondence: Richard Matthis to Gail Montano August 10, 2007 re: new Creative Concepts business in Kansas City; handwritten notes

Folder 9. Correspondence: Richard Matthis to others November 1999-January 2000

Folder 10. Correspondence: Richard Matthis to others March 2000-December 2000

Folder 11. Correspondence: others to Richard Matthis, responses to his correspondence 2000

Folder 12. Correspondence: Richard Matthis to Michelle Bertella, Probation and Parole Officer; Michelle Bertella to Richard Matthis 2002

Folder 13. Correspondence: Matthis to Truman Medical Center re: Gloria Jackson June 2002
Folder 16. Correspondence: others to Richard Matthis 2008
Folder 17. Correspondence: Union Station archives to Richard Matthis 2008
Folder 18. Missouri Department of Corrections Inmate Rulebook: Rules and Regulations of Governing the Granting of Paroles
Folder 19. Legal Papers: Matthis 294439; Farmington Orientation 2000
Folder 20. Legal Papers: Matthis 294439; ALGOA poems, “Winds of Change” April 2000
Folder 22. Legal Correspondence July 12, 2000-July 26, 2000
Folder 23. Legal Correspondence Algoa Correctional Center Matthis 294439 July 26, 2000-August 18, 2000
Folder 24. Legal Correspondence Algoa Correctional Center Matthis 294439
Folder 25. Legal Correspondence Algoa Correctional Center Matthis 294439 September 3, 2000-September 26, 2000
Folder 26. Legal Correspondence Algoa Correctional Center Matthis 294439 November 11, 2000-November 30, 2000
Folder 27. Informal Resolution Request April 2000-December 2000
Folder 29. Disciplinary Action; Classification Hearing; Conduct Violation Reports; Conduct Violation Appeals July-October 2000
Folder 32. Pending Issues-Department of Corrections October 1999-July 26, 2000
Folder 34. Parole April 2000

BOX 002

PERSONAL FILES

Folder 1. Drivers License-Personal 1999-2000
Folder 3.  Research File: Gregory R. Rozell, Algoa Correctional Center re: efforts to regain law license in Missouri July 2000
Folder 5.  Arabic Prayer Routine: 7 Habits of Highly Effective People 2000
Folder 6.  American Cancer Society 2005
Folder 7.  American Studies 2005
Folder 8.  Cable 2003-2004
Folder 10.  Cross Cultural Understanding 2005
Folder 11.  Dell financial 2003-2004
Folder 12.  English 315, Fall 2005, creative writing, poetry
Folder 13.  Family Services 2003-2005
Folder 14.  Fellowship House/Financial Papers 2001
Folder 15.  Golden Rule Purchase 2005
Folder 17.  Hope Group-outline
Folder 18.  Housing Authority-Section 8 July 2008
Folder 19.  Gloria Jackson, bankruptcy files 2002
Folder 20.  Gloria Jackson, Truman file 2002
Folder 21.  Kraft work sheets 2002
Folder 22.  KCPT volunteer 2006
Folder 23.  KCPT/TV 2005
Folder 24.  KC Symphony Volunteer 2005
Folder 25.  KCUR Volunteer 2005
Folder 26.  MOCSA 2008
Folder 27.  MOLEG/Information File 2005-2006
Folder 28.  MOLEG Panel Notes March 24, 2005
Folder 29.  NAMI 2004-2005
Folder 30.  Notes/Pending 2004-2005
Folder 31.  O8-2 2006
Folder 32.  Prison Help folder December 2001
Folder 33.  Psychiatry Associates of Kansas City 2005
Folder 34.  Schizophrenia Research
Folder 35. Swope Parkway Clinic 2003
Folder 36. Theater League 2005-2006
Folder 37. Truman Medical Center 2001
Folder 38. UMKC, Fall 2005

BOX 003

PERSONAL/FINANCIAL FILES

Folder 2. Creative Concept Enterprises-Description of Business 2007
Folder 3. Calendar 2002-2003
Folder 4. Calendar Planner 2005-2006
Folder 5. Calendar Organizer 2006-2007
Folder 7. Calendar 2007
Folder 8. Program: Lyric Opera 2002
Folder 14. Articles from Popular Culture Magazine: Delineating Culture, Commodifying; Walter Benjamin; Theodor W. Adorno
Folder 16. Publications: The Catholic Key February 2008; The Kansas City Star July 1, 2001 (special about Italian Garden’s 76th Anniversary.
Folder 18. Gail Montano-financial 1998
Folder 19. Financial 2000
Folder 20. Financial 2001-2002
Folder 22. Financial 2002-2003
Folder 23. KCPL 920 Broadway 2003-2004
Folder 24. KCUR Pledge 2005
Folder 25. Parking 2003-2004
Folder 27. Savings 2004
Folder 28. SBC 2004
Folder 29. Social Security Administration October 1999-December 2000
Folder 30. SSI 2002-2004
Folder 31. SSDI 2002-2003
Folder 32. PASS Cadre, Social Security Administration 2007

BOX 004

PERSONAL / FINANCIAL FILES
Folder 1. School Loans Consolidation 2002
Folder 2. Student Loan 2003
Folder 3. School Loan 2004
Folder 4. Soho Lofts 920 Broadway 2004
Folder 5. Truman Medical Center 2006-2007
Folder 6. Taxes 2004
Folder 7. Receipts 2004
Folder 8. Receipts 2005
Folder 10. Financial 2005
Folder 11. IRS, Missouri Department of Revenue 2006
Folder 12. Financial 2006
Folder 13. Miscellaneous 2007
Folder 15. Receipts 2008
Folder 16. Receipts 2010

BOX 005

PERSONAL / MUSIC FILES
Folder 2. Journal-Richard Matthis April 2, 2005–April 22, 2005
Folder 3. Music-scores-drafts-*Film I, Film II*, Richard Matthis
Folder 4. Notes, music, financial, miscellaneous 2005
Folder 5. Notes
Folder 7. Music from Catholic Hymn Book
Folder 8. Conservatory 103 Fundamentals/Music Theory 2006
Folder 12. *But Who May Abide*, piano and bass score
Folder 13. Recitals/misc. 2006
Folder 17. Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph music, CD April 2008
Folder 19. Cathedral choir, music
Folder 20. Music, scores, notes
Folder 21. Music
Folder 22. Music, miscellaneous
Folder 23. Music, miscellaneous, some arranged by Richard Matthis
Folder 24. Music, some arranged by Richard Matthis
Folder 25. Music
Folder 26. Books
Folder 27. Scratch
Folder 28. Finale 2008, Serial # HFER-4R53Z697, Discs 1-3
Folder 29. Piano and Voice Manuscript Book
Folder 30. Publications 2006
Folder 31. Posters: Charlotte’s Web
Folder 32. Calendar: Optical Playground
Folder 33. The Pitch, best of 2008 (4 copies)