



Janssen Place Collection (K0739)

Collection Number: K0739

Collection Title: Janssen Place Collection

Dates: 1912-1966

Creator: Unknown

Abstract: The Janssen Place Collection consists of title for lots 9, 10, 11, 20, 21, 25, 26, and 31; a building specification for the residence of Glasner-Strauss; and two sets of architectural drawings pertaining to the residences of H. F. Gleason and Mr. E. L. Foutch at Janssen Place in the Hyde Park neighborhood in Kansas City, Missouri.

Collection Size: 0.07 cubic foot
(11 folders, 3 rolled items)

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](#). 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 Janssen Place Collection can be found in the following collections:

Alfred Edward Barnes Architectural Records (K0004)
Historic Kansas City Foundation Records (K0207)
Keene, Simpson, & Murphy Architectural Records (K0589)
Wight and Wight Architectural Records (K0825)
Rodger A. Wilkin Architectural Records (K1159)
Frank Grimaldi Architectural Records Collection (K1252)

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Historical Note:

Janssen Place was established in 1897. It encompasses approximately two city blocks near of 36th, Locust, and Holmes Streets in Kansas City, Missouri. With restricted architectural designs and the condition of being privately owned, Janssen Place was intended as a neighborhood for the upper class.

Arthur Edward Stilwell developed the neighborhood based on a formal, geometrical street plan rather than utilizing the natural topography of the area, as had been previously done in nearby Hyde Park. Stilwell modeled Janssen Place after the well-received private residential areas of St. Louis, Missouri. He commissioned a local architect, George A. Mathews, to design the layout for Janssen Place, which would include approximately 35 lots. Initially only three lots were sold, purchased by Burton D. Hurd, William A. Williams, and J. H. Tschundy. Four more lots were sold by the time the Janssen Place Land Company had dissolved in 1906. W. P. Patton, a local capitalist, purchased the remaining lots and turned the private street into a thirty-four-foot-wide boulevard, which he turned over to Kansas City's park and boulevard system.

Between 1907 and 1917, 16 high-style dwellings were erected for wealthy individuals involved in the lumber and construction professions. Janssen Place, for a time, became known as Lumberman's Row.

It became apparent by the turn of the century that the utilization of the natural topography in the development of a residential area, such as Hyde Park, did more to entice prospective residents than the formal, geometrical street plans with their restricted and controlled development, such as Janssen Place. Janssen Place's strict exclusiveness did little to win over potential residents.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged by type.

Scope and Content Note:

The collection consists of abstracts of title for lots 9, 10, 11, 20, 21, 25, 26, and 31; a building specification for the residence of Glasner-Strauss; and 2 sets of architectural drawings pertaining to the residences of H. F. Gleason and one set pertaining to the residence of Mr. E. L. Foutch at Janssen Place in the Hyde Park neighborhood in Kansas City, Missouri.

Container List:

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 Architectural Drawings

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 Location 2712 Janssen Place
 Architect Smith, Rea, and Lovitt
 Date no date

Roll 2 Mr. E. L. Foutch, cottage for
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 Architect Smith, Rea, and Lovitt
 Date 1921

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