

**PRELIMINARY INVENTORY**  
**K0320 (KA0891)**  
**DOROTHY RICHARDSON NICHOLS COLLECTION**

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**Introduction**

Approximately 0.3 cubic foot.

The Dorothy Richardson Nichols Collection consists of photographs and motion picture film featuring Carl Frithjof Hyrum Kay in his role as a musician and photographer as well as photographs taken by Kay of KMBC radio musicians and places in Kansas City, Missouri.

Carl Frithjof Hyrum Kay was born on June 9, 1901, in Pocatello, Idaho, to Hyrum and Henriette Emelia Larsen Kay. He married Margaret "Peggy" Richardson in 1925. Sometime between 1930 and 1940 the couple divorced. According to the 1930 United States Federal Census, Kay worked as an engineer in a packing plant in Kansas City, Missouri, and in the 1940 census his occupation is listed as a photographer. Kay died on August 10, 1945, in Maricopa, Arizona, and is buried at the Greenwood Memory Lawn Cemetery in Phoenix, Arizona,

**Donor Information**

The collection was donated to the University of Missouri by Stephen Nichols on May 14, 1996 (Accession No. KA0891).

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**Location Note**

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**Box List**

**Box 1**

Photographs

- Portraits of Carl Kay
- "The Happy Banjo Boys"
- Harl Smith's Imperial Orchestra
- Billy Miller, "Kansas City Athletic Club"
- S. S. Belgenland Orchestra
- "Yankee Show Boat Orchestra," Ray Stinson Orchestra
- Unidentified Orchestras Carl Kay played
- Portraits of orchestras, includes Bennie Goodman, 1924
- Ray Hughes and his orchestra

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Kansas City Scenes, includes Union Station, Tootie's, and the Plaza  
Kansas City Architecture, includes The Scout, Pioneer Mother, and Verona  
columns  
Correspondence and miscellaneous  
Negatives  
KMBC, "Happy Hollow" Family, 1933  
Armour's Star Serenaders  
Texas Rangers  
Ray Laughlin orchestra  
Eddie Edwards  
Pastell Harmonies  
Arthur Church  
Paul Sells  
Lawrence Sherwood  
Frank Aller  
Identified individuals, Dr. Cramer, Ted Malone, Moe Stone  
Unidentified individuals  
Unidentified women, individuals and groups  
Unidentified group (3 folders)

**Box 2**

Oversize Photographs  
Kansas City Architecture  
Unidentified individuals and groups