



Jane Fifield Flynn Papers (K0737)

Collection Number: K0737

Collection Title: Jane Fifield Flynn Papers

Dates: 1978-1989

Creator: Flynn, Jane Fifield

Abstract: Collection contains the papers related to the work that Flynn performed as the director of the Landmarks Commission of Kansas City, Missouri, specifically those pertaining to the Old General Hospital and the Brookside Fire and Police Station. The papers primarily consist of correspondence, newspaper clippings, and reports that relate to these two projects.

Collection Size: 0.2 cubic foot
(7 folders)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

Restrictions on Access: Collection is open for research. This collection is available at [The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Kansas City](http://www.shsmo.org). If you would like more information, please contact us at kansascity@shsmo.org. Collections may be viewed at any research center.

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Related Materials: Additional materials related to the Jane Fifield Flynn Papers can be found in the following collections:

Historic Kansas City Foundation Records (K0207)

Separated Materials: Items in this collection have been removed and can be found in the following collection:

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Historical Note:

Jane Fifield Flynn was born in Kansas City, Missouri, on December 19, 1924. Flynn attended the University of Kansas City, where she earned an undergraduate and graduate degree in elementary education. In 1975, Flynn was appointed administrator of the Kansas City, Missouri, Landmarks Commission, a position that she held for 12 years. Flynn and the Commission were dedicated to preserving Kansas City's historic buildings, and helped make 18th and Vine and the Mutual Musician Foundation's buildings historic landmarks.

After Flynn left Landmarks Commission, she became president of The Historic Kansas City Foundation's board, and served as chair of the Missouri Advisory Council on Historic Preservation. In these positions, she helped to establish the home of John Wornall as a museum, and helped get President Truman's home in Independence, Missouri, designated a national historic site.

Flynn lived in the Crestwood neighborhood of Kansas City with her husband, Bob, and daughter, Jane until her death in 2006.

Arrangement:

The papers have been arranged chronologically by project into the following two series:

Brookside Fire and Police Station
Old General Hospital

Scope and Content Note:

Brookside Fire and Police Station

This series contains materials pertaining to the Landmark Commission's efforts to save the Fire and Police Station in the Brookside neighborhood, including correspondence, newspaper clippings, and reports and proposals. The correspondence has letters between the Commission, the city government, and the local community discussing the status of the station. There was great debate within the letters whether or not the building should be torn down for parking or renovated for new use. Of particular interest are the reports and proposals for the site, which contain building condition reports, area parking studies, and proposals for possible future uses.

Old General Hospital

This series contains materials pertaining to the effort by Flynn and the Kansas City, Missouri, Landmarks Commission to save the original building of the hospital as opposed to tearing the building down and building a new hospital. Included is correspondence between Commission members, membership lists, and newspaper clippings. Of particular interest are the development plans for the hospital and budget proposals for building renovation.

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