Collection Summary

Title
Jackson County, Missouri collection

Date
1894-2001

Extent
2 box (1 archival box, 1 oversize archival box)

Name and Location of Repository
Midwest Genealogy Center, Independence (Mo.)

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Administrative History
Jackson County was originally part of Lafayette County until the General Assembly of the State of Missouri passed an act in 1825. The county was officially organized in 1826 and named for Andrew Jackson, then a U.S. Senator and later the 7th president of the United States. It has two county seats; Independence and Kansas City. Early settlement was centered in towns such as Fort Osage, Independence, Westport, and Lone Jack. As the western migration began in the 1830s and 1840s, the cities of Independence and Westport saw an explosion in population as well as importance. The Santa Fe, Oregon, and California trails either started or went through western Jackson County. Independence even gained the nickname “Queen City of Trails”. Kansas City became a city on March 28, 1853. It quickly grew in population and size. Jackson County was the site of many battles and skirmishes during the Civil War. The period after the Civil War brought prosperity to Jackson County, especially the decade 1880-1889. The county has continued to grow in population and national importance.

Scope and Content
This collection contains items relating to Jackson County, Missouri history. These items cover a wide range of the county with the cities of Independence, Kansas City, and Raytown separated into series. Included within this collection are ephemera from these cities’ school districts and events/programs. Items include photographs, commencement programs, reproductions of images, graduation invitations, performance brochures, reunion packet, student directory, football program, and school publications.
Collection Inventory

System of Arrangement
These records are arranged in 3 series.

Series 1, Independence
Subseries 1, History
Folder 1, Ephemera
  Item 1, Independence Centennial pageant program, 1927
  (donated by Shirley Dillon)
  Item 2, Welcome to Historic Independence booklet, 1950
Folder 2, History scrapbook, undated (donated by Shirley Dillon)
Subseries 2, Image Reproductions (oversize)
  Item 1, History of Independence poster
  Item 2, Harry S Truman portrait
Subseries 3, Schools
  Folder 1, Ephemera
    Item 1, Independence High School Commencement Program, 1894
  Folder 2, William Chrisman High School
  Folder 3, Truman High School

Series 2, Kansas City
Subseries 1, History
  Folder 1, Ephemera
    Item 1, Program from Dedication of the Liberty Memorial, 1926
Subseries 2, Image Reproductions (oversize)
  Item 1, Intersection of Main, Delaware, and Ninth Streets, 1906
  Item 2, Second City Hall, 1939
  Item 3, Kansas City Testimonial Dinner, 1949 (donated by Ted Nelson)
  Item 4, Union Station-interior, 1950
  Item 5, Starlight Theatre, 1951
  Item 6, Liberty Memorial, circa 1950s
Subseries 3, Photographs
  Folder 1, Great American luncheon at Muehlebach Hotel, 1966
Subseries 4, Schools
  Folder 1, East High School
    Item 1, East High School 1948-1949 Reunion photograph, 1998
    Item 2, East High School 50th & 51st Class reunion program, 1999
  Folder 2, Ephemera
    Item 1, Southwest High School Commencement program, 1926
    Item 2, Argentine High School Commencement program, 1927
  Folder 3, Northeast High School
  Folder 3a, Northeast High School Alumni newsletter
  Folder 3b, Paseo High School
  Folder 4, Pinkerton School
Item 1, Photograph of Principal, 1978
Item 2, Photograph of Principal, 1979
Folder 5, Pitcher School
  Item 1, History of Pitcher School, 1961
Folder 6, Publications
  Item 1, Teachers College Scout-Magazine Edition, 1931
  Item 2, The Parent=Teacher Bulletin, 1933
Folder 7, Southeast High School
  Item 1, Southeast High School graduate invitation, 1950
  Item 2, Southeast High School performance brochures, 1950
  Item 3, Southeast High School Reunion packet, 2000
  Item 4, Southeast High School 50th anniversary Photograph, 2001
Folder 8, Westport High School
  Item 1, Painting of Westport High School (oversize)
Folder 9, Central High School
Folder 10, Central High School (oversize)

Series 3, Raytown
  Subseries 1, School
    Folder 1, Raytown High School
      Item 1, Raytown High School football game photograph, 1959

Series 4, Lee’s Summit
  Subseries 1, School
    Folder 1, Lee’s Summit High School
      Item 1, Lee’s Summit High School graduation program, 1938
Rights and Access

Conditions Governing Access
The collection is open for research use by appointment.

Physical Access
Most records within this collection are housed in file folders. Some documents and pictures are in plastic sleeves or tissue paper. Some items are oversized and are housed in MGC’s oversize archival storage.

Conditions Governing Reproduction and Use
Permission to publish, quote, or reproduce must be secured from the Midwest Genealogy Center.

Languages and Scripts of the Material
Materials in the collection are entirely in English.

Immediate Source of Acquisition
Portions of this collection were donated by Shirley Dillon and also by Ted Nelson. The other sections of this collection were donated anonymously.

Accruals
Further accruals are expected for this collection.

Existence and Location of Originals
Originals owned by the Midwest Genealogy Center.

Notes
The following books were consulted during preparation of the administrative history: