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Introduction
Approximately 8 c.f.

Diaries, letters, business ledgers and records, manuscripts, photographs, and other materials created and collected by Anderson and his family which relate to the history of the Kansas City metropolitan area. Anderson was a local historian and descendent of Reverend Thomas Johnson and John B. Wornall.

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Biographical Sketch

William James Anderson, Jr., was born in 1884 in Kansas City, Missouri, the son of William James Anderson and Edna Johnson. Anderson's grandfather, Reverend Thomas Johnson, for whom Johnson County, Kansas, was named, founded the Shawnee Indian Mission in 1830. One of Reverend Johnson's daughters, Eliza, married John B. Wornall, thus linking Anderson to another pioneer Kansas City family.

Anderson was an accountant for the Kansas City Southern Railroad from 1907 through 1950. He is most remembered for work done off the job as a local historian. Beginning early in the twentieth century with his work on a booklet for the Missouri Historical Society, Anderson devoted a considerable portion of his time to local historical studies. He was a member of virtually all area historical organizations. As a member of the Native Sons of Kansas City, Anderson urged the group to undertake the restoration of Fort Osage. He also established the Native Sons Archives which sought to preserve documents of early Kansas City history. Anderson was appointed historian for the Native
Sons Association in 1938 and held the position for the remainder of his life. Anderson died on November 11, 1967 at the age of 84.

**Location Note**
The collection is stored offsite and will need to be retrieved before viewing.

**Box List**

f. 1 Business ledger, 1856-1885
   This includes financial accounts for Shawnee Mission Town Company, John B. Wornall and Thomas Johnson for the period 1856-1857 as well as livestock records for the period of approximately 1879-1885.

f. 2 Livestock Records, 1879-1880

f. 3 Family Records, 1853-1891
   These records were taken from the family bible of Elizabeth Anderson.

f. 4 Journal, June 7, 1858-December 4, 1859
   Elizabeth Anderson's journal.

f. 5 Album, 1862-1885
   An autograph and memorabilia album which belonged to Elizabeth Anderson. Included in the album is a small flag identified as a confederate flag but is of an unusual design.

f. 6 Recipes, c. 1869-1891

f. 7 Photographs
   Two photographs of Elizabeth Anderson, one from 1870 and the other from approximately 1884.

f. 8 Correspondence, 1913-1960
   Letters written to James Anderson related to personal and historical matters. 6 items.

f. 9 Journal, 1905
   James Anderson's journal includes a pass to the 1904 St. Louis Exposition.

f. 10 Baby Book, 1915
   This relates to Betsy Anderson, James Anderson's daughter.

f. 11 Diary, 1926
   Childhood diary of Betsy Anderson

f. 12 Will of Clara Ward Wilson, 1920

f. 13 Letters, 1932
   Letters of sympathy on the death of Mary Anderson Ward.

f. 14 Independent Association of Montgomery Ward Employees Papers, 1937
   This includes the constitution, by-laws and employee lists for the union.

f. 15-18 Petitions and letters, 1937 (1-222)
   These are petitions for membership in the Independent Association of Montgomery Ward Employees.

f. 19 Miscellaneous Memberships in Independent Association of Montgomery Ward Employees, 1937
f. 20 Photographs
This includes a photograph of Reverend Benjamin Johnson, Thomas Johnson's nephew (?), and one of an unidentified elderly gentleman.

f. 21 Haskell, Wornall and Johnson Families *Americana* July 1927

f. 22 Sketches-early Kansas City scenes

f. 23 Old Fort Osage documents ca 1940

f. 24 Miscellaneous letters to Honorable Matt G. Reynolds re: Cheyenne and Arapaho


f. 26 National Multiclub Company- Omaha, Nebraska 1915

f. 27 Shawnee Mission History 1830-1862

f. 28 Thomas Johnson

f. 29 Gettysburg Address

f. 30 Van Horn and Abel’s Printing House

f. 31 Lewis Jones w/ neg.

f. 32 Papers relating to the Revolutionary War Pension of Clabourn Johnson

f. 33 James Anderson-genealogy information

Volume 1 Kansas City, Missouri History I. 1720-1870.
Volume 2 Kansas City, Missouri History II. 1830-1910.
Volume 4 Jackson County, Missouri History. 1541-1950.
Volume 5 Western History. Prehistoric-1930.
Volume 6 History of Kansas City- Case 1888
Oversize: Land purchase contracts, 1834 & 1847

**BOX 001**

Manuscript materials
Diary of William James Anderson, January 14-16, 1912
Clippings, Liberty Memorial
Photos, Liberty Memorial
Union Pacific “Enroute to California”
Flood, 1951
Research Correspondence (NSA), 1954-1965
George Washington
Article by Anderson”--Famous Westerners at the lower Great Bend of the Missouri”
Print, “Fort Laramie”
Santa Cali-Gon Days, 1940
Sutherland Ads
William Miles Chick
Clippings, Anniversary & Historical pageants (local)
Clippings, Statues, monuments
Clippings, Memorials other than KC
Clippings, KC Currency
Union Cemetery Owners (Alphabetical), 1935
Manual Society of Debate
Calling Cards/Business Cards
Miscellaneous Notes
Postcards
Birthday Cards/Christmas Cards
Correspondence, n.d.
Correspondence, 1870’s-1880’s
Correspondence, 1899
Correspondence, 1907
Correspondence, 1910
Correspondence, 1912-14
Correspondence, 1916-1941
Correspondence, 1950
Correspondence, 1960
Photos
Miscellaneous Booklets/Articles

BOX 002
Manuscript materials, personal records of James and Edna Anderson [?], ca. 1917-ca. 1935
Edna Anderson Estate/Elizabeth Price Johnson Estate/Francis Anderson
Personal File, 1917-1927
Insurance 1919-1930
Taxes, 1919-1932
Auto-Ford, 1922-1928
1st Nash Auto, 1928-1933
Personal, 1927-1931
Expenses, 1927-1936
Harris Upham & Co., 1931-1936
James Anderson’s Expenses, 1936-1937

BOX 003
f. 1 Cape Girardeau Common Pleas 1810
f. 2 Financial/Legal Documents- Rev Robert Sloan 1828-1858
f. 3 Documents 1858-1868: Handwritten property abstract- Lot 6, Block 5
McDaniel’s Addition, 1834 to Oline Caldwell thru- John W. Polk 1861; Property tax receipt, 1867 Mrs. Fannie Coleman; Circuit Court Summons, November 22, 1887.
f.  4  Account Ledger 1858-1869 Shawnee Methodist Mission
f.  5  Shawnee Methodist Mission: photographs of buildings; article about Indian
      Manual Training School-letter written in 1848; printed image of First Methodist
      Mission in Kansas with handwritten notes by William Johnson, 1912
f.  6  Manuscript: Handwritten home economic textbook with laboratory and
      housekeeping rules, nutrition/food guides and recipes- Frances K. Johnson,
      September 14, 1908;
f.  7  Dr. William Campbell Papers from Harris Home Assn. 1909-1910
f.  8  Paper:  William Lee Campbell by Anderson c.1924
f.  9  James and Frances Anderson’s Personal Budget, 1919-1922
f. 10  Diary William James Anderson, January 4-16, 1912
f. 11  Memoranda Books/R.A. Bowles- Santa Fe Trail chapters, D.A.R. collections for
      Cross, clippings 1913-1914
f. 12  Priests of Pallas, Invitation 1895
f. 13  Kansas City Historical Society, constitution, by-laws 1911
f. 14  Organizational Brochures, YWCA, Westport Ave Presbyterian Church-1916,
      Eastside Library Society-1897
f. 15  Old Plainsmen Association. Membership certificate- William M. Johnson 1916
f. 16  Betsy Anderson “A Diary about Betsy Anderson” 1924
f. 17  Betsy Anderson’s: Class Notes
f. 18  Betsy Anderson’s? Water Color Paintings
f. 19  Article? By Anderson “Famous Westerners at the Lower Great Bend of the
      Missouri”
f. 20  Research Correspondence (NSA) 1954-1966
f. 21  “Engagement” Booklet
f. 22  Speech? “Early Missouri & The Old West”
f. 23  Miscellaneous Programs 1910-
f. 24  Travel Related Brochures: Union Pacific Railroad, Metropolitan Guide-New York
      City 1922, American Guide to Berlin 1910, “Noordam” passenger list Rotterdam
      to New York August 20, 1910.
f. 25  Calling Cards/Business Cards
f. 26  Brochures: Emery Bird Thayer- “Everyman’s Library”, “The Store of the
      Christmas Spirit” 1919
      Bullene, Moore, Emery & Co. “Grand Promenade Concerts”
f. 27  G. C. Bingham Studio
f. 28  “Early Days of Kansas City Southern” September 1914
f. 29  “A Scientific Aspect of Religion” by J.P. Gilmer, 1925
f. 30  “Dahlia News”, 1929
f. 31  Miscellaneous Notes- Research, St. Louis, Westport
f. 32  Notes: Joseph Walker by B. Watkins
f. 33  Notes: 1830 & 1840 Jackson Co. Census
f. 34  Notes: Andrew Drips: Cyrus Curtis
f. 35  James Hyatt McGee by Mildred Cox
f. 36  “George Champlin Sibley”-Student Papers
f. 37  “Diary of a KC Merchant” by William H. Wilson- 1874-1880
f. 38  “Thumbnail Sketches by Pioneer Families of Kansas City, MO” by J. Lee Porter
f. 39 ‘Story of Convention Hall’ 1897-1936, compiled and arranged by Chet A. Keyes, City Auditor
f. 40 Tennessee Sesquicentennial- Gov. McCord at Nashville 5/14/1946
f. 41 (James Vest) Speech by John F. Phillip, 1919
f. 42 “A Nations Idol” by Jesse O. Weeks, c.1940
f. 43 Miscellaneous Booklets/Articles: Arts and Decoration, New York, January 1912; Missouri library Association quarterly, September 1955
f. 44 Advertisements-Furniture
f. 45 Roycroft Shops: 1922 catalogue, Roycroft Inn
f. 46 Album: Postal Souvenirs, Washington D.C., Virginia
f. 47 Book-Birthday Book of Wit & Humour
f. 48 Miscellaneous clippings, 1925-1957
f. 49 Ink Sketch of unidentified man, mounted on board
f. 50 Advertisements-1950’s

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Manuscript materials, letters, etc.
Correspondence, 1893
Correspondence, 1904-1905
Correspondence, 1912-1921
Correspondence, 1923
Correspondence, 1925-1926
Correspondence, 1933-1934
Correspondence, 1945
Receipts/Checks, 1916
Postcards
Photos
Calling/Business Cards/ID Cards
Clippings
Independent Word Assn
Advertisements
Miscellaneous Notes
“Life as a Bushwacker” William Johnson
“Personal Reminiscences of Freighting Across the Plains The Pony Express, Gold Mining and Indian by Hank Avis
Maps of Pike’s Expedition
Lewis & Clark Camp Sites
Old Plainsmen Association
School Notes
Certificates
Diaries
Correspondence (Notes: William Johnson)
Clips, William Johnson
“Street Railway Review” Scrapbook-Edna Anderson
Negatives
Publications
Book: “1,000 Quaint Cuts”
“Personal Recollections of Life on the Plains from 1860-1868” by Charles Raber
Personal Reminiscences….by Hank Avis
“A Short History of the Shawnee Methodist Mission” by Rev. Joab Spencer
Writings of William Johnson
“A Very Unpleasant Night”
“Shawnee Mission as it is now Called”
“Capital of Kansas in Johnson County”

BOX 005

ABSTRACTS OF TITLES

17A.S.W. diag. side NW. NE. 1-49-32
76A.E. ½ NW. ¼ ex. 4A. NW. Cor 1-49-32
In Jackson Co. MO
S.W. ¼ of S.W. ¼ of S.E. ¼ of Sec. 2, TP49, R.33.
In Jackson Co. MO.
Lots 6, 7, 8 in Blk. 7 in Holywood Additions
Northwest, ¼ of NW, ¼ of Sec. 18, Township 49, R.32
In Jackson County, MO
Lots 7&8 Blk. 3 of Coleman Place City of Kansas
Lots 12, 13, &15 in Osborn Place an addition to the City
Of Kansas City now Kansas City-Jackson Co. MO
Land now Platt Known as “Center” in Wyandotte in the State of Kansas
12th & Agnes Avenue
Lot 125; Blk 12 in Town of Kansas, Kansas City, MO
Vogel Park 47th & Mercier
5th & Penn
Chelsa Park, 27th; Lots 14-26 both inclusive
S73’ of Lots 29,30,31&32; Blk 158 N part of Wyandotte City
Lots 76-81 in Hurck’s Subdivision of the Guinotte Farm
Lots 26&27 Blk 14-Mulvanes Argentine, Kansas
Lots 5-10 in Chalmette, Jackson County, MO
Penn Park View
“Town of Kansas” South 30ft of Lot 61 in Blk 6 now Kansas City, MO Jackson, Co.
Garden Hill; part of N.W. ¼ Sec. 14, TP.49, R.33 in Jackson Co. MO
Westport Rd. & Independence Road
46-47 East Holly Garden
Penn Park Lots 81 & 82
Greendale 27-31 & Hardey
South ½ of Lot 15 in Blk 3 of Mather Place in Wyandotte Co. Kansas
Lot 146, Blk 146 in Town of Kansas now Kansas City
Catherine Purdon’s Residence-Town of Westport, Jackson Co. MO
Lots 36-41; 233-234, St. Claire Park Subdivision Independence & Kentucky
NW quarter of NW quarter of Section 29, TP49 N. of range 33 W.
To SW quarter of NW quarter of Section 29, TP 49 N. of range 33 W.
County of Jackson Co, MO
“Fort Osage: Mother of the West” Historical Pageant Souvenir Program-June 22, 1953
Fort Osage 1808-1825
The United States Trading House or Factory at Fort Osage 1808-1827
Native Sons of Kansas City Missouri-October 2, 1940
United States Dept of Interior Nat’l Park Service Washington-October 12, 1940
In the County of Jackson County, MO-June 30, 1941
A Kawsmouth Chronology
Instructions for Management of Fort Osage Factory
Appraisal and Description of Fort Osage
Factories and Other Locations & Furniture & Equipment
Plates

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Mrs. John Van Brunt Old Trails material—moved to Hope Casey Van Brunt (1865-1952) Papers (K0252) [NSA].

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f. 37 Stereographs, Anthony stereos: Sing Sing prison, moon, cloud study, coral and shells, war views, Irish views, Passaic Falls NJ, fisherman, NYC public building, Ft. Lafayette NY Harbor, ferry boat in East River, Norwalk Harbor, ca. 1900s (12 cards)
f. 38 Stereographs, French window stereos: buildings and monuments, ca. 1900s (3 cards)
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