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**Introduction**

Approximately 19 cubic feet

Papers of a prominent Kansas City, Missouri, family who were also the publishers of the Kansas City Social Register. Included in this collection are genealogical materials, correspondence, a reference notecard index, biographical data, printed and published materials, clippings, audio records, film, photographs, and ephemera.

Box 003 contains materials specially related to Charles “Rick” Robinson.
Box 004 contains some materials specifically related to Paul “Pat” Robinson.

**Biographical Statement**

Chief family members in this collection:

- George Wilse Robinson, MD (1871-1958), Founder of the Neurological Hospital
- Olive Bradley Robinson (1880-1961)
- Paul Edward Robinson, Sr. (1906-1975), Proprietor of the Country Store on the Plaza, photographer, and publisher of the Kansas City Social Register.
- Margaret “Peg” Bishop Robinson
- Paul Edward “Pat” Robinson, Jr. (1929- ), Restaurateur
- Charles Frederick Bishop “Rick” Robinson (1933- ), Military and business career, publisher.

**Donor Information**

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Robinson Family Papers/Kansas City Social Register Records, 1880-1998

**Box 001**
Correspondence, legal documents re: family property in Greensburg, Kansas and farm/house on Phelps Road, Independence, Missouri, 1957-1964
Paul E. Robinson, Sr., correspondence, financial records, 1960s
Paul E. Robinson, Sr., letters to editors, 1960s
*Kansas City Social Register*, advertising, information forms, correspondence, subscribers, financial records, 1950-1960s
Photographs, The Country Store, Plaza

**Box 002**
Photograph albums, Robinson family and Rick’s personal

**Box 003**
Miscellaneous correspondence
Correspondence from Bob Andrews in Vietnam, 1970-1971
Correspondence to mother, 1950s
Correspondence, John T. Gelvin, 1959-1960
Correspondence, Robert Murphy, including mining claims, 1958-1961
Yearbook, 10th Infantry Division, Ft. Riley, Kansas, Company F, 85th Infantry, 1954
Promotional booklet, The Oxford Academy of Individual Educations, 1951
*Argosy* magazine, October 1967
*Yachting* magazine, May 1967
Correspondence, Dave Harlander, shipmate on the Verona, author of “Yachting” article, 1967-1968
Clippings, Danny Vogle, 1956-1957
Scrapbook, Germany, 1953-1955

**Box 004**
General biographical and miscellaneous material, including photographs
Correspondence to mother from New Mexico, Military Institute, 1945
Correspondence to mother, 1957-1971
Correspondence from Dominican Order, 1965-1966
Paul E. Robinson, Sr., general biographical and miscellaneous materials, including Photographs
Margaret Bishop Robinson, correspondence, 1920-1960s
Notes on hypnotism/psychology
Robinson/Bishop family genealogy
Family photographs, 1880-1960s

**Box 005**
Robinson, Paul E., medical, 1964
Robinson, Paul E., medical, Grand Marais, 1963
Robinson, Paul E., medical, 1960
Robinson, Paul E., medical, 1967
Robinson, Paul E., medical, accident, 1963
Robinson, Paul E., medical, 1963
Robinson, Paul E., medical, 1962
Robinson, Paul E., medical, 1966
Robinson, Paul E., medical, 1966
Robinson, Paul E., medical, 1968
Robinson, Paul E., medical, 1965
Robinson, Paul E., medical, 1969
Robinson, Paul E., medical
Robinson, Oliver B., Blue Cross
Robinson, Oliver B., Stock Certificates
Robinson, Oliver B., bank, estate
Robinson, Oliver B., Stratford Road
Stratford
Federal Income Taxes, 1967
Robinson, Oliver B., automobile
Robinson, Oliver B., accounts payable
Robinson, Oliver B., accounts receivable
Robinson, Oliver B., accounts paid
Federal Tax Income, 1950, 1952-1953
Robinson, Oliver B., personal property
Robinson, Oliver B., bank, personal, community and mercantile
Robinson, Oliver B., Social Security
Robinson, Oliver B., savings accounts
Robinvest, Bank Statements, mission, 1966
Postal
Safety Federal Savings Account
Mission State Bank
Country Club Bank
Bank
Federal Tax Income, 1961-1966
Mission State Bank
Country Club Bank
Plaza Bank Savings
Robinson, Paul E., BankAmericard
Robinson, Paul E., BankMark
Robinson, Paul E., utilities, 1970
City Tax Earnings, 1965-1968
Federal Income Tax, 1948-1949

Box 006
Miscellaneous notes concerning the compiling of information for the Kansas City Social Register
Mrs. Mable Bishop and the School of the Ozarks
The Kansas City Geologist, April 1961-June 1961
Family Tree tablets, blank
A reproduction of one of the Hildreth Meiere murals in the Westport Room at Union Station
Article, “Thus the Frontier Vanished,” by James D. Horan in The American Tradition
Mrs. Margaret (Peg) Robinson correspondence with the Daughters of the American Colonists
Scrapbook of Robinson family and their pet dog
Folder of loose materials from the Robinson family scrapbook
The Independent, December 9, 1944, July 26, 1946, and September 13, 1947
Town: Pictorial Kansas City, September 26, 1947, October 3, 1947, October 10, 1947, and August 1951
“Bear Camp Mountain,” scrapbook 1919-1923, includes, “My Golden Treasures Memory Book”
Folder of loose items from “Bear Camp Mountain” scrapbook, includes photographs removed from scrapbook
The Floating University Cruise, “Ryndam,” includes correspondence and general information
The Floating University Cruise, “Ryndam,” newspaper clippings
The Floating University Cruise, “Ryndam,” The Binnacle, September 17, 1926-November 30, 1926
VMR
GWR, personnel
EWR
GWR, Jr., personalities
GWR, Jr., prior Shelton
GWR, Jr., to GWR, Sr.
GWR, Jr., re: GWR, Sr.
Oringer

Box 007
Madden, guarantees, Charles Robinson
Margaret Bishop Robinson
Olive B. Robinson, miscellaneous papers
Olive B. Robinson, attorneys
Olive B. Robinson, distribution
University World Cruise, 1920
Sleepy Hallow, Pat’s first house
Anna Berta Price
Genealogy research
Robinson, wills and probate
Robinson, wills and probate
Robinson, wills and probate
Sallie Bishop, genealogical research
Bishop, genealogical research
Bishop, genealogical research
Bishop, genealogical research
Bishop, genealogical research
Kavanaugh, genealogical clippings
Adda Bishop Jennings
Correspondence, Bishop
Correspondence, School of the Ozarks to Mable Bishop
Charles Bishop, military service
Bishop, miscellaneous
Weeding book of Charles to Mable Bishop
Drawing of family tree

Box 008
Correspondence, death of Mable Bishop
Miscellaneous correspondence, Mable Bishop
Correspondence, Ida O’Keefe to Mable Bishop
Weaving, Mable Bishop
Correspondence/genealogy, Shirley Hutchinson
Birthday cards, Margaret Bishop Robinson
Genealogy research, Butcher
Genealogy research, Violette
Genealogy research, Cox
Genealogy research, Hotchkiss
Genealogy research, Woodfrod
Genealogy research, Vincent
Genealogy research, Beckwith
Genealogy research, Davis
Genealogy research, Warren
Genealogy research, LeKeux
Fire on Verona, Joan Apflebaum
Verona, crew
Verona, people we met

Box 009
*The Verona*, July 15, 1966-February 21, 1967
Correspondence, to Margaret B. Robinson, from Verona trip, 1966-1967
Genealogy research, Smith
Genealogy research, Warren
Correspondence, to Rick from Dave Harlander
Genealogy research, Mrs. Joplin
Genealogy research, Mrs. Robinson, West Virginia
Genealogical correspondence, exch. data, A-M
Genealogical correspondence, exch. data, Mc-Z
Genealogy research, Larimer
Genealogy research, Powell
Genealogy research, Powell
Genealogy research, Smith
Genealogy research, Smith
Genealogy research, Smith

**Box 010**
Cuba agreement
Army papers, Charles Frederick Bishop Robinson
Journal of Western trip, Charles Robinson and Bob Murphy, June 7-July 9, 1958
Charles F. B. Robinson scrapbook trip on Verona
Old Passports
Materials concerning the Verona
Charles Frederick Bishop Robinson Scrapbook
Items removed from oversized wooden scrapbook
Robinson family genealogical notes
Genealogical index
Travel receipts
Genealogical notes, Smith
Genealogical notes, Robinson
Robinson papers
Robinson papers
Miscellaneous

**Box 011**
Tax
Savings bonds
Automobile accident
Edward Bradley
Sears
Stern
Insurance
Checks
Phelps Road 5401
Book, copyright
Griffith Oldsmobile
Southtown
4010 Pennsylvania
Plant, sale
*Kansas City Social Register, information forms*
*Kansas City Social Register, information forms*
*Kansas City Social Register, information forms*
*Kansas City Social Register, information forms*
*Kansas City Social Register, information forms*
*Kansas City Social Register, information forms, blank*

**Box 012**
Kansas City Social Register order forms, A-R
Kansas City Social Register order forms, S-Z, and recipes
Recipes
Kansas City Social Register
Reel to reel audio tapes, Rick Robinson
Reel to reel audio tapes, Fire on the Verona
Reel to reel audio tapes, Around Africa Under Sail, Verona, 1966-1967
Reel to reel videotapes, England, Paris, Roma, Capra, and Germany
Reel to reel videotapes, western trip with Bob Murphy
Reel to reel videotapes, Germany, 1953-1955
VHS cassette tapes, Humanities Conference, “Medicine Men of the Amazon,” KU Medical Center, October 21, 1994
VHS cassette tapes, “Indiana Jones and the KU connection: A Journey Through the Amazon,” February 17, 1994
Plaster mask of Charles Frederick Bishop Robinson’s face
Army sewing kit
Miscellaneous patches, ribbons, pins, and buttons
Unmarked rolled negatives
Slides

Box 013
Photographs, miscellaneous
Photographs, Paul E. Robinson, Jr.
Photographs, Paul E. Robinson, Jr., and family
Photographs, Margaret Bishop Robinson
Photographs, Dr. G. Wilse Robinson, Jr., and family
Photographs, Dr. G. Wilse Robinson
Photographs, Smith, Bishop, and miscellaneous
Photographs, Bishop
Photographs, friends of Mable S. Bishop
Negatives

Box 014
Photographs
Negatives
Theater based journals and magazines
Comic magazine, “Meanwhile…”
Miscellaneous journals and magazines, 1952, 1967, 1971, and 1993
Miscellaneous newsletters
My Friends and Things I Should Remember About Them, Charles F. Robinson
Blank stationary and envelopes from various hotels
Newspaper clippings
Newspaper clippings, Dr. G. Wilse Robinson
Awards and diplomas
Correspondence
Information on fallout shelters
Robinson press job tickets
Ranch, taxes, insurance, crop loans
O. B. Robinson
Robininvest forms
O.B. Robinson, taxes

**Box 015**

_Spartacus: The Illustrated Story of the Motion Picture Production_
Yearbook, 10th Infantry Division, Company F, 85th Infantry, Fort Riley, Kansas, 1964
Yearbook, Center, 1963
Yearbook, Center, 1961-1962
Yearbook, Kachina, 1961
Yearbook, Kachina, 1960
A manual of sailing
Yearbook, Southwest High School, 1951
Greeting card guide
Family photograph scrapbook
Several address books
Abstract of title, parts of the SW ¼ of the NE ¼ section 36-49-32
Abstract of title, parts of the SE ¼ of the NE ¼ section 23-48-32
_Knight of the East and West_, the seventeenth grade of ancient accepted Scottish Rite and
the First Conferred in a Chapter of Rose Croix
Knights Templar Manual of Asylum Ceremonies, Royal Arch Mason By-laws, Quincy,
Illinois, Chapter Five
Daily maxim birthday book
Twenty-fifth Weeding Anniversary book of Margaret E. Butcher and Isaac N. Smith

**Box 016**

Address books, n.d.
Certificates, 1962-2001
Various Newsletters, 1967, 2001-2006
Miscellaneous receipts, 1936, 1955, 200
Newspaper clippings, Hugh Hamilton, 1954
Newspaper article, “Museums are Windows,” June 4, 1959
_Argosy_, magazine, October 1967
_O-OOOPS! (Fragments of a Life Well Lived)_ Paul Patrick Robinson, n.d.
_The Monks Daughter_, Paul Patrick Robinson, 2012
_Conflict in the Cloisters_, Paul Patrick Robinson, 2013
Slides, Mezo-America, n.d.
Slides, Cuba, n.d.
Slides, Cuba, miscellaneous, n.d.
Slides, A Man and His Island, n.d.
Slides, A Place in the Sun, n.d.
Slides, A New Social Order, n.d.
Slides, Marxism in the Caribbean, n.d.
Slides, Inside Panama Today, n.d.
Slides, Cuba, part 1 of 2, n.d.
Slides, Cuba, part 2 of 2, n.d.

Box 017
Correspondence to Charles “Rick” Robinson, 1958
Correspondence to Charles “Rick” Robinson, 1959
Correspondence to Charles “Rick” Robinson, 1960-1961
Correspondence to Charles “Rick” Robinson, 1955-2004
Correspondence, 1950-2001
Correspondence, Nan Clearwater/Jones, 1967-1975
Correspondence, Nan Clearwater/Jones, 1967-1990
Correspondence to Margaret Robinson, 1958-1980
Correspondence from R. J. Murphy, 1958-1961
Correspondence, Paul “Pat” Robinson, 1954-2013
Correspondence from PFC R.W. Jones, 1964
Correspondence to Mable S. Bishop, 1936, 1953
Postcards and Greeting Cards, n.d.
Correspondence, Edmund Russell Andrews, 1966-1969
Materials related to Charles Fredrick Bishop Robinson, n.d.
Expedition Journal to Belize, 1995-1996
Photographs, family, n.d.
Photographs, dedication of portrait, n.d.
Photographs, wedding, n.d.
Photographs, Sunset Hill Dance, n.d.
Photographs, Charles Robinson’s birthday, n.d.
Photographs, Military, n.d.
Photographs, family reunion, 1934
James Jennings, 1864-1865
Genealogy
Unidentified guestbook, 1955-1956

Box 018 (Materials in box are loose)
Index to family genealogy chart, CDs 1-3, 9-27
Kodak reel, Dr. G. W. Robinson
Photographic reels, Marxism in the Caribbean, 2 copies
Photographic reels, Cuba: A New Social Order, 1 copy
Photographic reels, Cuba: A Place in the Sun, 2 copies
Photographic reels, Cuba: A Man and His Island, 2 copies
Cassette tapes, Cuba: A New Social Order, 2 copies
Cassette tapes, Cuba: A Place in the Sun, 2 copies
*Kansas City Social Register*, 1962
Book of handwritten poems, Margaret Robinson, n.d.
DVD, Ku Men Center International lecture, Charles Robinson, February 17, 1994
Cassette tape, Medical Aspects of the Assassination of John F. Kennedy lecture by John
Nichols, M.D., June 23, 1975
Robinson Photographic Press, invoices, 1955-1961
*Men of Affairs in Greater Kansas City*, 1912
*Who’s Who in Kansas City*, 1930
Yearbook, Pembroke-County Day School, 1952
Yearbook, Pembroke-County Day School, 1954
*The UFO Experience: A Scientific Inquiry* by J. Allen Hynek, signed, 1972

**Box 019 (Partial box with loose material; Glass in box)**
Audiotape reels, Psychic Research Society, Kansas City, April-October, 1976
33mm reel, trip to Canada, 1943
33mm reel, unidentified, n.d.
Reel, hunting in Africa, 1971
Cassette tape, side one, African hunt, July 1971, side two, John Walden
Scrapbook, hunting in Africa, 1971
Glass framed photograph, Christiney, 1899
Hospital Association, past president pin
Medal, Spanish-American War, 1898, 20th Kansas Infantry

**Oversize items in office**
Photographs
Wooden scrapbook

Note cards used to compile the *Kansas City Social Register*