



Robert Valentine Jones Architectural Records (K0416)

Collection Number: K0416

Collection Title: Robert Valentine Jones Architectural Records

Dates: 1908-1909

Creator: Jones, Robert Valentine

Abstract: The Robert Valentine Jones Architectural Records contains thirty sets of architectural drawings for a survey of blocks 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 26, and 27 of residences in the Squier Park District in Kansas City, Missouri. The residential buildings were surveyed for Robert Valentine Jones, the redeveloper of the area between 1908 and 1909.

Collection Size: 3 cubic feet
(30 rolled items)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

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Historical Note:

The Squier Park District encompasses 16 blocks bounded by the streets of Armour Boulevard to the north, 39th Street to the south, Troost Avenue to the west, and The Paseo to the east. Since the development was constructed along Kansas City's transportation lines, Squier Park is considered to be an early streetcar suburb.

Robert Valentine Jones was a successful residential developer on the East Coast. He met and married Cora Squier, the daughter of James J. Squier, while she was attending school. They married on June 25, 1902, and returned to Missouri in 1908 where Jones established a real estate and mortgage company called Manheim Realty and Investment in Kansas City, Missouri. Through this company, Jones was able to further develop his late father-in-law's land speculations into a new subdivision between 37th and 39th Streets in Kansas City, Missouri. He began with a survey of blocks 6, 7, and 8 of Squier Park.

Jones' vision for the neighborhood centered on a street layout that responded to the topography of the land versus the usual rigid, orthogonal city grid that was the typical layout for any new subdivision. Construction of the residences began in earnest between 1908 and remained steady into the 1920s. Many of these residences were fashioned with the latest luxuries and amenities of the time. Many of the residences were built in the high architectural styles of the day by prominent area architects, such as: Louis Curtiss, John McKecknie, Nelle E. Peters, Selby Kerfiss, and Smith, Rea, and Lovitt.

Robert Valentine Jones died on May 16, 1949, and is buried next to his wife, Cora, at the Alta Mesa Memorial Park in Palo Alto, California.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into chronologically.

Scope and Content Note:

The records consist of thirty sets of architectural drawings of residences for a survey of blocks 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 26, and 27 located in the Squier Park District in Kansas City, Missouri. This district encompasses Virginia Avenue, Manheim Road, 39th Street, and Tracy Avenue. The residential buildings were surveyed for Robert Valentine Jones, the redeveloper of the area between 1908 and 1909. Additional surveys were done for Edward O. Faith, A. J. Bandy, and Miss M. M. Smith. The architect for the buildings and the surveyor of the properties is not identified.

Container List:

Box 001x3

Architectural Drawings

Roll 1	Squier Manor, lot 3 block 6
Location	Virginia Ave., Kansas City, Missouri
Architect	Unknown
Date	no date
Notes	for R. V. Jones

Roll 2	Squier Place, lot 2, resurvey of blocks 6, 7, and 8
Location	Virginia Ave., Kansas City, Missouri
Architect	Unknown
Date	no date
Notes	for R. V. Jones
Roll 3	South elevation, resurvey of blocks 6, 7, and 8
Location	39 th and Virginia Ave., Kansas City, Missouri
Architect	Unknown
Date	1908
Notes	for R. V. Jones
Roll 4	Squier Place, house on lot number 20
Location	Virginia Ave., Kansas City, Missouri
Architect	Unknown
Date	1908
Notes	for R. V. Jones
Roll 5	Lot 21, resurvey of blocks 6, 7, and 8
Location	Virginia Ave., Kansas City, Missouri
Architect	Unknown
Date	1908
Job/Plan No.	405
Notes	for R. V. Jones
Roll 6	Squier Place, lot 22, resurvey of blocks 6, 7, and 8
Location	3910 Virginia Ave., Kansas City, Missouri
Architect	Unknown
Date	1908
Job/Plan No.	406
Notes	for R. V. Jones
Roll 7	Squier Manor, lot number 7
Location	1309 Manheim Rd., Kansas City, Missouri
Architect	Unknown
Date	1908
Job/Plan No.	407
Notes	for Edward O. Faith
Roll 8	Squier Place, lot 16, resurvey of blocks 6, 7, and 8
Location	Virginia Ave., Kansas City, Missouri
Architect	Unknown
Date	1908
Job/Plan No.	409
Notes	for A. J. Bandy

Roll 9 Squier Place, lot number 24, resurvey of blocks 6, 7, and 8
Location 3916 Virginia Ave., Kansas City, Missouri
Architect Unknown
Date 1908
Job/Plan No. 412
Notes for R. V. Jones

Roll 10 Squier Place, lot number 13, resurvey of blocks 6, 7, and 8
Location 3917 Virginia Ave., Kansas City, Missouri
Architect Unknown
Date 1908
Job/Plan No. 413
Notes for R. V. Jones

Roll 11 Squier Manor, lot number 8 of block 4
Location 1312 39th St., Kansas City, Missouri
Architect Unknown
Date 1908
Job/Plan No. 411
Notes for R. V. Jones

Roll 12 Squier Place, lot number 30, resurvey of blocks 6, 7, and 8
Location 3921 Tracy Ave., Kansas City, Missouri
Architect Unknown
Date 1908
Job/Plan No. 416
Notes for Miss M. M. Smith

Roll 13 Squier Place, lot 11, resurvey of blocks 6, 7, and 8
Location 3923 Virginia Ave., Kansas City, Missouri
Architect Unknown
Date 1908
Job/Plan No. 414
Notes for R. V. Jones

Roll 14 Squier Place, lot 14, resurvey of blocks 6, 7, and 8
Location 3915 Virginia Ave., Kansas City, Missouri
Architect Unknown
Date 1908
Job/Plan No. 415
Notes for R. V. Jones

Roll 15 Squier Place, lot number 8
Location 1210 E. 39th St., Kansas City, Missouri
Architect Unknown
Date December 2, 1908
Job/Plan No. 418
Notes for R. V. Jones

Roll 16 Lot number 9, north 10 of lot 10 Troost Park Annex
Location 3733 Tracy Ave., Kansas City, Missouri
Architect Unknown
Date 1908
Job/Plan No. 419
Notes for R. V. Jones

Roll 17 Squier Manor, lot 14, block 2, working section plan
Location Kansas City, Missouri
Architect Unknown
Date 1908
Job/Plan No. 203

Roll 18 Squier Place, lot number 24, resurvey of blocks 6, 7, and 8
Location 3918 Virginia Ave., Kansas City, Missouri
Architect Unknown
Date 1909
Job/Plan No. 422
Notes for R. V. Jones

Roll 19 Detail plan number 418
Location 3731 Tracy Ave., Kansas City, Missouri
Architect Unknown
Date 1909
Job/Plan No. 424
Notes for R. V. Jones

Roll 20 Lot 18, details for sheet number 408, mantel in living room, resurvey of blocks
6, 7, and 8
Location 3901 Virginia Ave., Kansas City, Missouri
Architect Unknown
Date 1909

Roll 21 Squier Manor, lot 7
Location 1310 Manheim Rd., Kansas City, Missouri
Architect Unknown
Date 1909
Job/Plan No. 420
Notes for Edward O. Faith

Roll 22 Squier Place, lot 26, resurvey of blocks 6, 7, and 8
Location 3922 Virginia Ave., Kansas City, Missouri
Architect Unknown
Date 1909
Job/Plan No. 428
Notes for R. V. Jones

Roll 23 Details for stone and brick for plan number 426
Location 3801 Tracy Ave., Kansas City, Missouri
Architect Unknown
Date 1909
Job/Plan No. 431

Roll 24 Squier Place, lot number 27
Location 3924 Virginia Ave., Kansas City, Missouri
Architect Unknown
Date 1909
Job/Plan No. 429
Notes for R. V. Jones

Roll 25 Squier Manor, lot 14, block 5
Location 3820 Virginia Ave., Kansas City, Missouri
Architect Unknown
Date 1909
Job/Plan No. 430
Notes for R. V. Jones

Roll 26 North 37.5 feet of lot 28
Location Troost Hill, 3929 Virginia Ave., Kansas City, Missouri
Architect Unknown
Date 1909
Job/Plan No. 432
Notes for R. V. Jones

Roll 27 Detail mantel and bookcases
Location 1200 Manheim Rd., Kansas City, Missouri
Architect Unknown
Date 1909

Roll 28 South 25 feet of lot 27 and north 125 feet of lot 26
Location Troost Hill, 3933 Manheim Rd., Kansas City, Missouri
Architect Unknown
Date 1909
Job/Plan No. 437
Notes for R. V. Jones

Roll 29 Squier Place, lot 10, resurvey of blocks 6, 7, and 8
Location 3925 Virginia Ave., Kansas City, Missouri
Architect Unknown
Date 1909
Job/Plan No. 435
Notes for R. V. Jones

Roll 30 South 25 feet of lot 27 and north 12.5 feet of 26
Location Troost Hill
Architect Unknown
Date 1909
Job/Plan No. 438
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