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K0039

Lyle Wesley Dorsett (1938-) Papers
1962-1979
98 folders, 1 box

Manuscript copies of historian and educator Lyle Dorsett's books, working drafts as well as final drafts, and articles, both published and unpublished, relating to the Pendergast political machine and other Kansas City topics. Also research note cards and notes.

BIOGRAPHY:

Lyle Wesley Dorsett was born in Kansas City, Missouri on April 17, 1938. He received B.A. and M.A. degrees from the University of Kansas City in 1960 and 1962 respectively. He received a Ph.D. in History from the University of Missouri-Columbia in 1965. While a graduate student, Dorsett was associated with the Kansas City History Project.

After receiving his doctorate, Dorsett joined the faculty at the University of Missouri-Saint Louis. He later taught at the University of Southern California and the University of Colorado before joining the faculty at the University of Denver in 1972 as a professorship in history.

Dorsett's publications include: *The Pendergast Machine*, 1968; *The Queen City: A History of Denver*, 1977; *Franklin D. Roosevelt and the City Bosses*, 1977; and, with A. Theodore Brown, *KC: A History of Kansas City, Missouri*, 1978.

PROVENANCE:

These papers were received as a gift from Professor Lyle W. Dorsett as accession KA0058 on November 6, 1980, KA0063 on January 21, 1981, and KA0208 on May 31, 1983.

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DESCRIPTION:

These papers contain manuscript copies of Dorsett's books which relate to Kansas City. Working drafts as well as final drafts of *The Pendergast Machine*, *Franklin D. Roosevelt and the City Bosses*, and *KC: A History of Kansas City, Missouri* are included in the collection. Additional materials in the papers include various articles, both published and unpublished, which relate to Kansas City history topics and a set of research note cards which were apparently developed while Dorsett was associated with the Kansas City History Project.

For related collections see: Andrew Theodore Brown (1923-1983) Collection (K0011); Patricia Wagner Papers (K0037) and Charles Nelson Glaab (1927-2009) Papers (K0038).

INVENTORY:

BOX 001

- Folders 1-3. "Alderman Jim Pendergast"
Dorsett's M.A. thesis which was presented to the History Department at the University of Kansas City in 1962.
- Folders 4-9. A History of the Pendergast Machine
Typescript, final draft, of the book by Dorsett. Footnotes for

the text are included in folders 8 and 9, a bibliography is presented in folder 9.

- Folder 10. Franklin D. Roosevelt and the City Bosses: Style Sheet
- Folder 11-14. Franklin D. Roosevelt and the City Bosses: First Draft
- Folders 15-19. Franklin D. Roosevelt and the City Bosses: Second Draft
This draft includes comments by Dorsett's editor.
- Folders 20-23. Franklin D. Roosevelt and the City Bosses: Final Draft
- Folder 24. Franklin D. Roosevelt and the City Bosses: Index
Two drafts, one has been corrected by the editor
- Folder 25. Franklin D. Roosevelt and the City Bosses: Maps
- Folders 26-32. KC: A History of Kansas City, Missouri: Early Draft
An early draft, revised from an even earlier draft, of the book co-authored by Dorsett and A. Theodore Brown.
- Folder 33. KC: A History of Kansas City, Missouri: Draft Material
Draft material which, during the process of writing, was pulled from the earlier draft. In order to achieve an earlier draft than that presented in folders 26-32, this material needs to be read in conjunction with the material presented in folders 30 and 31.
- Folder 34. KC: A History of Kansas City, Missouri: Revision
A pencil draft of material which was further revised and added to chapter five, folder 30, to create the draft presented in folder 30.
- Folder 35. KC: A History of Kansas City, Missouri: Final Chapter Draft
This is apparently the first version of the final chapter of the book. It was revised substantially to create the material presented in folder 32.
- Folders 36-46. KC: A History of Kansas City, Missouri: Later Draft
This is a further revision of the manuscript contained in folders 26-32.

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- Folder 47. KC: A History of Kansas City, Missouri: Index
- Folder 48. KC: A History of Kansas City, Missouri: Photographs
Notes regarding the selection of photographs to be used in the book.
- Folder 49. KC: A History of Kansas City, Missouri: Notes
Miscellaneous notes by the authors concerning things to check in the manuscript as they worked toward a final draft.

- Folder 50. KC: A History of Kansas City, Missouri: Note Cards
Research note cards taken from various periodical literature sources for use in preparing the book. Many of these notes relate to racial attitudes and problems in Kansas City in the late 1960's.
- Folder 51. "Builders' Association: 75 Years of Progress"
Booklet presenting the historical background of the Builders' Association of Kansas City prepared on the 75th anniversary of the organization.
- Folder 52. "Report"
Annual report of the Kansas City (MO) Board of Park Commissioners for 1951-1952.
- Folder 53. "The Story of Urban Renewal"
Third annual report of the Land Clearance for Redevelopment Authority of Kansas City, Missouri, 1956.
- Folder 54. "Annexation for Kansas City, Missouri"
Report prepared by the City Plan Commission, January, 1954.
- Folder 55. "North Kansas City, Missouri: Golden Anniversary, 1912-1962."
Official program for the Golden Anniversary festivities in North Kansas City, Missouri.
- Folder 56. Pemberton, William E. "The Background of Truman's Executive Reorganization Program."
Unpublished paper
- Folder 57. Pemberton, William E. "Harry S. Truman as County Judge of Jackson County, Missouri: 1922-1934."
Unpublished paper
- Folder 58. Rose, Mark H. and John G. Clark. "Light, Heat, and Power: Energy Choices in Kansas City, Wichita, and Denver, 1900-1935."
Journal of Urban History, May 1979
- Folder 59. Clark, John G. and Mark H. Rose. "Building Kansas City: Energy Choices and New Environments, 1890-1940."
Paper presented at October, 1977 meeting of the Social Science History Association.
- Folder 60. Litvin, Joel. "The Urban League of Kansas City: 25 Years of Progress."
Unpublished paper
- Folder 61. Muraskin, Jack. "Municipal Reform in Two Missouri Cities."
Bulletin, Missouri Historical Society, April, 1969.

- Folder 62. Newspaper clippings
- Folder 63. **Removed?**
- Folder 64. KC: A History of Kansas City, Missouri: Map
- Folder 65. Removed
- Folder 66. Letter
William M. Reddig to Lyle W. Dorsett, February 4, 1962.
- Folder 67. "The Boss and the Reformer: Cross Currents in Progressive Kansas City"
- Folder 68. "The Anatomy of a Political Machine: A Study of Tom Pendergast's Organization," by Lyle W. Dorsett
- Folder 69. "Alderman Jim Pendergast," by Lyle W. Dorsett
- Folder 70. "The Rise of Tom Pendergast," by Lyle W. Dorsett, November, 1963
- Folder 71. Bibliography
In draft form
- Folder 72. Manuscript alterations
Handwritten notes on possible alterations to a manuscript
- Folder 73. Articles
An assortment of published articles on Tom Pendergast
- Folder 74. "Statement of Facts to the Court in the Case of U.S. vs. T.J. Pendergast, No. 14567" by Maurice M. Milligan, U.S. Attorney, May 22, 1939.
- Folder 75. Memorandum as to Impoundings in American Constitution vs. O'Malley and Federal Court Cases.
- Folder 77. Newspaper research notes
- Folder 78. Newspaper accounts of Jim Pendergast's death
- Folder 79. Maps of Kansas City voting districts for charter elections
- Folder 80. Kansas City Charter of 1870.
- Folder 81. Kansas City Charter of 1875.
- Folder 82. Kansas City Charter of 1889.
- Folder 83. Abstract of Lots H and I in Block 23 in McGee's Addition to the City of Kansas, Missouri. [S.E. corner of 16th Street and Walnut.]
- Folder 84. Research Notes - Truman Papers
- Folder 85. Research Notes - FDR Library

- Folder 86. Research Notes - Elmer L. Frey & William J. Slocum and Robert P. Friedman publications
- Folder 87. Research Notes - Dwight H. Brown Letters
- Folder 88. Research Notes - Hirth Papers
- Folder 89. Research Notes - Kimbrough Stone Papers
- Folder 90. Research Notes - R.P.C. Wilson papers
- Folder 91. Research Notes - "From Frank Mitchell"
- Folder 92. Research Notes - Ewing Mitchell Papers
- Folder 93. Research Notes - Guy Park Papers
- Folder 94. Research Notes - Lloyd Stark Papers
- Folder 95. Research Notes - Missouri Democrat
- Folder 96. Miscellaneous Notes
- Folder 97. Photographs
- Folder 98. "Matthew S. Murray," by Timothy J. Evans

BOX 003

- Folder 99. "Slaveholding in Jackson County, Missouri" by Lyle Wesley Dorsett