INTRODUCTION
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DONOR INFORMATION
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HISTORICAL SKETCH
Janssen Place was established in 1897. It encompasses approximately two city blocks near of 36th, Locust, and Holmes Streets in Kansas City, Missouri. With restricted architectural designs and the condition of being privately owned, Janssen Place was intended as a neighborhood for the upper class.

Arthur Edward Stilwell was the entrepreneur developed the neighborhood based on a formal, geometrical street plan rather than utilizing the natural topography of the area, as had been previously done in nearby Hyde Park. Stilwell modeled Janssen Place after the well-received private residential areas of St. Louis, Missouri. He commissioned a local architect, George A. Mathews, to design the layout for Janssen Place, which would include approximately 35 lots.

Initially only three lots were sold, purchased by Burton D. Hurd, William A. Williams, and J. H. Tschundy. Four more lots were sold by the time the Janssen Place Land Company had dissolved in 1906. W. P. Patton, a local capitalist, purchased the remaining lots and turned the private street into a thirty-four foot wide boulevard, which he turned over to Kansas City’s park and boulevard system.

Between 1907 and 1917, 16 high-style dwellings were erected for wealthy individuals involved in the lumber and construction professions. Janssen Place, for a time, became known as Lumberman’s Row.
It became apparent by the turn of the century that the utilization of the natural topography in the development of a residential area, such as Hyde Park, did more to entice prospective residents than the formal, geometrical street plans with their restricted and controlled development, such as Janssen Place. Janssen Place’s strict exclusiveness did little to win over potential residents.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection has been arranged by type: abstracts of title, building specifications, and architectural drawings.

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Drawings of the E. L. Foutch residence and cottage have been digitized and are located on site.

PREFERRED CITATION

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BOX 001
Abstracts of Title and Building Specifications

f. 1-10 Abstracts of title, n.d.
f. 11 Building specifications, n.d.

BOX 002x3
Architectural Drawings

Roll 1 Mr. E. L. Foutch, residence for
Location 2712 Janssen Place
Architect Smith, Rea, and Lovitt
Date n.d.

Roll 2 Mr. E. L. Foutch, cottage for
Location Alexandria, Minnesota
Architect Smith, Rea, and Lovitt
Date 1921

Roll 3 H. F. Gleason Esq., house of
Location Unknown
Architect Selby H. Kurfiss
Date 1927
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