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INTRODUCTION

The papers relate to the work that Flynn performed as the director of the Landmarks Commission of Kansas City, Missouri, specifically those pertaining to the Old General Hospital and the Brookside Fire and Police Station. The papers primarily consist of correspondence, newspaper clippings, and reports that relate to these two projects.

DONOR INFORMATION

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RELATED COLLECTIONS

The Kansas City Star, August 6, 1978
The Kansas City Star, May 5, 1958
The Kansas City Times, July 20, 1985
Jane Fifield Flynn, *Kansas City Women of Independent Minds* (Kansas City, Mo.: Fifield Pub. Co., 1992)

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Jane Fifield Flynn was born in Kansas City, Missouri, on December 19, 1924. Flynn attended the University of Kansas City, where she earned an undergraduate and graduate degree in elementary education. In 1975, Flynn was appointed administrator of the Kansas City, Missouri, Landmarks Commission, a position which she held for 12 years. Flynn and the Commission were dedicated to preserving Kansas City's historic buildings, and helped make 18th and Vine and the Mutual Musician Foundation's buildings historic landmarks.

After Flynn left Landmarks Commission, she became president of The Historic Kansas City Foundation's board, and served as chair of the Missouri Advisory Council on Historic Preservation. In these positions she helped to establish the home of John Wornall as a museum, and helped get President Truman's home in Independence, Missouri, designated a national historic site.

Flynn lived in the Crestwood neighborhood of Kansas City with her husband, Bob, and daughter, Jane. She died on January 26, 2006.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The papers have been arranged chronologically by project into the following two series.

Brookside Fire and Police Station
Old General Hospital

The **Brookside Fire and Police Station** series contains materials pertaining to the Landmark Commission's efforts to save the Fire and Police Station in the Brookside neighborhood. This series contains correspondence, newspaper clippings, and reports and proposals. The **Correspondence** folder has letters between the Commission, the city government, and the local community discussing the status of the station. There was great debate within the letters whether or not the building should be torn down for parking or renovated for new use. The **Newspaper Clippings** folder contains news clippings surrounding this issue. The **Reports and Proposals** folder contains building condition reports, area parking studies, and proposals for possible future uses.

The **Old General Hospital** series contains materials pertaining to the effort by Flynn and the Kansas City, Missouri, Landmarks Commission to save the original building of the hospital as opposed to tearing the building down and building a new hospital. This series contains correspondence, membership papers, memorandums and reports, and newspaper clippings. The **Correspondence** folder relates to the Commission's efforts to save the building. The **Membership Papers** folder includes membership lists for the Landmarks Commission and meeting reports. The **Memorandums and Reports** folder includes development plans for the hospital, budget proposals, and meeting reports from the city. The **Newspaper Clippings** folder includes all the news and publicity surrounding this effort of saving the buildings.

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