



**Nancy Whitnell Harris Papers
(K0245)**

Collection Number: K0245

Collection Title: Nancy Whitnell Harris Papers

Dates: 1925-1988

Creator: Harris, Nancy Whitnell, 1924-2016

Abstract: This collection contains Nancy Whitnell Harris' 1988 thesis, "The Development of the Education and Cultural Center in Kansas City's Brush Creek Valley," along with related research notes and newspaper clippings.

Collection Size: 0.1 cubic feet
(7 folders)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

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Historical Note:

Nancy Whitnell Harris was born on May 13, 1924, in Tulsa, Oklahoma. She graduated from Westport High School in 1941, received an Associate of Arts degree from Kansas City Junior College in 1943, and a Journalism degree from the University of Missouri in 1945. From 1946 to 1986, Harris worked as a journalist, writing and producing for news and radio, and later specializing in public information. After her retirement, Harris received her Master of Arts degree in History from the University of Missouri-Kansas City in 1988, and wrote her master's thesis "The Development of the Education and Cultural Center in Kansas City's Brush Creek Valley." During her retirement, Harris also co-authored a book about Kansas City parks, *A City within a Park: One Hundred Years of Parks and Boulevards in Kansas City, Missouri*, and got her pilots license. Harris died in December 2016.

Arrangement:

This collection has been arranged into seven folders.

Scope and Content Note:

The papers consist of Nancy Whitnell Harris' 1988 Master's thesis, "The Development of the Education and Cultural Center in Kansas City's Brush Creek Valley," related research notes, and photocopied newspaper clippings and documents. Among the photocopied documents is an assessment of value of the William Rockhill Nelson estate and a description of his will.

Container List:

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