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**K0058 (KA0072)**  
**WILLIAM JAMES ANDERSON, JR. (1884-1967) PAPERS**  
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**Introduction**

**Approximately 8 c.f.**

Diaries, letters, business ledgers and records, manuscripts, photographs, and other materials created and collected by Anderson and his family which relate to the history of the Kansas City metropolitan area. Anderson was a local historian and descendent of Reverend Thomas Johnson and John B. Wornall.

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**Biographical Sketch**

William James Anderson, Jr., was born in 1884 in Kansas City, Missouri, the son of William James Anderson and Edna Johnson. Anderson's grandfather, Reverend Thomas Johnson, for whom Johnson County, Kansas, was named, founded the Shawnee Indian Mission in 1830. One of Reverend Johnson's daughters, Eliza, married John B. Wornall, thus linking Anderson to another pioneer Kansas City family.

Anderson was an accountant for the Kansas City Southern Railroad from 1907 through 1950. He is most remembered for work done off the job as a local historian. Beginning early in the twentieth century with his work on a booklet for the Missouri Historical Society, Anderson devoted a considerable portion of his time to local historical studies. He was a member of virtually all area historical organizations. As a member of the Native Sons of Kansas City, Anderson urged the group to undertake the restoration of Fort Osage. He also established the Native Sons Archives which sought to preserve documents of early Kansas City history. Anderson was appointed historian for the Native

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Sons Association in 1938 and held the position for the remainder of his life. Anderson died on November 11, 1967 at the age of 84.

**Location Note**

The collection is stored offsite and will need to be retrieved before viewing.

**Box List**

- f. 1 Business ledger, 1856-1885  
This includes financial accounts for Shawnee Mission Town Company, John B. Wornall and Thomas Johnson for the period 1856-1857 as well as livestock records for the period of approximately 1879-1885.
- f. 2 Livestock Records, 1879-1880
- f. 3 Family Records, 1853-1891  
These records were taken from the family bible of Elizabeth Anderson.
- f. 4 Journal, June 7, 1858-December 4, 1859  
Elizabeth Anderson's journal.
- f. 5 Album, 1862-1885  
An autograph and memorabilia album which belonged to Elizabeth Anderson. Included in the album is a small flag identified as a confederate flag but is of an unusual design.
- f. 6 Recipes, c. 1869-1891
- f. 7 Photographs  
Two photographs of Elizabeth Anderson, one from 1870 and the other from approximately 1884.
- f. 8 Correspondence, 1913-1960  
Letters written to James Anderson related to personal and historical matters. 6 items.
- f. 9 Journal, 1905  
James Anderson's journal includes a pass to the 1904 St. Louis Exposition.
- f. 10 Baby Book, 1915  
This relates to Betsy Anderson, James Anderson's daughter.
- f. 11 Diary, 1926  
Childhood diary of Betsy Anderson
- f. 12 Will of Clara Ward Wilson, 1920
- f. 13 Letters, 1932  
Letters of sympathy on the death of Mary Anderson Ward.
- f. 14 Independent Association of Montgomery Ward Employees Papers, 1937  
This includes the constitution, by-laws and employee lists for the union.
- f. 15-18 Petitions and letters, 1937 (1-222)  
These are petitions for membership in the Independent Association of Montgomery Ward Employees.
- f. 19 Miscellaneous Memberships in Independent Association of Montgomery Ward Employees, 1937

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- f. 20 Photographs  
This includes a photograph of Reverend Benjamin Johnson, Thomas Johnson's nephew (?), and one of an unidentified elderly gentleman.
- f. 21 Haskell, Wornall and Johnson Families *Americana* July 1927
- f. 22 Sketches-early Kansas City scenes
- f. 23 Old Fort Osage documents ca 1940
- f. 24 Miscellaneous letters to Honorable Matt G. Reynolds re: Cheyenne and Arapaho
- f. 25 Miscellaneous booklets: Fort Osage 1808-1827, Historical Pageant 1953; "In Memoriam-John Van Brunt"-March 1924; The Dedication of John Gano Memorial Chapel, William Jewell College 1926; "A la Creole", The Kansas City Musical Club 1910; Williamson Warm Air furnaces; "The Pioneer" bulletin of Kansas City Museum 1951; Century Cameras 1909; Commerce Trust Co. 1914; "Year Book" Shawnee Indian Mission 1933-1934 (handcolored); Native Sons Rosters 1963, 1966; Broadmoor Theatre program
- f. 26 National Multiclub Company- Omaha, Nebraska 1915
- f. 27 Shawnee Mission History 1830-1862
- f. 28 Thomas Johnson
- f. 29 Gettysburg Address
- f. 30 Van Horn and Abel's Printing House
- f. 31 Lewis Jones w/ neg.
- f. 32 Papers relating to the Revolutionary War Pension of Clabourn Johnson
- f. 33 James Anderson-genealogy information
- Volume 1 Kansas City, Missouri History I. 1720-1870.
- Volume 2 Kansas City, Missouri History II. 1830-1910.
- Volume 3 Westport, Missouri History. 1827-1955.
- Volume 4 Jackson County, Missouri History. 1541-1950.
- Volume 5 Western History. Prehistoric-1930.
- Volume 6 History of Kansas City- Case 1888
- Oversize: Land purchase contracts, 1834 & 1847

**BOX 001**

Manuscript materials

Diary of William James Anderson, January 14-16, 1912

Clippings, Liberty Memorial

Photos, Liberty Memorial

Union Pacific "Enroute to California"

Flood, 1951

Research Correspondence (NSA), 1954-1965

George Washington

Article by Anderson"--Famous Westerners at the lower Great Bend of the Missouri"

Print, "Fort Laramie"

Santa Cali-Gon Days, 1940

Sutherland Ads

William Miles Chick

Clippings, Anniversary & Historical pageants (local)

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Clippings, Statues, monuments  
Clippings, Memorials other than KC  
Clippings, KC Currency  
Union Cemetery Owners (Alphabetical), 1935  
Ft. Osage Visitors (Dedication Ceremony), September 11, 1948 (sign-in book September 19, 1948-November 1948)  
Ft. Osage Visitors (sign-in book) 1949-1952  
Manual Society of Debate  
Calling Cards/Business Cards  
Miscellaneous Notes  
Postcards  
Birthday Cards/Christmas Cards  
Correspondence, n.d.  
Correspondence, 1870's-1880's  
Correspondence, 1899  
Correspondence, 1907  
Correspondence, 1910  
Correspondence, 1912-14  
Correspondence, 1916-1941  
Correspondence, 1950  
Correspondence, 1960  
Photos  
Miscellaneous Booklets/Articles

**BOX 002**

Manuscript materials, personal records of James and Edna Anderson [?], ca. 1917-ca. 1935  
Edna Anderson Estate/Elizabeth Price Johnson Estate/Francis Anderson  
Personal File, 1917-1927  
Insurance 1919-1930  
Taxes, 1919-1932  
Auto-Ford, 1922-1928  
1st Nash Auto, 1928-1933  
Personal, 1927-1931  
Expenses, 1927-1936  
Harris Upham & Co., 1931-1936  
James Anderson's Expenses, 1936-1937

**BOX 003**

- f. 1 Cape Girardeau Common Pleas 1810
- f. 2 Financial/Legal Documents- Rev Robert Sloan 1828-1858
- f. 3 Documents 1858-1868: Handwritten property abstract- Lot 6, Block 5  
McDaniel's Addition, 1834 to Oline Caldwell thru- John W. Polk 1861; Property tax receipt, 1867 Mrs. Fannie Coleman; Circuit Court Summons, November 22, 1887.

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- f. 4 Account Ledger 1858-1869 Shawnee Methodist Mission
- f. 5 Shawnee Methodist Mission: photographs of buildings; article about Indian Manual Training School-letter written in 1848; printed image of First Methodist Mission in Kansas with handwritten notes by William Johnson, 1912
- f. 6 Manuscript: Handwritten home economic textbook with laboratory and housekeeping rules, nutrition/food guides and recipes- Frances K. Johnson, September 14, 1908;
- f. 7 Dr. William Campbell Papers from Harris Home Assn. 1909-1910
- f. 8 Paper: William Lee Campbell by Anderson c.1924
- f. 9 James and Frances Anderson's Personal Budget, 1919-1922
- f. 10 Diary William James Anderson, January 4-16, 1912
- f. 11 Memoranda Books/R.A. Bowles- Santa Fe Trail chapters, D.A.R. collections for Cross, clippings 1913-1914
- f. 12 Priests of Pallas, Invitation 1895
- f. 13 Kansas City Historical Society, constitution, by-laws 1911
- f. 14 Organizational Brochures, YWCA, Westport Ave Presbyterian Church-1916, Eastside Library Society-1897
- f. 15 Old Plainsmen Association. Membership certificate- William M. Johnson 1916
- f. 16 Betsy Anderson "A Diary about Betsy Anderson" 1924
- f. 17 Betsy Anderson's: Class Notes
- f. 18 Betsy Anderson's? Water Color Paintings
- f. 19 Article? By Anderson "Famous Westerners at the Lower Great Bend of the Missouri"
- f. 20 Research Correspondence (NSA) 1954-1966
- f. 21 "Engagement" Booklet
- f. 22 Speech? "Early Missouri & The Old West"
- f. 23 Miscellaneous Programs 1910-
- f. 24 Travel Related Brochures: Union Pacific Railroad, Metropolitan Guide-New York City 1922, American Guide to Berlin 1910, "Noordam" passenger list Rotterdam to New York August 20, 1910.
- f. 25 Calling Cards/Business Cards
- f. 26 Brochures: Emery Bird Thayer- "Everyman's Library", "The Store of the Christmas Spirit" 1919  
Bullene, Moore, Emery & Co. "Grand Promenade Concerts"
- f. 27 G. C. Bingham Studio
- f. 28 "Early Days of Kansas City Southern" September 1914
- f. 29 "A Scientific Aspect of Religion" by J.P. Gilmer, 1925
- f. 30 "Dahlia News", 1929
- f. 31 Miscellaneous Notes- Research, St. Louis, Westport
- f. 32 Notes: Joseph Walker by B. Watkins
- f. 33 Notes: 1830 & 1840 Jackson Co. Census
- f. 34 Notes: Andrew Drips: Cyrus Curtis
- f. 35 James Hyatt McGee by Mildred Cox
- f. 36 "George Champlin Sibley"-Student Papers
- f. 37 "Diary of a KC Merchant" by William H. Wilson- 1874-1880
- f. 38 "Thumbnail Sketches by Pioneer Families of Kansas City, MO" by J. Lee Porter

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- f. 39 'Story of Convention Hall' 1897-1936, compiled and arranged by Chet A. Keyes, City Auditor
- f. 40 Tennessee Sesquicentennial- Gov. McCord at Nashville 5/14/1946
- f. 41 (James Vest) Speech by John F. Phillip, 1919
- f. 42 "A Nations Idol" by Jesse O. Weeks, c.1940
- f. 43 Miscellaneous Booklets/Articles: Arts and Decoration, New York, January 1912; Missouri library Association quarterly, September 1955
- f. 44 Advertisements-Furniture
- f. 45 Roycroft Shops: 1922 catalogue, Roycroft Inn
- f. 46 Album: Postal Souvenirs, Washington D.C., Virginia
- f. 47 Book-Birthday Book of Wit & Humour
- f. 48 Miscellaneous clippings, 1925-1957
- f. 49 Ink Sketch of unidentified man, mounted on board
- f. 50 Advertisements-1950's

**BOX 004**

Manuscript materials, letters, etc.

Correspondence, 1893

Correspondence, 1904-1905

Correspondence, 1912-1921

Correspondence, 1923

Correspondence, 1925-1926

Correspondence, 1933-1934

Correspondence, 1945

Receipts/Checks, 1916

Postcards

Photos

Calling/Business Cards/ID Cards

Clippings

Independent Word Assn

Advertisements

Miscellaneous Notes

"Life as a Bushwacker" William Johnson

"Personal Reminiscences of Freighting Across the Plains The Pony Express, Gold Mining and Indian by Hank Avis

Maps of Pike's Expedition

Lewis & Clark Camp Sites

Old Plainsmen Association

School Notes

Certificates

Diaries

Correspondence (Notes: William Johnson)

Clips, William Johnson

"Street Railway Review" Scrapbook-Edna Anderson

Negatives

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Publications

Book: "1,000 Quaint Cuts"

"Personal Recollections of Life on the Plains from 1860-1868" by Charles Raber

Personal Reminiscences...by Hank Avis

"A Short History of the Shawnee Methodist Mission" by Rev. Joab Spencer

Writings of William Johnson

"A Very Unpleasant Night"

"Shawnee Mission as it is now Called"

"Capital of Kansas in Johnson County"

**BOX 005**

*ABSTRACTS OF TITLES*

17A.S.W. diag. side NW. NE. 1-49-32

76A.E. ½ NW. ¼ ex. 4A. NW. Cor 1-49-32

In Jackson Co. MO

S.W. ¼ of S.W. ¼ of S.E. ¼ of Sec. 2, TP49, R.33.

In Jackson Co. MO.

Lots 6, 7, 8 in Blk. 7 in Hollywood Additions

Northwest, ¼ of NW, ¼ of Sec. 18, Township 49, R.32

In Jackson County, MO

Lots 7&8 Blk. 3 of Coleman Place City of Kansas

Lots 12, 13, &15 in Osborn Place an addition to the City

Of Kansas City now Kansas City-Jackson Co. MO

Land now Platt Known as "Center" in Wyandotte in the State of Kansas

12<sup>th</sup> & Agnes Avenue

Lot 125; Blk 12 in Town of Kansas, Kansas City, MO

Vogel Park 47<sup>th</sup> & Mercier

5<sup>th</sup> & Penn

Chelsa Park, 27<sup>th</sup>; Lots 14-26 both inclusive

S73' of Lots 29,30,31&32; Blk 158 N part of Wyandotte City

Lots 76-81 in Hurck's Subdivision of the Guinotte Farm

Lots 26&27 Blk 14-Mulvanes Argentine, Kansas

Lots 5-10 in Chalmette, Jackson County, MO

Penn Park View

"Town of Kansas" South 30ft of Lot 61 in Blk 6 now Kansas City, MO Jackson,  
Co.

Garden Hill; part of N.W. ¼ Sec. 14, TP.49, R.33 in Jackson Co. MO

Westport Rd. & Independence Road

46-47 East Holly Garden

Penn Park Lots 81 & 82

Greendale 27-31 & Hardesty

South ½ of Lot 15 in Blk 3 of Mather Place in Wyandotte Co. Kansas

Lot 146, Blk 146 in Town of Kansas now Kansas City

Catherine Purdon's Residence-Town of Westport, Jackson Co. MO

Lots 36-41; 233-234, St. Claire Park Subdivision Independence & Kentucky

NW quarter of NW quarter of Section 29, TP49 N. of range 33 W.

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To SW quarter of NW quarter of Section 29, TP 49 N. of range 33 W.  
County of Jackson Co, MO  
“Fort Osage: Mother of the West” Historical Pageant Souvenir Program-June 22,  
1953  
Fort Osage 1808-1825  
The United States Trading House or Factory at Fort Osage 1808-1827  
Native Sons of Kansas City Missouri-October 2, 1940  
United States Dept of Interior Nat’l Park Service Washington-October 12, 1940  
In the County of Jackson County, MO-June 30, 1941  
A Kawsmouth Chronology  
Instructions for Management of Fort Osage Factory  
Appraisal and Description of Fort Osage  
Factories and Other Locations & Furniture & Equipment  
Plates

**BOX 006**

Mrs. John Van Brunt Old Trails material—moved to Hope Casey Van Brunt (1865-1952)  
Papers (K0252) [NSA].

**BOX 007**

*PHOTOGRAPHS*

- f. 1 Ambrotype (unidentified and broken), ca. 1860s
- f. 2 Ambrotype holders, ca. 1870s
- f. 3 James Anderson, ca. 1920s- ca. 1950s
- f. 4 Victor Bell and Bishop Hogan, ca. 1880s
- f. 5 Children, ca. 1850s- ca. 1920s
- f. 6 Daguerreotype (unidentified), ca. 1840s
- f. 7 Family, ca. 1900s- ca. 1920s
- f. 8 Family album, ca. 1940s (1 of 2)
- f. 9 Family album, ca. 1940s (2 of 2)
- f. 10 Family, house, ca. 1850s- ca. 1930s (1 of 2)
- f. 11 Family, house, ca. 1850s- ca. 1930s (2 of 2)
- f. 12 Flood, 1951
- f. 13 Fort Osage, 1960s-1970s
- f. 14 Groups, ca. 1890s
- f. 15 The Grove, January 1944
- f. 16 Kansas City general, 1860s- 1880s
- f. 17 Kansas City houses, ca. 1890s- ca. 1930s
- f. 18 Kansas City post office, ca. 1920s
- f. 19 Kansas City women, ca. 1900s- ca. 1920s
- f. 20 George E. Kessler Park, January 1944
- f. 21 Male relatives, ca. 1850s- ca. 1920s
- f. 22 Man and woman, ca. 1900s-1914
- f. 23 Miscellaneous, 1858-1916
- f. 24 Miscellaneous drawings, ca. 1920s



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- f. 25 Native Americans, ca. 1900s
- f. 26 Non-Kansas City historic sites, ca. 1900s
- f. 27 Notes, ca. 1930s
- f. 28 Observation Park, January 1944
- f. 29 Parent and child, ca. 1900s
- f. 30 Priests of Pallas, ca. 1950s
- f. 31 River boats, ca. 1930s
- f. 32 Stereographs, Anthony stereos: Beauties of the Hudson River, ca. 1900s (9 cards)
- f. 33 Stereographs, Anthony stereos: Central Park, NY, ca. 1900s (10 cards)
- f. 34 Stereographs, Anthony stereos: Glens of the Catskills, NY, ca. 1900s (10 cards)
- f. 35 Stereographs, Anthony stereos: Niagara Falls, ca. 1900s (12 cards)
- f. 36 Stereographs, Anthony stereos: Pennsylvania Central Railroad, ca. 1900s (4 cards)
- f. 37 Stereographs, Anthony stereos: Sing Sing prison, moon, cloud study, coral and shells, war views, Irish views, Passaic Falls NJ, fisherman, NYC public building, Ft. Lafayette NY Harbor, ferry boat in East River, Norwalk Harbor, ca. 1900s (12 cards)
- f. 38 Stereographs, French window stereos: buildings and monuments, ca. 1900s (3 cards)
- f. 39 Stereographs, French window stereos: Satan theme, ca. 1900s (13 cards)
- f. 40 Stereographs, miscellaneous: Holmes American Falls, mule shoe curve, "curiously punished," ca. 1900s (3 cards)

**BOX 008**

*PHOTOGRAPHS*

- f. 1 Swope Park, January 1944
- f. 2 Used for display, ca. 1890s- ca. 1920s
- f. 3 Women, ca. 1850s, ca. 1930s
- f. 4-5 Women, ca. 1880s, ca. 1920s
- f. 6 Women, ca. 1890s, ca. ca. 1920s

*SLIDES*

- f. 7 Fort Osage landmarks, 1952
- f. 8 Missouri landmarks, 1949-1954

*MISCELLANEOUS*

- f. 9 Pioneer life panel posters (owned by George Fuller Green), 1935
- f. 10 "The Westerners" Kansas City Posse, ca. 1930s