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**Dates:** 1960s-2019  
**Creator:** Kottwitz, Cleo D., 1935-  
**Collection Size:** 4.4 cubic feet, 1 DVD

**Introduction**  
The papers of a Methodist minister who worked in various locations throughout Missouri include funeral programs; sermons for funeral and weddings performed; presentations on the circuit rider Jacob Lanius; and work with the United Methodist Rural Fellowship and Town and Country Ministries. The collection also includes a small amount of material concerning the nursing career of his wife, Ellen Olmsted Kottwitz, as well as material concerning the Missouri Heifer Project and the International Farm Youth Exchange.

**Donor Information**  
The papers were donated to the State Historical Society of Missouri by Cleo D. Kottwitz on 14 February 2019. Additions were made by Cleo D. Kottwitz on 5 August 2020 and 10 June 2022.

**Box List**

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Funeral Bulletins, 1969-2018  
Retirement  
Funerals performed, 1969-2018  
  Houston  
  Rolla  
  Potosi and Mineral Point  
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  Wesley and Plattin  
  Scotland County  
  Garden City and Daugherty  
Weddings performed, 1966-2010

**Box 2**  
Circuit Rider presentations on Jacob Lanius, 1980s-2018 (5 folders)  
Ellen Olmsted Kottwitz (1939-1999)  
  Appointment book, 1997  
  St. Luke’s  
  Continuing Education  
  Nursing info, 1960s-1990s (2 folders)  
  Retirement
Missouri Heifer Project
   Mel West material
      “My Fifty+ Years with Heifer INTL,” Mel West, September 2016
   Heifer Talk
      Countries, 1970s (6 folders—removed from binders)
   Heifer History
   Missouri Heifer Committee, 1984

Box 3
Missouri Heifer Project
   Convocation
   Mid-MO Heifer Volunteers, 2013-2019
   Heifer Festival
   Heifer Cowboys
   Heifer Arks
   Heifer Ranch
   Ranch Tours, 2005-2010
   Heifer 70, 2014
   Heifer Study Tour, Honduras and Guatemala, 1986
   Rolla HPI Committee
   HPI Arkansas Hog Shipment
   Workshops, 2003-2004
   Regional meeting, HPI, St. Joseph, MO, 1990
   Heifer Headquarters, 2006
United Methodist Rural Fellowship
   Missouri East Conference (2 folders)
   Projects
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   Publications
   General Conference, 2008
Coop Parish
Heartland Network

Box 4 (gray)
Slides, Brazil Trip with International Farm Youth Exchange, 1957 (2 trays)

Box 5
Town and Country Ministries
   Cole Chair (3 folders—removed from binders)
      “A Resource Notebook for Cooperative Parish Development,” George D.
      Almquist, ed., c. 1978
      “An Approach to Parish Development in the Kansas Area of the United Methodist
      Church,” Bishop Ernest T. Dixon, August 1, 1978
T&C Consultations
T&C Chair Advisory Group
International Farm Youth Exchange
   General Info, 1956-2001
   Travel Info
   Brazil memorabilia
   Letters and photos (2 folders)
   News stories
Church newsletters
   “The Link,” Wesley-Plattin Parish, Festus, MO, 1974-1975
   “The Link,” Centralia United Methodist Church, 1976-1980
   “The Link,” Potosi United Methodist Church, 1984-1986
   Houston (MO) United Methodist Church, 1992-1997 (5 folders)

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DVD 1     Heifer Ranch Tour, 16 May 2005