BIOGRAPHY:

Born September 10, 1918, Kenneth Krakauer was the son of Julian and Bernice Krakauer and the great-grandson of Bernhard Ganz, who, along with Herman Ganz, were the first permanent Jewish settlers in Kansas City. He attended Faxon, Border Star and Southwest High Schools and graduated from the University of Missouri School of Journalism in 1938. Krakauer was elected to Kappa Tau Alpha honorary society for journalism, was captain of the golf team, and president of the his fraternity, Zeta Beta Tau. During World War II he served in the Signal Corps and the U.S. Army Air Corps. He was navigator on a B-24 bomber in the European Theater, flew 27 missions, and was awarded the Air Medal with Five Oak Leaf Clusters.

A lifelong resident of Kansas City, Krakauer loved the city and its history and enjoyed researching and writing about it. As a civic leader he was instrumental in shaping the progress and development of the Kansas City. Krakauer was the owner and President of Adler's, a chain of women's specialty stores, founded in 1894, by his grandfather, Bernhard Adler. He served as President of the Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce 1963-1964; President of Magnetic Imaging, Inc.; and Chairman of the Committee for County Progress, 1966-1968, an organization founded to reform Jackson County politics and government. He also was Chairman of Community Studies, Inc.; President of the Missouri Seniors Golf Association 1993-1994; Secretary of the Kansas City Crime Commission; Vice President of Menorah Medical Center, of which he was also a director for 42 years; and a Vice-President of Oakwood Country Club, a club director, and its historian. He was Chairman and Co-founder of the Kansas City Chapter of the American Jewish Committee; Co-Chairman of the Kansas City chapter of the National Conference of Christians and Jews; and served as
director of the Barstow School, Visiting Nurses Association, Blue Cross and Blue Shield, UMKC University Associates, Jewish Family Services, and the Jewish Community Relations Bureau.

Krakauer was Vice President of the Kansas City Golf Foundation; Director of the Missouri Golf Association; Director and Historian of the Kansas City Golf Association; and on the Board of the Junior Golf Foundation of Greater Kansas City. As an expression of his interest and love of both history and golf, in 1986 he authored and published the book, *When Golf Came to Kansas City*, which won the National Golf Foundation's Eckhoff Award. Additionally he authored articles in Golf Digest and Golf Journal and was editor of TeeTime, the Kansas City Golf Association newsletter.

Kenneth Krakauer died June 16, 2001, after a brief illness.

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DESCRIPTION:

The papers contain Ken Krakauer in-depth research into the history of golf and Kansas City that resulted in his book, *When Golf Came to Kansas City*. Included are photocopies of news articles and other items, and notes and writings by Krakauer.
INVENTORY:

BOX 001

NEW CLUBS SINCE 1988

Folder 1. Adams Point
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Folder 4. Eagle Bend (Lawrence)
Folder 5. Hallbrook
Folder 6. Falcon Ridge
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Folder 9. New Hodge Park
Folder 10. Iron Horse
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Folder 12. Loch Lloyd
Folder 13. National Golf Club (Tom Watson)
Folder 14. Old Kinderhook (Camdenton, MO)
Folder 15. Prairie Highlands (Olathe)
Folder 16. Sand Hills, NE
Folder 17. Shadow Glen
Folder 18. Shiloh Springs
Folder 19. Sycamore Ridge (Colbert)
Folder 20. Tiffany Greens
Folder 21. Never Developed:
New Independence Municipal
Hunt Club – Worlds of Fun
Woodland Hills
Tiffany Park
Highland Hills
Staley Farm Project
Lenexa – North Star and Club Corp. of America
Raymore – Divots Property, Ltd.
Prairie National Estates – Leavenworth County
New Clubs – General
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BOX 003

Kansas City Golf Association - Folders may include clippings, printed and published materials, Tee Time newsletters, correspondence, bylaws, reports, meeting agendas, and other administrative materials, 1900-1992
BOX 004

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BOX 005

Folder 1. Kansas City Golf Foundation – includes correspondence, bylaws, clippings, minutes, financial, 1993-1995
Folder 4. Early Years of Professional Golf in KC – PGA, 1917-present
Folder 6. Midwest Section – PGA, 1987 (white binder)
Folder 7. PGA Senior Tour, 1990
Folder 8. General golf - clippings, 1990
Folder 10. Trans-Mississippi Golf Association, 1908-1989
Folder 11. United States Golf Association
Folder 13. Heart of America Golf Association (copies from microfilm), 1937

BOX 006

Folder 1. Missouri Golf Association
Folder 2. Western Golf Association – Evans Scholars Foundation, 1989
Folder 3. General golf – clippings, 1987
Folder 4. “Current Articles”, 1980s
Folder 5. Clippings – Kansas City players, amateur and USGA, 1988
Folder 6. Clippings – Amateur and open events, 1987

ARTICLES BY KRAKAUER/RESEARCH FOR FUTURE ARTICLES

Folder 7. Sports articles by Kenneth Krakauer for the Southwest Trail, student publication of Southwest High School, 1934-1935
Folder 8. Published articles by Krakauer, articles about Krakauer and When Golf Came to Kansas City
Folder 9. Articles about Chi Chi Rodriguez, 1980s
Folder 10. PR/Marketing information, 1980s
Folder 11. Miscellaneous notes
Folder 12. Francis Ouimet suspension (1916)
Folder 13. Research and articles, including:
   KC Country Club Caddy Strike, 1900
   Caddy Strikes of 1932
   Bias in country club membership
Folder 14. Speech material
Folder 15. Articles:
   German Golf 1936
   George Ade – Chicago, 1897
   Gambling
   PGA 1969
   The Depression and Golf

BOX 007
Folder 2. Tom Watson – clippings and articles, including KCCC resignation.
Folder 3. Mission Hills Country Club history
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Folder 5. Hillcrest Country Club/Wolf Rimann history

CLUBS STILL OPERATING:
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Folder 7. Blue Springs Country Club
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Folder 9. Brookridge
Folder 10. Chapel Ridge
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Folder 16. Excelsior Springs Golf Club  
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Folder 19. Hickory Hills, Springfield  
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Folder 29. Tomahawk Hills
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Folder 31. Twin Pines, Harrisonville
Folder 32. Unity
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Folder 34. Miscellaneous loose historical material
Article: “The Kansas City Tee Party” by Frederic Hron, Ingram’s, June 1990
Folder 37. Missouri Golf – magazine of the MO Golf Association, Summer, Fall, Annual 1991
Folder 38. Magazines:
Golfin’ in the Ozarks, July 1999
Kansas Golf, Winter 1990-91, Summer 1991
Utah Golf, Fall 1990
Golf Mid America, Aug/Sept 1987
PGA Midwest, 1992 annual issue
Folder 39. The Kansas City Golfer, 1988-1993