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Introduction

Papers of a theatre professor at the University of Missouri largely concern his efforts to establish the Rock Bridge Memorial State Park.

Biographical Sketch

Lewis Stoerker was born on April 8, 1921, in Jefferson City, Missouri. He received a BA at Elmhurst College in 1945 and a Master of Fine Arts degree from Yale University in 1947. In 1958, Lew and his wife Dorothy moved to Columbia, Missouri, so he could work in the University of Missouri theater department. Lewis Stoerker was active in the Columbia Optimist Club, elected as 6th Ward City Councilman in 1978, and became state secretary of the Traveler’s Protective Association in 1977. Lewis Stoerker and his wife are largely known for their effort to establish the Rock Bridge Memorial State Park, in honor of their daughter Carol, who died on May 6, 1961. Lew died July 20, 1992, in Columbia.

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