Westport Scrapbook
(K0244)

Collection Number: K0244

Collection Title: Westport Scrapbook

Dates: 1889-1961

Creator: Christopher, Adrian

Abstract: The collection contains photocopies of a scrapbook, which includes newspaper clippings, booklets, research papers, and other items compiled by Adrian Christopher, a local historian, concerning the history of Westport, Missouri.

Collection Size: 0.06 cubic foot
(4 folders)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

Restrictions on Access: Collection is open for research. This collection is available at The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Kansas City. If you would like more information, please contact us at kansascity@shsmo.org. Collections may be viewed at any research center.

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Preferred Citation: [Specific item; box number; folder number] Westport Scrapbook (K0244); The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Kansas City [after first mention may be abbreviated to SHSMO-Kansas City].

Donor Information: The papers were loaned for copying to the University of Missouri by Beverly Watkins on March 31, 1988 (Accession No.KA0455).

Related Material: Additional materials related to the Westport Scrapbook can be found in the following collections

William James Anderson Jr. Westport Scrapbook (K0396)
Westport Historical Society Records (K1235)


Historical Note:

Westport was established in the early 1830’s by a small group of settlers from Kentucky. They carved out a clearing in the forest at the head of the Santa Fe Trail. Originally, they made their living by hunting, trapping, and supplying freighters for travel on the trail. The early paths and trails later turned into streets, and by the 1850’s, several houses, stores, schools, and civic buildings had been constructed. Westport voted to be annexed by Kansas City in 1897.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged chronologically into four folders.

Scope and Content Note:

The collection contains photocopies of a scrapbook compiled in the 1950’s and 1960’s by Adrian Christopher, a local historian, concerning the history of Westport, Missouri. The scrapbook contains newspaper clippings from 1889 to 1960, as well as cash receipts and inventories for supplies bought for Westport High School. The collection also includes photocopies of the Allen School Centennial booklet, published in 1954, and a research paper concerning the Penn School, written by Edith Turner in 1961.

Container List:

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f. 3 Allen School Centennial Booklet, 1954
f. 4 Research Paper on Penn School, 1961

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