



Miller Nichols Charitable Foundation Commits \$250,000 to the State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Kansas City

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KANSAS CITY, MO, October 17, 2019 – The State Historical Society of Missouri has received a \$250,000 award from the Miller Nichols Charitable Foundation to support the relocation of the Kansas City Research Center to the Miller Nichols Library located on the University of Missouri-Kansas City campus. The grant is an important first step in the campaign to relocate the Kansas City Research Center from its current location in Newcomb Hall.

The proposed new research center, to be located in the Northwest corner of the Miller Nichols Library, will expand from 3,100 square feet to approximately 5,100 square feet. It will allow the majority of Kansas City collections to be stored on-site with an automated system providing five-minute retrieval times. Currently, the center stores many of its collections at the University of Missouri's records center in Columbia, which can take up to two weeks for delivery. Researchers and other patrons of the proposed center will enjoy expansive views of downtown Kansas City as they research events that changed the course of the city's and region's history.

Lucinda Adams, Associate Director of the State Historical Society of Missouri, says the new research center will bring Kansas City home. "This plan will allow the State Historical Society to enhance patrons' experience at the Kansas City Research Center, improve its services to the UMKC campus, and better engage the local community and wider public," said Adams.

Established in 1980, the Kansas City Research Center is one of six State Historical Society research centers located throughout Missouri. The Kansas City Research Center holds the largest local history collection in Kansas City. Its holdings cover a wide range of topics, including more than 17,000 sets of architectural drawings, the J.C. Nichols Company Records, the Miller Nichols Papers, the Jewish Community Archives, and the Native Sons and Daughters of Greater Kansas City Records. All of these collections document the vibrant history, growth, and development of Kansas City and Missouri.

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