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K0278

Hayes Ayres Richardson (1901-1971) Papers

ca. 1933-1971

5 cubic feet, 15 scrapbook volumes (MICROFILMED)

Richardson was Director of Welfare for the City of Kansas City, MO 1940-1959 and most of the papers pertain to this period: newspaper clippings, correspondence, reports, and photographs. Also his campaign for the Kansas City Council and his interest and work in government and economics which he taught at the University of Kansas City.

BIOGRAPHY:

Hayes Richardson was the Director of Welfare for the City of Kansas City, Missouri from 1940 until 1959. Following his resignation, Dr. Richardson taught in the Economics and Business Departments of National College, Kansas City, Missouri and Central Methodist College, Fayette, Missouri. He retired as Chairman of the Department at Central Methodist in June 1971. He also served one term on the Raytown School Board from 1961-1964.

Hayes Richardson was born in Toano, Virginia. He received his AB degree from Randolph Macon College in 1922; his MA in Economics from the University of Kansas in 1929; and his PhD in Economics from Johns Hopkins University in 1938, where his dissertation was on "License Taxation in Maryland." He taught at several schools including Randolph-Macon Academy, the University of Kansas, and North Carolina State College. He worked as an economist with the United States Department of Agriculture from 1934-1936. He came to Kansas City to teach economics at the University of Kansas City in 1936. He served as Chairman of the Economics Department in the late 1930's and continued to teach an occasional class there during his tenure as Director of Welfare.

In 1926, he married Margaret Switzer, who had graduated from Randolph Macon Women's College in 1923 with Phi Beta Kappa honors. They had one daughter, Sarah Margaret.

PROVENANCE:

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DESCRIPTION:

Most of the items included in the collection pertain to the period that Dr. Richardson headed the Welfare Department of Kansas City. The Welfare Department encompassed many areas--Social Services--casework, parole, penal institutions and animal shelter; Community Service; Legal Aid; Recreation; Regulation of Commercial Amusements; the Municipal Markets; and Administration. There are newspaper clippings, correspondence, reports, and photographs. There are also papers relating to Richardson's Ph.D. dissertation on taxation in Maryland, and correspondence relating to his teaching positions and examples of tests.

Richardson's race for city councilman in 1963 is shown mostly through newspaper clippings, copies of flyers, and a little correspondence. Papers and newspaper articles illustrating Richardson's interest in economics are also present, such as a folder concerning labor mostly in the 1930's and a scrapbook with many newspaper articles relating to federal economic conditions in the late 1930's.

Dr. Richardson came to Kansas City at the end of "the Pendergast era" and his collection also includes a scrapbook of newspaper clippings from 1939, when Pendergast was investigated, as well as various other articles and flyers relating to the cleaning up of government. His other scrapbooks mostly relate to the Welfare

Department, but they also include articles relating to Kansas City, its government and politicians, as well as articles about Richardson. Two of the scrapbooks are “memory books” of trips taken with Mayor John B. Gage.

INVENTORY:

BOX 001

Biographical, ca. 1930's-1960's

Information on Hayes Richardson--Resumes, biographical data, correspondence, transcripts.

Correspondence, 1959-1960

Hayes Richardson Biographical, ca. 1940's-1971

Correspondence, newspaper articles, resumes, Midwest Research Institute, list of his library.

Hayes Richardson Articles, 1932, 1938, 1953, 1955, 1961, 1968

Articles by and about Richardson.

Biographical Data, 1942, 1957

USIA, correspondence, personal matters

Ph.D., 1938, 1959, 1960

File of correspondence concerning teaching, mostly at UKC

Re: Ph.D., 1936, 1938, Undated

Papers relating to his Ph.D. and Economics

Speech on American Economics, Undated

1963 Campaign for Councilman

Miscellaneous, ca. 1940's, 1952-1953, 1957, 1958, 1962-1963, Undated

Public Recreation, poetry, inter-department memos, Dept. of Welfare employees, speeches

Juvenile Delinquency, 1940, 1954, 1956, 1958, Undated

Correspondence, 1958-1960

City Officials and Employees, ca. 1950's

Community Service--History and Doings

Sally Richardson's Paper on Community Service. Also includes correspondence, inter-office memos and reports relating to community service; report about an urban-renewal program. 1943, 1944, 1946, 1947, 1952, 1953, 1955, 1957-1958

Community Service Material, 1943-1953, 1955

Maryland Revenue Service

Papers Relating to Taxes, Charges, Revenues 1939

“License Taxation in Maryland”, 1938, 1939

“License Taxation in Maryland”, 1938

Governmental News 1950 (December), 1951 (October), 1953 (June-July,
November-December), 1954 (April-May, May [sic]-June,
September-November)

Kansas City Redevelopment - newspaper articles, 1957

Paper--”Commentary on Machiavelli’s Discourses Book III” 1953

Reports from Grand Jury and County Board of Visitors Re: Conditions at
Municipal Farm 1944, 1952, 1955-1957

Photos, ca. 1940’s and 1950’s

DeMolay, 1959-1960

Correspondence (most after Richardson left office), 1959

DeMolay and Masonry, 1951, 1959, Undated

Resume, Naval Aviation Application and Supporting Letters, 1942, 1952, 1955,
1958, 1959

BOX 002

Labor, 1930’s, 1959 - also includes Common Sense newspaper 1963; Freedom
School Catalog 1961, Sterilization Brochure ca. 1938

Special Assignment “The Story of the Kansas City Welfare Department During
the Last Decade 1940-1950”, Lorraine Rooker

1955 Program Honoring Kansas City, Missouri City Employees

Funk and Scott Index of Corporations and Industries Information, 1960

Agricultural Economic and Potato Reports and Correspondence, 1929, 1935

Miscellaneous Clippings, Correspondence, 1942, 1944, 1951, 1955, 1957-1959,
1967

Notes for possible talk on helping young people and Minutes for Youth Problem
Committee; KMBC Heart Beats, the Kansas City Packer

Miscellaneous Clippings - city government, elections, 1959, 1961-1963, 1964,
undated

Recreation Program, 1940, 1947, Undated

Central Methodist College, 1969

Christmas Letters from Richardson, 1953-1957

Correspondence--Library 504 E. Ninth (Main), 1950’s
contains variety of correspondence, proposed ordinance
concerning censorship of motion pictures, code for strippers,
Juvenile Delinquency, University memo, speeches

Special Reports Program Philosophy, 1940
Salvation Army newsletter ca. 1950's, public recreation flyers
1954, Correspondence and Reports 1940's

Bulletin of Randolph-Macon College, 1946 (September) 1947 (November), 1948
(March, October), 1950 (June), 1951 (January), 1952 (June), 1954
(March)

KCU Tests, Undated (2 folders)

Welfare Department-General-articles, City Hall Day, correspondence, 1944,
1948, 1953, 1959, 1962

Articles by Richardson, 1939, 1940, 1945, 1946, 1949, 1950, 1951, 1953-1955

Taxes Magazine, 1939 (April, May) with articles by Richardson

Various Articles and Information about Kansas City, welfare, economics, health,
recreation, 1944, 1949, 1957

Draft of License Taxation (2 folders)

"History of Board of Public Welfare" thesis Mary Lou Fenberg

"Can Differences in Interpretation of the Causes of the American Civil War be
Resolved Objectively", 1956

Articles and Flyers re: Cleaning up Kansas City, 1939, 1949

"The Charge to the Grand Jury" by Judge Otis, 1937

BOX 003 (KA1449)

Photograph. Dr. Hayes Ayres Richardson (1901-1971)

"Make No Little Plans" submitted by Citizen's Regional Planning council, KC,
MO 1952

Brown's Political History of Kansas City [Dr. A. Theodore Brown]

Letter. C.A. Franklin, Editor of Call, to Mayor John B. Gage 1941 re: welfare
department

Welfare Department. Histories, Reports, Accomplishments and Aspirations

Government Public Relations Association (G.P.R.A.). Meeting, November 1956

Randolph-Macon College

Miscellaneous Correspondence. 1941-1955

"A Technique for Measuring the Quality of Housing in Urban Problem Areas"
1943

Answers to request for comparative data after 1940 and before 1940

Recreation Reports. 1940-41, 1941-42

Investigations. 1949-1954

Halloween Costume Contest. 1955

Public Recreation. Recreation Advisory Board. 1942-1957
Reports – Parole. 1940-1954
Markets. History, Purposes and Accomplishments. 1939-1957
Black and Veatch Report. Ten-Year Bond Fund. 1939
North Side – Kansas City. Survey, “Our Hobohemia” Photos. 1948
George Rossetter & Company. Report Summary. 1939
“10 Year Report”. [Actually 7 year reports 1940-1947]

BOX 004 (KA1449)

Budget Material-1942 & prior Year
1940 Auditor’s Reports, etc
Commercial Recreation-History, Purpose
Functions of City Depts. Of Welfare, Results of a Questionnaire sent over 50 Large
Cities.
Commerical Recreation Records 1941-1942
Prostitution Study by Virginia Gray
Monthly Report, April, 1958
Material on Recreation Advisory Committee
Tom Linder Correspondence
The Religious Issue
Letters 1945-1953
Community Service Documentation
Municipal Farm Properties
For Review with HAR by phone
Manual of Policies and Procedures -1957(2)
Special Report Commissioner of Markets, July, 1940
“Study of Parole Office Cases of Non-Support and Petty Larceny” thesis
University of Kansas City student
Taxes-The Tax Magazine-May, 1939
Public Administration Survey-Welfare Department
Rules and Regulations for Penal Institution
Council Presentation 1957-Welfare Department
Annual Report of Penal Institutions 1944-1945-Roy S. Robbins, Supt.
Present and Future Aspects of Kansas City’s Welfare Activities, Dr. Hayes

A. Richardson, Director of Welfare-1946-January
The Council-Manager Plan of Local Government, L.P. Cookingham, City
Manager, Of KCMO
Numismatic Recovery Aids-by Vernon L. Brown, New York City, Aug 26-31,
1933
The Pulse of the City-A monthly Social Index
Father Coughlin-Priest Editor, Self Condemned
US Department of Agriculture Bureau of Agricultural Economics Division of
Statistical and Historical Research-April 19, 1934
Letters: Hayes A. Richardson, Director of Welfare-1950
Photo from: Matt Connelly, Publicity Director
Booklets: License Taxation in Maryland by Hayes A. Richardson-1939 (4)
Some Ideas on Planting-Health-Welfare-Recreation-1944
Kansas City, MO., Develops Garbage Cooking Program to Feed its Hogs by
Hayes A. Richardson, July, 1949
Hayes A. Richardson Biography-Feb. 3, 1955
Social Service Division Annual Report 1953-1954
Social Service Division Annual Report 1955-1956
Animal Shelter Study
Women's Reformatory Annual Report and Inventory-Fiscal Year May 1, 1942 to
May 1, 1943
A Proposed Redevelopment Study of the Northside Public Market Area
By Hayes A. Richardson
Booklets-Everything's Changed Now-Town Meetings-City Style
And for the People-The Survey Mid Monthly
Newspaper Clippings

BOX 005*ITEMS REMOVED FROM SCRAPBOOKS*

Folder 1. Volume 1
Folder 2. Volume 2
Folder 3. Volume 3
Folder 4. Volume 4
Folder 5. Volume 5

- Folder 6. Volume 6
- Folder 7. Volume 8
- Folder 8. Volume 10
- Folder 9. Volume 11
- Folder 10. Volume 12
- Folder 11. Volume 13

SCRAPBOOKS (MICROFILMED)

- Volume 1. 1933, 1937 - 1941
Articles, papers and correspondence mentioning or from Richardson; about Kansas City; the Gage Administration; schools; Welfare Department.
- Volume 2. December 1940 - January 1945
Welfare Department and various articles relating to Kansas City.
- Volume 3. ca. 1940, 1941 - 1942, 1944, 1946
Welfare Department and various articles relating to Kansas City.
- Volume 4. September 1942 - August 1944
Welfare Department and various articles relating to Kansas City.
- Volume 5. 1945 - 1948
Welfare Department and various articles relating to Kansas City.
- Volume 6. 1948 - 1951
Welfare Department and various articles relating to Kansas City.
- Volume 7. January 1952-July 1953
Welfare Department and various articles relating to Kansas City.
- Volume 8. August 1953-April 1956
Welfare Department and various articles relating to Kansas City.
- Volume 9. May 1957-March 1959
Welfare Department and various articles relating to Kansas City.
- Volume 10. April 1959
Welfare Department and various articles relating to Kansas City.
- Volume 11. ca. 1963
City Election, Welfare Department, Schools.
- Volume 12. November 1940
Visit of Mayor John B. Gage and Party to Shreveport and New Orleans.
- Volume 13. June 1941
Fishing trip of Mayor John B. Gage and Party to Port Arthur-Houston-Beaumont.

Volume 14. April - May 1939
Pendergast and City Investigations.

Volume 15. ca. 1939
War-related, Federal economics.

FLAT BOX 001

Folder 1. “Milk for Italian Babies”, *The American Tribune*, Kansas City, Missouri, June 15, 1946. The oldest recognized newspaper published for the interest and welfare of the American people of Italian ancestry in Kansas City, Mo.

“Jewish Gunman Attacks Fritz Kuhn”, *Deutscher Weckruf und beobachter and The Free American*, Chicago, Illinois, February 23, 1939.