INTRODUCTION
The records of the National Cosmetology Association of Missouri, a disbanded branch of the world’s largest organization of salon professionals, contain organizational papers, photographs, scrapbooks, and photograph albums. Many of these records document hair conventions and the branch’s participation during National Beauty Salon Week.

DONOR INFORMATION
The records were donated to the University of Missouri by Erna Stiner on 2006 September 22 (Accession No. 6129). An addition was made on 2007 April 27 by Erna Stiner (Accession No. WUNP6129.01).

ORGANIZATIONAL SKETCH
The National Cosmetology Association (NCA) was founded in 1921 by industry leaders and grew to become the world’s largest trade organization of salon professionals. The association merged with the Professional Beauty Association (PBA) in 2009. The Missouri branch of NCA was established in 1947 and was disbanded September 13, 2006.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE
The records have been arranged into the following four series:

- Scrapbooks
- Photographs
- Organizational Documents
- Oversize Items

The Scrapbooks series contains memorabilia from the Columbia unit’s meetings and participation in hair conventions and National Beauty Salon week, covering the 1940s, 50s, 60s, and 90s. Memorabilia includes photographs, newspaper clippings, flood relief fund letters and donations, and a dedication of National Beauty Salon Week in 1959 by the mayor of Columbia.

The Photographs series is the bulk of the collection and documents hairstyles and hair conventions of the 1960s, 70s, and 90s. Some of the photographs include close-ups of 1970s hairstyles and document the fashion from the decade. Some photographs also show unit members’ participation in National Beauty Salon Week, specifically their involvement in cutting and styling hair at local hospitals. The photographs also contain images from the St. Louis Historical Fashions, Fads, and Fancies prize contest and the 1979 Mississippi Valley Beauty, Fashion, and Trade Show.
The Organizational Documents series contains material concerning the establishment and termination of the Missouri unit of the National Cosmetology Association. Documents include legal records for name changes of the association, a proclamation of National Cosmetology Month by Governor Mel Carnahan in 1995, and the organization’s policies and procedures.

The Oversize Items series includes a photograph album, scrapbooks, and a certificate of the National Hairdressers and Cosmetologists Association. The photograph album includes hairstyles and hair convention photographs from the 1940s-1990s. The three scrapbooks contain memorabilia such as photographs, newspaper clippings and hand-written notes that document the unit’s participation in National Beauty Salon Week in the 1950s and 1960s.

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f. 1-3 Scrapbooks
  f. 1 Hair Conventions, Shows, and Contests, 1990s
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  f. 14 Hair World Runway Show, 1996

f. 15-17 Organizational Documents
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  f. 16 Legal Records
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OVERSIZE

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  v. 2 Scrapbook, National Beauty Salon Week, 1950s
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Item #1 National Hairdressers and Cosmetologists Association Certificate, 1936 (Location: C-8)
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