

PRELIMINARY INVENTORY
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KANSAS CITY STUDY OF ADULT LIFE RECORDS

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Introduction

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The Kansas City Study of Adult Life Records consist of interviews, surveys, and research notes pertaining to a series of studies conducted by the Committee on Human Development at the University of Chicago. Additional materials include case files, organizational files, reports, forms, and study samples.

The Committee on Human Development was founded in 1940 at the University of Chicago by Dr. Richard Scammons, dean of the Division of the Biological Sciences, and professors Frank N. Freeman of the Department of Education, Lydia J. Roberts of the Department of Home Economics, Helen L. Koch of the Department of Child Development, Dr. Frederic W. Schlutz of the Department of Pediatrics, and Donald Slesinger, Associate Dean of the Division of the Social Sciences. The primary objectives of the committee were to conduct research on human behavior through the life cycle and to contribute to the understanding of the developmental processes within the human psychological development and social sciences. The committee was also tasked with training students for careers in research and teaching.

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- Articles, Miscellaneous through 1955
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- Family Interaction Patterns of the Aged, 1963
- The Demography of Aging in the Midwest
- As Senior Citizens See Themselves, A Survey of Aging in the Upper Midwest
- Economic Functions of Leisure Activities of the Retired Aged
- Church Participation and Adjustment in Old Age
- Organizations for the Elderly and their Political Implications, 1961
- Constitution for the Midwest Council for Social Research in Aging
- Midwest Council for Social Research on Aging, project proposals (3 folders)
- List of Interviews, Memos, reports, 1952-1955
- Budget, 1956-1957
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 - Appropriations account from Chicago
 - USPHS No. 47, 1957-1958
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- Interview Guide Intensives II, 1958
- Introduction for interviewers
- Interview questions and instructions
- Form Letter 6 S.O. Assignments
- Wayne Wheeler, correspondence
- Problem Areas, Goals and Recommendations, W. Wheeler, 1960
- Working cases, based on cohesion, low, middle, high
- Notebook
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- Criteria of Success in aging, 1954
- Successful Aging, 1960
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 University of Chicago
"Styles of Life and Successful Aging," by Richard H. Williams, Ph.D.
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Active Young Adults, The Kansas City Social Ladder Appendix Two
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Letter to Dr. Robert J. Havighurst, 1954
“Urbanism, Urbanity, and the Historian,” by R. Richard Wohl, 1954
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Work Careers: Report to the Work Conference, Kansas City Study of Adult Life by Everett C. Hughes, 1954
Proposal for the Study of Social Mobility: Report to the Work Conference, Kansas City Study of Adult Life by John Scott, 1954
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Determination and Composition of Subsamples for Kansas City Study of Adult Life by W.D. Bryant, 1954
Report to the Work Conference, Kansas City Study of Adult Life, Age Factors and Prestige Groups by Richard Coleman, 1954
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Rough Outline, Interview 3B by Lois R. Dean, Ph.D., 1957
Application for Special Grant Under National Mental Health Act, 1955
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- Letter to Dr. Robert J. Havighurst from Samuel W. Blizzard, 1954
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- “The Panel, A Verbal Report to a Group of Colleagues” Dan C. Lortie, 1957

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Social Class, Age 70-80 and Ages 80 plus, Wayne Wheeler, 1960
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Fannie M. Banaka
Payroll file, Mrs. Ruth Swan Bowers
James L. Breedlove
Raymond Breton
Susie Calvert
Payroll file, Peggy Anne Clark
Sharon Constance
Miss Martha Combs
Sharon E. Constance
Payroll, Norma Damon
Payroll, Mrs. Frances Davis
Mrs. Dolores (Alan W.) T. Denney
Janice Dinwiddie (Edward O.)
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Payroll, Mrs. Helen Gold
Mrs. Barbara Fox Goldberg
Payroll, Carla Ann Graf
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Assignment, Agnes Hall
Payroll, Mrs. Dorothy P. Hamilton
Payroll, Miss Ruby Ann Hamilton
Payroll, Patricia Hanson
Marguerite Harris (Elliott)
Payroll, Helen B. Haubold
Payroll, Lee Hearn
Helen A. Henry
Mrs. Mary E. Hornstra
Mrs. Lou Kathryn King
Jessie Lancaster
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Mrs. Margaret S. Leighty
Mrs. Rose London
Mrs. Opal Long
Mrs. Minnie M. Loman
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Eva Marx
Payroll, Mrs. Lucille E. Mayer
Georgiana McLarnan
Ann Montague
Judith Ann Mosiman
Judy Mosiman
Payroll, Sandra Lee Mosiman
Mildred K. Neese
Mrs. Freeda L. Newell
Mary E. Newell
Blaine Pennington
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Kathryn R. Rollert
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