S0457 Dubinsky, Saul (1908-1987)
Papers, 1959-1978
2 Folders

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Harold Fishman donated the papers of Saul Dubinsky to the Western Historical Manuscript Collection on June 11, 1987.

Saul Dubinsky worked as a real estate developer in St. Louis, becoming president of Dubinsky Realty Company, a firm founded by his father Frank in 1904. The St. Louis City Plan Commission elected him chairman in 1951. As commission chairman, Dubinsky made important contributions to the redevelopment of the Mill Creek Valley area. He also helped establish the Planning Committee of Downtown In St. Louis, a consortium of business interests organized to promote downtown redevelopment (see: collection 342).

Dubinsky also served on the St. Louis Chamber of Commerce, the Better Business Bureau, the St. Louis Building Owner and Managers Association, and the Missouri State Real Estate Association. He became the president of the St. Louis chapter of the Society of Industrial Realtors in 1966. He also served as a board member and president of the Jewish Federation of St. Louis, and as a trustee of the St. Louis Children's Hospital, the American Red Cross and the John Burroughs School.

Saul Dubinsky died in May, 1987.

SCOPE AND CONTENT
The Dubinsky Papers, 1959-1978, document Saul Dubinsky's involvement with the Downtown In St. Louis (later Downtown St. Louis, Inc.) Planning Committee and the City Plan Commission. They do not include material on Mill Creek Valley. The Downtown St. Louis folder (f.1) contains memoranda establishing the Planning Committee, February 1959; reviews of the Daniel Boone, Mark Twain and Ozark Expressways; press releases on the construction of Mansion House North and South in downtown St. Louis (1959); recommendations to the Missouri State Highway Department to expedite the construction of Highway 40 into the downtown area (1959); early endorsements of a downtown sports stadium and plans for the Old Post Office (1963). The Downtown St. Louis material primarily dates from the 1960s. Two memoranda from 1977 to 1978, discussing a re-evaluation of the Gateway Mall project, also appear in the folder.

The City Plan Commission folder (f.2) contains memoranda on the Daniel Boone Expressway (1951) and a study of the zoning ordinances for the Lindell-Kingshighway area (1954-1956) urging amendments to make the area conform with modern city planning principles, allowing for an expansion of residential facilities. This folder also contains copies of the zoning ordinances.

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