



## **Kansas City Photographs (K1427)**

**Collection Number:** K1427

**Collection Title:** Kansas City Photographs

**Dates:** 1920-1957, no date

**Creator:** Unknown

**Abstract:** The Kansas City Photographs contain various photos taken throughout the city between 1920 and 1957 at many different locations. A large portion of the photos are dedicated to close shots of many historic buildings and homes of the city. The rest of the photos are aerial views of the city, with shots of the many statues within the city. There is also a small portion of the collection that is dedicated to the animals of the Kansas City Zoo.

**Collection Size:** 0.18 cubic feet  
(9 folders, 302 photographs)

**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](https://www.shsmo.org/research-center-kansas-city). If you would like more information, please contact us at [kansascity@shsmo.org](mailto:kansascity@shsmo.org). Collections may be viewed at any research center.

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**Preferred Citation:** [Specific item; box number; folder number] *Kansas City Photographs* (K1427); The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Kansas City [after first mention may be abbreviated to SHSMO-Kansas City].

**Donor Information:** The records were donated to the State Historical Society of Missouri by Truman and Cindy Allen on April 13, 2021 (Accession No. KA2549).

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**Processed by:** Processed by intern Kristyna Le, June 2023

**Historical Note:**

The Kansas City Photographs are a series of various photographs that were taken between the years of 1920 and 1957, with many of them being in the 1930s and 1940s. These photographs predominately feature historic buildings and areas of the city, with closeup shots and aerial views of the buildings. A portion of the photographs feature different monuments located in the city and animals that can be seen in the Kansas City Zoo. Many of the animal photographs were taken in the 1940s. Many of the buildings and monuments seen in the photographs still exist during the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

**Arrangement:**

The collection has been arranged by photograph subject.

**Scope and Content Note:**

This photograph collection contains various photographs, with and without dates and addresses on the back of each photograph. The photographs without dates were likely taken around the same time period as the other photographs.

The first five folders consist of building photographs. The first two folders contain closeup shots of residences in the Kansas City area, followed by three folders of commercial buildings. These buildings are primarily focused in the downtown area and the surrounding area around Kansas City. The building photographs include shots of churches, houses, office buildings, and larger factories.

The two city views folders consist of wide, all-encompassing photographs of the overall city. These photographs lack a particular subject, but rather focuses on the full scene. There are many aerial photographs, ground-level photographs, and other scenic views in Kansas City.

The statues folder contains photographs of the many statues that can be found within the city. Many of these photographs are of war memorial statues and commemoration statues, rather than artistic ones.

The final folder contains photographs of animals at the Kansas City Zoo in the 1940s. These photographs consist of a large range of animals such as lions, tigers, ostriches, and zebras.

**Container List:**

Box 001	f. 1	Residential Buildings, 1920-1957, no date
	f. 2-5	Commercial Buildings, 1920-1957, no date
	f. 6-7	City Views, 1920-1957, no date
	f. 8	Statues, 1937-1951, no date
	f.9	Animal Photographs, 1921-1951, no date

**Index:**

Index Term	Folder	Image
Aerial photographs	3	Yes

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Churches	2-5	Yes
Kansas City (Mo.)	1-9	Yes
Kansas City (Mo.)-- Aerial Views	3	Yes
Kansas City (Mo.)-- Buildings, structures, etc.	1-9	Yes
Kansas City (Mo.)--History--20th century	1-9	Yes
Photographs	1-9	Yes
Photography of animals	9	Yes
Statues--Missouri	8	Yes