INTRODUCTION
The papers of A. Elizabeth Evans Rivard contain photocopied scrapbook pages of newspaper clippings and articles highlighting her architectural career. Also included are letters of recommendation and photographs of homes she designed. Many of these photographs are identified with addresses and resident names.

DONOR INFORMATION
The papers were loaned to the State Historical Society of Missouri by Mrs. A. Elizabeth Evans Rivard on April 25, 1985 (Accession No. KA0282) to be copied and preserved for historical research. The original documents are in Mrs. Rivard’s possession.

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RELATED COLLECTION
See also: Missouri Valley Chapter-Society of Architectural Historians (MVC-SA) Architectural Records Collection, ca. 1906-ca.1970 (K0006) for the following architectural drawings [107.004] by Evans Rivard:
Double Duplex Apartment Building – 5447 Paseo Blvd., Kansas City, Missouri
Two-Story Apartment House – 24th and McCoy, Kansas City, Missouri
(AP107.004)
R. R. Brewster, Jr. Residence – 6531 Valley Road, Kansas City, Missouri

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH
Amanda Elizabeth Evans, daughter of William Reese Evans and Grace Truman (Crouch) Evans, was born in Kansas City, but moved to Lawrence, Kansas at an early age. As a child, she developed an interest in designing houses. After completing a short course in drafting during World War I, and employment with the drafting department of Missouri, Kansas, and Texas Railroad in Parsons, Kansas, Evans was admitted to the Department of Architectural Engineering at the University of Kansas. The first female student admitted in the program, Evans persevered through difficulties associated with working in a traditionally male field. She distinguished herself in the Beaux-Arts Competition, held by Beaux Arts Institute of Design in New York, earning several awards, including the highest honor conferred, First Mentions Placed, while using her initials to mask her gender. She was only the second KU student to win this award.
Evans graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in architecture in 1922 and worked for two architectural establishments in Kansas City before finding a home at the residential development firm, Falkenberg Brothers Company, located at 63rd Street and Brookside Boulevard in Kansas City, Missouri. Run by brothers and MIT graduates, Evans vision of designing comfortable and unique homes aligned with the brothers’ goal of building houses of moderate costs. In the course of her career (1923-1933), she designed approximately 200 homes. These included residences in the Country Club District (Mission Hills, Armour Hills, and Crestwood) and Westwood Hills, many for prominent Kansas Citians. One of her many notable accomplishments includes the design of a group of duplexes on the 5400 block of Paseo. In 1927, she designed and built her own home at 2101 West 49th Street (1805 W. 49th Street Terrace) in the Village of Westwood Hills, where she lived until 1986.

She married Kansas City businessman and engineer, Melvin Rivard, in 1930, and retired from the profession in 1933 to raise a family. In 1980, she received the distinguished alumnae award from the University of Kansas.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE
The collection has been arranged by type of material and reflects the career and accomplishments of Evans Rivard from the 1920s through the 1930s. Items from the scrapbook have been maintained in their original order. Clippings and letters are arranged chronologically and photographs are arranged alphabetically by street address. Thirty black and white photographs show houses designed by Evans Rivard and some are also featured in the photocopied pages of the scrapbook. Most of these homes have been identified by address and resident at the time. Additional pictures and plans of homes identified by address and or resident can also be found in the scrapbook pages. Three letters of recommendation for Evans Rivard for entering architecture school and upon graduation are also included.

PREFERRED CITATION:
Specific item; box number; folder number; Amanda Elizabeth Evans Rivard (1899-1988) Papers, 1918-1983 (K0149); The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Kansas City [after first mention may be abbreviated to SHSMO-KC].

FOLDER LIST

f. 1 Scrapbook, 1919-1930 (pp. 1-40)
f. 2 Clippings, 1970-1983
f. 3 Correspondence, 1919-1922
f. 4 Photographs, n. d.
   Unidentified
   Unidentified
   Brookside area
   Sicking[?] Sister’s home
   Studebaker Riley House
   1431 Brookwood Road (Harold Spencer residence)
14 East Winthrop Road (Richard G. Warner residence)
1014 Greenway Terrace (C. W. Kent residence)
1251 Huntington Road (James W. Plunkett residence)
1258 Huntington Road
6131 Mission Drive (Allshouse residence, interior and exterior)
5632 Mission Road (Abbie C. Abshire residence)
5311 Oak (Dr. Harry Calvin Berger residence)
54-55 & Paseo duplexes
6544 Summit (Dr. John Aull residence)
6233 Valley Road
4927 Virginia (Dr. James Henderson residence)
2101 West 49th Terrace (Evans Rivard residence)
1814 West 50th Street (Sumner Fifield residence)
1257 West 61st Street
1428 West 61st Street Terrace (Seary Ridge residence)

LOCATION NOTE
The papers are stored offsite and will need to be retrieved before viewing.

SUBJECT TERMS

Architects – Kansas City
Architecture, domestic
Evans, A. Elizabeth
Photography, architectural
Suburban homes
Women architects

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