

A0816**George Edward Kessler Papers, 1886-1923**

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DONOR INFORMATION

Donated by George Kessler, Jr., circa 1949.

PROJECT INFORMATION

The George E. Kessler Papers were processed and microfilmed under the auspices of a grant from the William T. Kemper Foundation of Kansas City, Missouri. The grant was the result of a cooperative relationship between the Kansas City Parks, Recreation and Boulevards Department and the Missouri Historical Society. Ann McFerrin of the Kansas City Parks and Recreation Archives deserves special thanks for her efforts in writing the grant, and finding the appropriate funding source.

The generous support of the Kemper Foundation enabled the Missouri Historical Society Archives to hire a project archivist to organize, arrange, describe, re-house and microfilm the collection. In addition to the documents listed in this inventory, which are housed in the Missouri Historical Society Archives, there are nearly 1,000 photographs and lantern slides that are part of the Missouri Historical Society Photographs & Prints Department. A sample of 100 of the photographs have been included in the microfilm version of the collection. The photographs document various Kessler projects in Kansas City and St. Louis but as far as can be determined do not contain images from any other cities.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

George Edward Kessler was a landscape architect best known for his design of the Kansas City, Missouri, park and boulevard system. Kessler was employed by the Louisiana Purchase Exposition Company as the landscape architect for the 1904 World's Fair as well as for the restoration of Forest Park after the fair. Kessler was also retained by the city of St. Louis as a consultant and remained active in the City Plan Commissions of both Kansas City and St. Louis.

Kessler's career began shortly after his return from Weimer, Germany, where he studied horticulture and landscape design. Kessler began his employment with the St. Louis & San Francisco Railroad as head gardener in charge of the railroad's station parks. Kessler soon became well known in the Midwest and was eventually retained by the Kansas City Board of Park Commissioners to plan and maintain a system of parks and boulevards. Gaining recognition through his involvement in Kansas City and the World's Fair, Kessler soon became involved in projects in Denver, Colorado, Memphis, Tennessee, Pensacola, Florida, and Syracuse, New York. Originally living and working out of Kansas City, Kessler soon opened a second office in St. Louis and eventually made 51 Vandeventer Place in St. Louis his home. Kessler partnered with architect Henry Wright in St. Louis, but Wright eventually left to open his own

business in St. Louis.

Guided by the popular "City Beautiful Movement" of the time, Kessler's work matured from strictly landscape design to city planning and urban development. He eventually stopped accepting small residential work, choosing to focus on large scale city development. His concern for the future residential and business development of cities can be seen through his correspondence, particularly with the City Plan Commissions and his work with the Kansas City Board of Park Commissioners. Kessler held positions on park boards nationwide, including Syracuse and Memphis. His illustrious career ended with his death in March 1923.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The George E. Kessler Papers include business and personal correspondence, pamphlets, reports, minutes of proceedings, invitations, postcards, brochures, photographs, blueprints, sketches and maps. The collection is arranged first by subject and then either chronologically or alphabetically.

Boxes 1-6 contain Kessler's work done in St. Louis, Missouri. Box 1 contains World's Fair files; boxes 2-3 contain Forest Park restoration files; and boxes 4-6 contain project files including City Plan Commission and St. Louis & San Francisco Railroad correspondence. (The City Plan Commission was an organization of local businessmen and city officials brought together by the City Beautiful Movement. The commission was divided into four committees: Streets and Transportation; Parks, Boulevards, and Playgrounds; Architecture, Engineering, and Sanitation; and Industrial Development.) Boxes 1-2 are arranged chronologically; box 3 is organized by subject (bridges, pavilion, Jefferson Memorial, etc.). Boxes 4-6 are arranged alphabetically.

Boxes 7-14 contain Kessler's work in Kansas City. Boxes 7-9 contain Kansas City Board of Park Commissioners correspondence arranged chronologically; box 9 includes Kansas City City Plan Commission correspondence. Boxes 10-12 contain projects Kessler completed as a member of the board (Parkways, Parks, Boulevards, Plazas, etc.); box 12 contains Swope Park correspondence. Boxes 10-12 are arranged alphabetically by subject. Boxes 13-14 contain Kessler's work in Kansas City as an independent contractor (arranged alphabetically).

Boxes 15-17 contain Kessler's projects in Missouri, other than St. Louis and Kansas City. These are arranged alphabetically by location (city or county) and then by subject. These files include Kessler's work in Excelsior Springs, Longview Farm in Lee's Summit, Roaring River and the University of Missouri.

Boxes 18-21 contain Kessler's U.S. projects as well as foreign projects. These files are arranged alphabetically by location and then by subject. This correspondence includes work done in Indiana, Ohio, New York, Texas and Colorado.

Boxes 22-27 contain correspondence with friends, associates, colleagues, businesses, social and charitable organizations. These files are arranged alphabetically.

Boxes 28-30 contain interoffice correspondence between Kessler and his employees and secretaries as well as between employees in both offices. These files are arranged chronologically.

Box 31 contains office files such as business receipts and office lease contracts. Includes a daily ledger

dated 1894-1902.

Box 32 contains Kessler's personal files. These include correspondence relating to his homes in Kansas City and St. Louis, his farm in Merriam, Kansas, his mother's estate, stocks, lawsuits, medical receipts and taxes.

Boxes 33-34 contains copies of newspaper clippings dated 1902-1923, as well as a number of undated articles. The clippings are from papers nationwide but mostly Kansas City and St. Louis. Such papers include the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, the *St. Louis Globe-Democrat*, the *St. Louis Republic*, the *Kansas City Star* and the *Kansas City Journal*. The clippings are arranged chronologically with the undated material filed at the end.

Box 35 contains oversize material. The oversize documents are listed with their respective files in the inventory as well as individually at the end of the inventory. These documents are arranged by blueprint, sketch, map, payroll and other (any oversize document that does not fall into another category such as stock certificates).

Note: For the purposes of this inventory, unless otherwise specified, all references to St. Louis, Kansas City and New York are to St. Louis, Missouri; Kansas City, Missouri; and New York City, respectively.

Note: When this inventory was reformatted in 2009, it was discovered that some folders were out of order. These folders were placed in proper order and the inventory was corrected. Thus, in some cases, the order of the folders in the inventory will not match up precisely with the microfilm.

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Box 1

Louisiana Purchase Exposition Company and World's Fair, correspondence files, 1899-1904

Folder 1

1899-1902: Letters of introduction of Kessler from President of Heim Brewing Co. Joseph Heim to Treasurer of the St. Louis Brewing Association William Nolker and to President of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition Company David R. Francis. Correspondence with Director of Works Isaac Taylor, Secretary Walter B. Stevens, Surveyor and Civil Engineer Julius Pitzman, Kansas City attorney Edward L. Scarritt, and Superintendent D.W.C. Perry. Information includes landscape ideas for the World's Fair including the removal of trees to make way for fair buildings and a permanent greenhouse. 77 pages

Folder 2

1902-1904: Correspondence with Louisiana Purchase Exposition Director of Works Isaac Taylor, Park Commissioner Franklin L. Ridgely, status reports from Superintendent D.W.C. Perry, requests to nurseries for appropriate plants, trees and flowers, and requests from newspapers for information regarding the World's Fair. Of interest is an invitation to dinner at the German Pavilion (20 May 1904) and an offer from The Cartoonists' Club to publish character drawings and biographies titled "The World's Fair Immortals" (5 September 1904). 52 pages

Folder 3

[circa 1904]: Recapitulation Table of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition Company Landscape Department and various reports including "Materials and Methods of Construction in the Exposition Building" by Philip Markmann, "Landscape of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition Company" by George Kessler, report by the Chief Designer for the Louisiana Purchase Exposition Company Emanuel Masqueray, a report on the Cascade Garden, a sketch of the Tesson Greenhouse, an itemized list of buildings built for the exposition, notes on the building and planting scheme for the fair and a brief biography of Kessler. Includes three publications regarding the fair: "Facts about the World's Fair," "Universal Exposition 1904," and "The Architectural Record." 105 pages

Box 2

Restoration of Forest Park, correspondence files (chronological), 1902-1913

Folder 1

1902-1906: Correspondence with Louisiana Purchase Exposition President David R. Francis, Secretary Walter B. Stevens, Director of Works Isaac Taylor, Superintendent D.W.C. Perry, St. Louis Park Commissioner Franklin Ridgely, Henry Wright, the Chicago Wrecking Supply Co., and President of the Board of Public Improvements Andrew J. O'Reilly regarding the restoration of Forest Park after the World's Fair. Five payroll slips in OVERSIZE. 108 pages

Folder 2

1907: Correspondence with Superintendent of Restoration D.W.C. Perry, Louisiana Purchase Exposition Secretary Walter B. Stevens, Auditor Edward Perry, Louisiana Purchase Exposition President David R. Francis, Director of Works Isaac Taylor and a report regarding restoration (2 April), David O'Neil of O'Neil Lumber Co., Board of Public Improvements President Andrew J. O'Reilly and a report from Kessler regarding the Board of Public Improvement's tour of the restoration grounds (11 November). 50 pages

Folder 3

1908: Correspondence with Restoration Superintendent D.W.C. Perry, Louisiana Purchase Exposition Secretary Walter B. Stevens, J. Collins Thompson, Henry Wright, St. Louis Park Commissioner Philip Scanlan with a report to the Board of Public Improvements regarding condition of the exposition grounds (17 March), Kessler's report with recommendations and estimates of improvements (26 March) and payroll. 71 pages

Folder 4

[circa 1908]: Tables and lists with restoration estimates, tree, shrub and plant lists and a report "Louisiana Purchase Exposition Co. Expenditures on Bridges, Grading and Cleaning Grounds since May 1st, 1908." 41 pages

Folder 5

1909; 1910; 1912; 1913: Correspondence with Park Commissioner Philip Scanlan, Kessler's signed contract with St. Louis as consulting landscape architect and engineer for the city (5 April 1909), Mayor Rolla Wells, Attorney Franklin Ferriss with reference to a lawsuit against the Louisiana Purchase Exposition for damages to a property on Skinker (28 December 1909), J. Collins Thompson, Superintendent of Restoration D.W.C. Perry, and Kansas City Architect Adriance Van Brunt. 39 pages

Box 3

Restoration of Forest Park, correspondence files (general and project), 1901-1921

Folder 1

Bridges, 1906-1908: Correspondence with Louisiana Purchase Exposition President David R. Francis, Secretary Walter B. Stevens, Superintendent D.W.C. Perry, Architect Henry Wright, President of the Board of Public Improvements Andrew J. O'Reilly, J. Collins Thompson, St. Louis Wrecking & Supply Co., Lasar-Letzig Manufacturing Co., and O'Neil Lumber Co. Includes bids from other contractors, estimates, orders for supplies, bills, payroll and materials. River des Peres bridge blueprint in OVERSIZE. 105 pages

Folder 2

Correspondence, General, 1905; 1907-1909; 1911-1914; 1919-1921: Correspondence with the St. Louis Paint, Oil, & Drug Club with an invitation for Kessler to speak at a meeting, Publisher R.J. Haight of *Park & Cemetery*, J. Collins Thompson, Louisiana Purchase Exposition with announcements for annual dinner of the Board of Directors and request from former employees for job recommendations. Of interest is a letter from Louisiana Purchase Exposition Secretary Walter B. Stevens congratulating Kessler on his appointment by President Roosevelt (24 February 1909), an invitation to dinner at the mayor's residence (2 April 1909), a New Year's card from Louisiana Purchase Exposition President David R. Francis with sketches of "Gifts to the City of St. Louis," 1913, and an invitation to a dinner reception in honor of David R. Francis for his service as ambassador to Russia (26 September 1919). 47 pages

Folder 3

Jefferson Memorial Building, 1901; 1908-1911; 1913; no date: Correspondence with Louisiana Purchase Exposition President David R. Francis regarding size, composition and location of the Jefferson Monument, a report by Secretary Walter B. Stevens concerning a permanent History Museum to commemorate the Louisiana Purchase Exposition and the World's Fair, a report concerning cut stone

work specifications, Contracting Engineer J.B. Turner and Auditor Edward Perry regarding payroll. Of interest is a letter from David R. Francis detailing the dedication ceremony for the memorial (20 April 1911). 39 pages

Folder 4

Pavilion, 1908-1909; 1913; 1918: Correspondence regarding design of a Shelter House to be built on Government Hill to commemorate the World's Fair. Includes Henry Wright's notes and report explaining structural requirements, materials, and general specifications for the pavilion, bids from contractors, estimates and payroll. One sketch in OVERSIZE. 121 pages

Folder 5

Pavilion, 1908-1909: Correspondence with contractors, bids, contracts, payroll, and supplies. Filed alphabetically B-M. 166 pages

Folder 6

Pavilion, 1908-1909: Contractors filed alphabetically S-W and includes unsuccessful bids, supply lists, undated notes, figures, and estimates. 139 pages

Folder 7

Statue of St. Louis, 1905-1906: Correspondence with Louisiana Purchase Exposition President David R. Francis and Secretary Walter B. Stevens regarding size and composition of the pedestal. 7 pages

Box 4

St. Louis Projects: Bixby Residence-Johnson Residence

Folder 1

W. K. Bixby residence, 1905: Correspondence with Bixby and D.W.C. Perry. 11 pages

Folder 2

Board of Children's Guardians, February 1913: Report about a home for delinquent children. 20 pages

Folder 3

Robert Brookings residence, December 1911: Correspondence with Architect Guy Winkle. 2 pages

Folder 4

Busch Mausoleum, Bellefontaine Cemetery, 1915-1916; 1921: Correspondence with the President of Anheuser-Busch Brewing Association August A. Busch and his Secretary R.A. Huber regarding beautification of his plot and payroll. 9 pages

Folder 5

Cabanne Library, 1907-1908: Correspondence with Architects Mauran, Russell & Garden, D.W.C. Perry, Board of Directors and payroll. 26 pages

Folder 6

Carondelet Library, 1907-1908: Correspondence with Architect E. Preisler, Library Board of Directors and Assistant Librarian Paul Blackwelder. Includes estimates, notes and payroll. 45 pages

Folder 7

Carondelet Park Bridge, April 1912: Correspondence with Park Commissioner Dwight F. Davis and Street Commissioner J.C. Travilla. 3 pages

Folder 8

George Carpenter residence (Portland Place), 1906-1907: Correspondence with the manager of National Lead Co., Architects Mauran, Russell & Garden and payroll. 12 pages

Folder 9

D.K. Catlin residence, 1904; 1905-1906: Correspondence with Catlin, Surveyor Julius Pitzman, preliminary estimates, payroll, notes and plant lists. Includes report on ground preparation for Catlin, Mallinckrodt, and Haarstick residences. 24 pages

Folder 10

City Plan Commission, 1910: Correspondence with Commission Secretary A.W. Lambert regarding an invitation for Kessler to join Jephtha D. Howe, Mayor Kreismann and "men who are willing to devote themselves to the work of City Plan" for St. Louis. Includes copies of two ordinances, #24330 (30 March 1909) and #24889 (10 March 1910). 47 pages

Folder 11

City Plan Commission, 1911: Correspondence with President of the City Council John H. Gundlach, Commission Secretary Walter B. Stevens, two journals of minutes from the City Council dated 21 February and 19 April, report on Rules and Regulations of the City Plan Commission and subjects recommended for consideration. Of interest is a signed letter from Mayor Frederick Kreismann appointing Kessler as a member of the City Plan Commission (1 June) and a cartoon depicting "Those New Drinking Fountains." 46 pages

Folder 12

City Plan Commission, 1912: Correspondence with Commission Secretary Walter B. Stevens, Chairman Cyrus P. Walbridge and E.A. Hildenbrandt with reference to the Board of Children's Guardians visit to sites for the new St. Louis Industrial School. Includes "Extract from Address Delivered by John H. Gundlach Before Commercial Club" (21 March) and a memorandum of assessed values of blocks between Market and Chestnut for a proposed plaza and central parkway. 22 pages

Folder 13

City Plan Commission, 1913: Correspondence with Chairman of the Commission Cyrus P. Walbridge, appointed member Walter B. Stevens, report to the Municipal Assembly of the city of St. Louis regarding a report by Engineer Baxter L. Brown on River Front Park, memo of business submitted at meetings on 11 and 26 February including questions on excess condemnation, report from the Sanitary Committee regarding sewer improvements, minutes of commission meeting on 4 December and payroll. Of interest is a signed letter from Mayor Henry Keil appointing Kessler to the commission (5 September), an unsigned resignation letter from Kessler (18 October) and letter from Mayor Kiel accepting Kessler's resignation as a member of the City Plan Commission (24 October). 56 pages

Folder 14

City Plan Commission, 1914: Correspondence with St. Louis Assistant Sewer Commissioner J.A. Hooke introducing R.L. Mernagh, Manager of the Alton Brick Co., Civil Engineer Baxter L. Brown,

Commission Secretary Walter B. Stevens and Commission Chairman Cyrus P. Walbridge regarding appropriations. Includes a speech to the City Club titled "City Planning in Its Commercial Value" (27 March) and an unsigned resignation letter from Kessler (1 April). 36 pages

Folder 15

City Plan Commission, 1915: Correspondence with Commission Secretary Walter B. Stevens and Commission Chairman C.P. Walbridge regarding a proposed central traffic way and a request from Commissioner James C. Jones for Kessler to speak at a public meeting at City Hall about problems with the street system. 6 pages

Folder 16

City Plan Commission, no date: "Memorandum on River Front Improvements" submitted by the Committee on Streets and Transportation, Subjects for Discussion, Constitution of the City Plan Association, copy of Ordinance 25745 creating a City Plan Commission, list of members, report submitted by Kessler regarding future population growth and the need for urban planning, list of members of the Committee on Parks, Boulevards and Playgrounds, report to Park Commissioner Dwight F. Davis concerning the proposed central traffic way, report titled "Excess Condemnation in The United States," by Herbert S. Swan, and a list of parks and suggested improvements. 39 pages

Folder 17

The Civic Improvement League of St. Louis, 1904-1915; 1918; 1919: Correspondence with Secretaries Earle Layman, Mayo Fessler, Roger N. Baldwin and Louis B. Budenz, Presidents Henry T. Kent, Chas. A. Stix, John H. Gundlach, Frank P. Crunden, Flint Garrison, and Henry Wright with payroll for drafting and photographs of Jefferson Barracks regarding a proposed highway connecting it to the city. Of interest is report on "Suburban Parking Scheme" (15 January 1904), letter listing points of consideration for future development (18 December 1905), letter listing members of the Committees on Boulevard System and Outer Belt Park System (8 February 1906), report "An Ordinance Creating a Municipal Art Commission" (4 December 1913), letter from Secretary Baldwin with reference to keeping Charlotte Rumbold in St. Louis (22 October 1915), letter from Anna Sneed Cairns, president of Forest Park College, regarding the mining of fire clay under Forest Park and a letter listing members of the Housing Program Committee along with a report. Includes a notice to members to vote for the passage of the "Subway Amendment" and for the purchase of the "Old Fair Grounds," a pamphlet listing the constitutional amendments to be voted for on 3 November 1908 and the league's arguments for and against their passage, a brochure listing the league's membership qualifications and officers and a referendum regarding league policy and membership fees. Of interest is a copy of the Civic League's publication "Public Affairs" (August-September 1914). Sketch for proposed highway to Jefferson Barracks by Henry Wright and George Kessler in OVERSIZE. 129 pages

Folder 18

Columbus Square, 1909-1910: Correspondence with Park Commissioner Philip Scanlan and Superintendent D.W.C. Perry regarding construction of a playground and payroll. 12 pages

Folder 19

Concordia Seminary, 1921: Correspondence with Henry F. Bente regarding alternative sites. 2 pages

Folder 20

The Convent of the Good Shepherd, 1904; 1909; 1914: Correspondence with the Mother Superior, Sister

Mary of Loretto, H.J. Weber & Sons Nursery Co. and payroll. 14 pages

Folder 21

James P. Dawson residence, December 1906: Correspondence with Attorney Dawson. 2 pages

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De Soto Place, 1909-1910: Letters with Park Commissioner Philip Scanlan and Secretary of Public Recreation Commission Charlotte Rumbold about the construction of a playground and wading pool. Includes payroll, report on water drainage, and specifications for playground construction. 22 pages

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Fairgrounds Park, 1909-1913: Correspondence with Park Commissioners Philip Scanlan and Dwight F. Davis, D.W.C. Perry and Secretary of Public Recreation Commission Charlotte Rumbold. 36 pages

Folder 24

First Church of Christ, Scientist, 1904-1906: Correspondence with H.J. Weber & Sons Nursery Co., Ed Glass, Church Building Committee members A.P. DeCamp and W.E. Morgan and Architects Mauran, Russell, & Garden regarding ground improvements and payroll. 44 pages

Folder 25

David R. Francis residence (Maryland and Newstead), 1905; 1908-1909: Correspondence with Francis' Secretary J. Collins Thompson and Walter B. Stevens regarding moving the "Pastoral" statue from the exposition grounds to the Francis residence and the construction of a pedestal. Includes Talton Francis property on Natural Bridge and correspondence with J. Collins Thompson, David R. Francis, Talton Francis, Surveyor Edgar Rapp, notes and estimates of Francis property line. 29 pages

Folder 26

Laura Fuhr residence (1921 Oregon Ave.), 1914: Correspondence with Fuhr, Street Commissioner Chas. M. Talbert and City Forester Julius Koenig about a complaint by Fuhr about proper trimming of street trees. 3 pages

Folder 27

Glen Echo Country Club, March 1910: Correspondence with Consulting Engineer and Chairman of Greens & Grounds Committee A.L. Johnson regarding recommendations for a groundskeeper. 4 pages

Folder 28

Grant's Farm, Bridges, 1911-1913: Correspondence with August A. Busch, H.C. Broadwell, R.C. Barnett of Kansas City, Fred C. Hussemeyer and Fruin-Colnon Construction Co. concerning bridges on the property including the Gravois Road Bridge over Gravois Creek with specifications and estimates. Includes notes, payroll and instructions to bidders. One blueprint in OVERSIZE. 91 pages

Folder 29

Grant's Farm, Entrance Gate, 1912: Correspondence with Architects Widmann and Walsh and a telegram concerning Busch's desire to procure elks. 3 pages

Folder 30

Grant's Farm, Roads, 1911-1912: Correspondence with August A. Busch, R.C. Barnett, H.C. Broadwell,

Fruin-Colnon Contracting Co., and a report with specifications for the construction of a private road. 22 pages

Folder 31

Grant's Farm, Tennis Court, 1915: Correspondence with August A. Busch, Granitoid and Concrete Contractor Chas. J. Stuever, H.C. Broadwell, and Huttig Sash and Door Co. Includes estimates and payroll. One sketch in OVERSIZE. 19 pages

Folder 32

Alvin D. Goldman residence, February 1917: Correspondence with the treasurer of Lesser-Goldman Cotton Co. regarding tree planting and payroll. 7 pages

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Grant Statue, May 1913: Correspondence with Park Commissioner Dwight F. Davis and Chairman of Public Improvements Committee William Protzman regarding a possible location. 3 pages

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Holy Cross House (2601 North 11th St.), March 1912: Correspondence with Chairman of Holy Cross House Churchill Whittemore regarding ground improvements. 2 pages

Folder 35

Home of the Friendless, October 1905: Correspondence with Miss J.B. Glover (4063 Westminster Blvd.), regarding ground changes and a driveway. 2 pages

Folder 36

Hortense Place, April 1905: Correspondence with resident Charles Clark regarding an improvement scheme. 3 pages

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Clarence H. Howard residence (on Belt Ave. between Chamberlain and Bartmer), August 1911: Correspondence with Arthur T. Morey about ground improvements at Howard's home. 2 pages

Folder 38

Insane Asylum, 1909; 1911: Correspondence with Board of Public Improvements C.M. Talbert regarding elevations, improvements and payroll. 7 pages

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Jefferson Barracks, November 1907: Letter (copy) from U.S. Army Quartermaster J. Bانش to Senator William Warner about the employment of Kessler as landscape architect for Jefferson Barracks. 1 page

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Jewish Hospital, 1906: Correspondence with President of the Board of Directors of Jewish Hospital Julius Lesser, Chairman of the Hospital Buildings and Grounds Committee August Frank and Architect William Levy. Includes payroll and report with specifications for hospital grounds improvements. 26 pages

Folder 41

J. Johnson Residence (7000 Delmar Ave.), 1914: Correspondence with Johnson of Roberts, Johnson & Rand International Shoe Co. regarding his driveway. 2 pages

Box 5

St. Louis Projects: Kavanaugh Residence-St. Louis Place

Folder 1

W. K. Kavanaugh residence, July 1905: Correspondence with vice-president for Mississippi Valley Trust Company introducing the president of Wiggins Ferry Co., Mr. Kavanaugh, and requesting on Kavanaugh's behalf statuary from the World's Fair for his river home, "Selma Hall." Letter from Kessler to David R. Francis thanking Francis for helping him secure further business. 3 pages

Folder 2

Kenrick Seminary, November 1912: Correspondence with Architect Thomas Francis Imbs and Surveyor Julius Pitzman regarding landscaping for the new seminary. Includes one photograph. 5 pages

Folder 3

S.M. Kennard residence (11 Portland Place), March 1904: Payroll for transplanting trees. 1 page

Folder 4

Margaret R. Kincaid Fountain, 1913; 1914; 1915: Correspondence with St. Louis Union Trust Co. Officer F.X. Ryan and Park Commissioner Dwight F. Davis regarding the Memorial Fountain at the Sunken Garden at the Public Library. 9 pages

Folder 5

Kingshighway, 1902; 1906; 1909-1910; 1913-1914; 1916: Correspondence with Street Commissioner J.C. Travilla, Park Commissioners Philip Scanlan and Dwight F. Davis, Surveyor Julius Pitzman, George B. Leighton, President of the Board of Public Improvements Maxime Reber, Bridge Engineer O.W. Childs, August A. Busch, Attorney Harry B. Hawes, telegrams, Commissioner of Parks and Recreations Nelson Cunliff, and the Kingshighway Commission concerning widening and beautifying the boulevard to make it a link between the city's major parks. Includes a Journal from the St. Louis House of Delegates dated 6 June 1906, reports concerning ordinance 20760 and 18050, planting lists and specifications. One sketch in OVERSIZE. 92 pages

Folder 6

Laclede Statue, 1912: Correspondence with Park Commissioner Dwight F. Davis and President of the Board of Public Improvements Maxime Reber regarding size and location. 2 pages

Folder 7

George B. Leighton, 1904; 1905; 1917; 1918; 1919: Correspondence with the president of The Lone Star Ship Building Co. and payroll for maintenance of his plot at Bellefontaine Cemetery. 13 pages

Folder 8

Lewis Publishing, 1904: Correspondence with Vice-President of University Heights Realty & Development Co. N. Lee Travers, Civil Engineer B.H. Colby and President of Lewis Publishing E.G. Lewis regarding planting and maintenance of grounds around the Women's Magazine Building. 15 pages

Folder 9

Edward Mallinckrodt residence, 1904; 1911: Correspondence with the president of Mallinckrodt Chemical Works and payroll. 6 pages

Folder 10

Masonic Home of Missouri, 1906; 1911-1912; 1916: Correspondence with 2nd Vice-President of Masonic Home V.O. Saunders, Secretary John R. Parson, President Sol. E. Waggoner, President of Kansas City chapter Ethelbert F. Allen, Grading Contractor R.M. Davies, Gilsonite Construction Co. and H.J. Weber & Sons Nursery Co regarding ground improvements. Includes estimates, plant lists and payroll. 99 pages

Folder 11

A.C.F. Meyer residence, January 1920: Correspondence with Meyer and plant list. 5 pages

Folder 12

C.F.G. Meyer residence, March 1905: Correspondence with Meyer. 1 page

Folder 13

Missouri Botanical Garden, 1915; 1917: Correspondence with George Moore and John Noyes. 5 pages

Folder 14

Missouri Crematory Association, 1904-1905; 1907-1909: Correspondence with Civil Engineer Robert Moore, Association Secretary and Treasurer O.J. Wilhelmi, Association President George F. Durant, E. Rothenherber and D.W.C. Perry regarding improvement of the grounds. Includes payroll, reports, and the association's annual report of 1907. 41 pages

Folder 15

W.E. Morgan, April 1903: Correspondence with the director of Ely-Walker Dry Goods Co. about establishing a denominational school. 3 pages

Folder 16

Mullanphy Square, 1909-1910: Correspondence of H.C. Broadwell and Philip Scanlan. 2 pages

Folder 17

Municipal Courts Buildings, 1903; 1909-1912: Correspondence with Park Commissioners Robert Aull, Philip Scanlan and Dwight F. Davis and Board of Public Improvements Assistant C.M. Talbert. Includes an outline for the improvement of Court House Square, specifications, estimates, and an indexed report about possible groupings of City Hall and the Municipal Courts Building as well as external improvements. 58 pages

Folder 18

New Picker Cemetery, 1911: Letters with Henry Brockhoff about a new entrance and addition. 6 pages

Folder 19

O'Fallon Park, 1911-1914: Correspondence with Park Commissioner Dwight Davis, Park Superintendent Nelson Cunliff, R.C. Barnett, payroll, notes, estimates, and one sketch. Includes measurements for a wading pool and an indexed report for a boat house as well as an article from the

publication *Concrete-Cement Age* that features O'Fallon Park (October 1914). Of interest is a brochure for Hunkins-Willis Lime & Cement Co. and a letter to R.C. Barnett discussing cost for a wading pool and mentions the Bear Trap Dam for River des Peres in Forest Park (17 January 1912). 108 pages

Folder 20

Pageant and Masque of St. Louis, 1913-1914: Correspondence with Chairman of the Pageant Committee John H. Gundlach, who names Kessler vice chairman of the Productions Committee and chairman of the Committee for Stage Setting, Chairman of Sub-Committee for Stage Setting Architect Louis LaBeaume, Attorney and Secretary of Executive Committee Luther Ely Smith, Executive Secretary Clinton Fisk, Secretary Charles Parsons Pettus, Chairman of Productions Committee William LaBeaume, Assistant Chairwoman of Production Committee Charlotte Rumbold, Superintendent of Construction Nelson Cunliff, Chairwoman of the Writer's Bureau Mrs. (B.J.) Charlotte Taussig, Chairwoman of Committee on City Conference Mrs. (Ernest H.) Laura Kroeger and Chairman of Finance Committee Charles A. Stix. Includes pamphlets describing the pageant, report on committee and office rules, "Report of Advisory Visit for the St. Louis Pageant" by William Chauncy Langdon, "Draft of Letter to Be Sent to Prominent Men and Women in Other Cities," report on "The Development of Municipal Recreation," list of members of Kessler's committee, bids and estimates. Of interest is a letter dated 26 November 1913 concerning a trip to the Cahokia Mounds by committee members and the Missouri Historical Society. 132 pages

Folder 21

Park Department of St. Louis, 1902-1903; 1907-1912; 1914-1916; 1918; 1920; no date: Correspondence with Irwin Krohn of the Cincinnati, Ohio, Park Board, Taxidermist Frank Schwarz and Park Commissioners Franklin L. Ridgely, Jonathan D. Davis, Philip Scanlan, Nelson Cunliff and Dwight F. Davis with multiple issues concerning St. Louis parks. Of interest is a letter to Davis with Kessler's suggestions for the organization of the Park Department (14 January 1903), a letter to Scanlan with a copy of Kansas City Charter, Article XIII, regarding taxation for the Park Department (8 January 1910), a postcard to Kessler from Scanlan in Austria (21 September 1911) and a letter to Scanlan regarding an article in the "republican *Globe-Democrat*" that avoided crediting the "democratic Park Commissioner P.C. Scanlan" for St. Louis' park development (5 January 1920). 70 pages

Folder 22

Playgrounds, 1907-1910: Correspondence with Park Commissioner Philip Scanlan, Henry Wright, and the St. Louis Public Library. Includes "Memorandum on Playground Information," by Secretary of the Public Recreation Commission Charlotte Rumbold. 22 pages

Folder 23

Pontiac Square, 1909: payroll. 3 pages

Folder 24

J. Boyle Price residence, March 1906: Correspondence about a tennis court. 2 pages

Folder 25

The Principia, 1921-1922: Correspondence with Landscape Architect John Noyes and Principia Business Manager E. Russell Field regarding planting and ground improvements. 19 pages

Folder 26

Charles M. Rice residence, 1914: Letters about planting for his terrace, notes, and plant list. 11 pages

Folder 27

Frank L. Ridgely residence (3720 Lindell Blvd.), 1903-1904; 1906: Correspondence with Ridgely, H.J. Weber & Sons Nursery Co., Fred W. Bruenig, and payroll. 17 pages

Folder 28

Riverside Park, 1909; 1911; 1914: Correspondence with John Scullin and Park Commissioners Philip Scanlan and Dwight F. Davis about Riverside Drive and Kingshighway bridge over Broadway at Riverside Park. 7 pages

Folder 29

E. Rothenheber residence (Linden Ave., Clayton), March 1906: Letter with Rothenheber requesting soft maple trees. 1 page

Folder 30

St. Louis Coliseum Company, 1913-1914: Correspondence with Coliseum Co. Secretary and Manager Frank M. Robinson concerning an upcoming flower show to be held at the Coliseum. Includes a brochure from the 1914 Mid-Continental Flower Show. 25 pages

Folder 31

St. Louis Country Club, 1910: Correspondence with G.H. Walker requesting a map with boundary lines and plant list. 5 pages

Folder 32

St. Louis Place, October 1910: Letters with Philip Scanlan regarding ground improvements. 2 pages

Box 6

St. Louis Projects: St. Louis & San Francisco Railroad-Zoological Gardens

St. Louis and San Francisco Railroad, 1891-1916. As superintendent of parks, Kessler's job included the design, construction and maintenance of the St. Louis and San Francisco Railroad parks and depot stations (21 folders arranged alphabetically by location).

Folder 1

St. Louis and San Francisco Railroad, Arcadia, Kansas, 1892; 1894: Correspondence with General Superintendent W.W. Fagan regarding upkeep. 2 pages

Folder 2

St. Louis and San Francisco Railroad, Caruthersville, Missouri, 1916: Correspondence with Hyman Caldwell of the Civic League of Caruthersville and Chief Engineer F.G. Jonah. Includes two photographs and a blueprint of the station. 20 pages

Folder 3

St. Louis and San Francisco Railroad, Chaffe, Missouri, 1910: Correspondence with St. Louis and San Francisco Railroad Vice-President/General Manager W.C. Nixon. 3 pages

Folder 4

St. Louis and San Francisco Railroad, Correspondence, General, 1889; 1891-1895; 1901-1912; no date: Correspondence and receipts with General Superintendent W.W. Fagan, Assistant General Passenger and Ticket Agent B.L. Winchell, Division Superintendent H.S. Mitchell, General Storekeeper E.W. McGrew, Comptroller J.S. Ford, F.W. Tuttle, D.W.C. Perry, S.W. Gilbert, Probst Bros. Floral Co., the Pacific Express Co., J.E. Lockwood, L.M. Rumsey Manufacturing Co., The Harden Seed Co., Richards & Conover Hardware Co., Campbell & Cutler Paint & Glass Co., Company Hospital Circular No. 1 stating proper care for sick or injured employees, Paymaster J.H. Aldrich, Purchasing Agent H.P. Jacques, President and General Manager George H. Nettleton, Division Superintendent H.W. Diggins, General Superintendent R.R. Hammond, Secretary and Treasurer Frank Hamilton, General Superintendent A.J. Davidson, Chief Engineer J.F. Hinckley, Vice President and General Manager C.R. Gray and General Superintendent S.L. Rainey. Includes monthly reports and correspondence with gardeners Philip W. Thomas and M.F. Tillston and a planting list for all station parks for the summer of 1910. Payroll for 1896 in OVERSIZE. 144 pages

Folder 5

St. Louis and San Francisco Railroad, Farlington, Kansas, 1891-1895; 1900; 1904: Correspondence with Robert Douglass of Stanford University regarding Catalpa trees, President and General Manager George H. Nettleton, Assistant Forester for the U.S. Department of Agriculture Division of Forestry Chas. A. Keffer with notes and suggestions from his examination of tree planting in the West, A.J. McCracken applying for a job, General Superintendent W.W. Fagan, Plantation Superintendent A. Thondson and Edward S. Washburn regarding the Farlington Tree Plantation. 21 pages

Folder 6

St. Louis and San Francisco Railroad, Fayetteville, Arkansas, 1912-1913: Correspondence with General Passenger Agent A. Hilton regarding a proposed hotel site. 5 pages

Folder 7

St. Louis and San Francisco Railroad, Farmland, Missouri, 1895: Correspondence with Division Superintendent J.H. Emmert and a plant list. 2 pages

Folder 8

St. Louis and San Francisco Railroad, Ft. Scott, Kansas, 1894; 1907: Correspondence with Northwestern Passenger Agent H.T. Haines and florist A.F. Barbe. 2 pages

Folder 9

St. Louis and San Francisco Railroad, Frisco Hospital and Station, 1904; 1907: Correspondence with florist A.F. Barbe, Dr. Cale, plant lists and payroll. 13 pages

Folder 10

St. Louis and San Francisco Railroad, Jonesboro, Arkansas, 1897: Letter with Superintendent J.H. Emmert. 1 page

Folder 11

St. Louis and San Francisco Railroad, Memphis, Tennessee, 1895; 1905; 1907: Correspondence with Superintendent of Terminals D.W.C. Perry, Vice-President and General Manager C.R. Gray and payroll. 4 pages

Folder 12

St. Louis and San Francisco Railroad, Merriam, Kansas, 1892-1895; 1904; 1907-1908: Correspondence with Pinkerton's National Detective Agency about patrols for the park, Superintendent W.W. Fagan, Passenger and Ticket Agent J.E. Lockwood, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Johnson County, Nannie L. Anderson regarding use of Merriam Park for school and church functions, and with others such as W.W. Fagan, J.E. Lockwood, Rev. E.C. Boaz, C.W. Brown, E.W. McGrew, H.S. Mitchell, J.S. Ford, Philip W. Thomas, C.R. Gray, and A.F. Barbe. 30 pages

Folder 13

St. Louis and San Francisco Railroad, Monett, Missouri, 1907: Correspondence with gardener Philip W. Thomas and florist A.F. Barbe. Includes one sketch. 6 pages

Folder 14

St. Louis and San Francisco Railroad, Pierce City, Missouri, 1903: Correspondence with Carthage Building Stone Co., Theron C. Bennett, Secretary of the Pierce City Commercial Club, Civil Engineer for the St. Louis and San Francisco Railroad J.G Taylor, and President of the Lawrence County Bank L.L.L. Allen. 5 pages

Folder 15

St. Louis and San Francisco Railroad, Pleasanton, Kansas, July 1892: Correspondence with Purchasing, Timber and Fuel Agent H.P. Jacques, with a requisition for a "California" sprinkler. 2 pages

Folder 16

St. Louis and San Francisco Railroad, Rosedale, Kansas, March 1894: Correspondence with General Superintendent W.W. Fagan regarding trimming trees. 1 page

Folder 17

St. Louis and San Francisco Railroad, Springfield, Missouri, 1892; 1895; 1907: Correspondence with General Superintendent W.W. Fagan, receipt from florist A.F. Barbe and one sketch. 5 pages

Folder 18

St. Louis and San Francisco Railroad, Thayer, Missouri, 1895; 1907: Correspondence with President and General Manager George H. Nettleton, telegrams between Kessler and gardener Philip W. Thomas and a receipt from florist A.F. Barbe. 4 pages

Folder 19

St. Louis and San Francisco Railroad, Tower Grove, Missouri, 1905; 1910: Correspondence with the landscape engineer for the Missouri Pacific Railway Company, J.S. Butterfield. 3 pages

Folder 20

St. Louis and San Francisco Railroad, Webster Groves, Missouri, 1911: Correspondence with St. Louis and San Francisco Railroad Vice President/General Manager W.C. Nixon and Superintendent A. O'Hara. 7 pages

Folder 21

St. Louis and San Francisco Railroad, Willow Springs, Missouri, 1909: Correspondence with Vice-President and General Manager W.C. Nixon, the Willow Springs Commercial Club, the Roadmaster's

Office, and reports from gardener M.F. Tillston. 11 pages

Folder 22

Sheldon Memorial, 1912-1913: Correspondence with the Ethical Society of St. Louis regarding grading and sodding the memorial grounds. 4 pages

Folder 23

G.W. Simmons residence, 1908: Correspondence with Simmons about his home in Clayton. 2 pages

Folder 24

Soulard Square, November 1909: payroll. 1 page

Folder 25

Corwin H. Spencer residence (5 Washington Terrace), 1905: Correspondence with Spencer of C.H. Spencer & Son Grain and Provisions regarding lawn improvements, payroll, plant list, and notes. 24 pages

Folder 26

George F. Steedman residence (Westmoreland Place), December 1905: Estimate for planting and notes. 4 pages

Folder 27

Sunset Hill Country Club, 1910-1911; 1915-1916; 1918-1919: Correspondence with August A. Busch, Attorney Harry B. Hawes, Architects Widman & Walsh and Assistant Secretary and Manager Oscar E. Broyer regarding the Inn and Golf Course to be built on the Busch property for the Anheuser-Busch Brewing Association. Includes payroll. 25 pages

Folder 28

Sunset Realty Co., 1921-1922: Correspondence with Surveyor Julius Pitzman, and Federer-Arendes Realty concerning the Sunset Terrace subdivision to be built near the grounds of the Sunset Hills Country Club. 15 pages

Folder 29

Theological Seminary of the Missouri Synod, March 1921: Correspondence with President of Henry W. Horst Co., general contractors, and member of the Board of Directors of the Lutheran Church Henry Horst of Rock Island, Illinois, regarding a location in St. Louis for the synod. 4 pages

Folder 30

Mrs. H.F. Tittmann residence (28 Westmoreland Place), 1905: Correspondence with Mrs. Tittmann and a plant list. 5 pages

Folder 31

Tower Grove Park, 1908-1910: Correspondence with Director of the Missouri Botanical Garden and Chairman of the Board of Commissioners for Tower Grove Park Dr. William Trelease, Secretary of the Tower Grove Park Board of Commissioners C.E. Hutchings, H.C. Broadwell and W.R. Fraser of the Tower Grove Improvement Association regarding hedges. Includes two reports of a comprehensive study of the park with suggestions for improvements and plant lists, two reports on carriage and

pedestrian entrances to the park, notes, estimates, plant list and payroll. 87 pages

Folder 32

Valhalla Cemetery, 1917: Correspondence with Cemetery Secretary R.J. Guthrie regarding grading and granitoid work and payroll. 8 pages

Folder 33

Vandeventer Place, 1904; 1914; 1917: Correspondence with Swain Nelson & Sons Co. Nurserymen & Landscape Gardeners, H.J. Weber & Sons Nursery Co. with itemized receipts, resident Edward Mallinckrodt, Treasurer of Vandeventer Place John Lionberger Davis, Secretary Arthur W. Rehfeldt, Attorney John D. Davis, F.G Eaton and Alexander Galt. Includes notes, payroll, plant lists and a list of shrubs arranged according to time of flowering. 46 pages

Folder 34

Chas. E. Ware residence (5900 West Cabanne), May 1905: Correspondence with the manager of Buxton & Skinner Stationery Co. about a willow tree. 2 pages

Folder 35

Washington University and the Manual Training School, 1904-1906; 1910: Correspondence with Henry Wright, University Chancellor W.S. Chaplin, Dept. of Civil Engineering Professor J.L. Van Ornum, and Manual Training School and Smith Academy Director Professor Calvin M. Woodward. Includes plant, tree, and shrub lists with estimates and the use of engineering students to help with the restoration of the campus. Of interest is an invitation from Washington University, 6 April 1905, to a tree planting ceremony on 22 April. 75 pages

Folder 36

Watertower at Grand and 20th, February 1913: Correspondence with Park Commissioner Dwight F. Davis and President of City Council J.H. Gundlach about improvements. 4 pages

Folder 37

Webster Groves, no date: Subdivision plan of Webster Park. 1 page

Folder 38

Westmoreland Place, 1903; 1905: Correspondence with Gilsonite Construction Co. regarding curbs, John D. Filley, Bambrick-Bates Construction Co., Manager of Mound City Sand & Gravel Co. C.G. Besch regarding roof gravel, Meyers Construction Co. regarding sewer pipes, Westmoreland Place Director and President of St. Louis Union and Trust Company Thomas H. West, measurements, estimates, notes, and payroll. Of interest is a monthly time book from the Landscape Department. 72 pages

Folder 39

Workhouse, August 1912: Correspondence with President of the Board of Public Works Maxime Reber regarding ground treatment. 1 page

Folder 40

Yeatman Square Park, 1907-1908; 1911: Correspondence with Park Commissioner Philip Scanlan, Street Commissioner J.C. Travilla, Street Department Secretary C.L. Kretschmar, Henry Wright,

D.W.C. Perry and payroll. 56 pages

Folder 41

Zoological Gardens, 1916; 1920: Correspondence with Landscape Architects Muskopf & Irish and the St. Louis Zoological Society with an "Inventory of Mammals, Birds, and Reptiles Inhabiting the St. Louis Zoo." 8 pages

Box 7

Kansas City Board of Park Commissioners, correspondence (chronological), 1890-1917

Folder 1

1890-1901: Letters of introduction for Kessler from George H. Nettleton, August R. Meyer and C.F. Morse, Kessler's application for employment to the board (31 May 1890), his handwritten mission statement (May 1892), Kessler's notes on Points on Park Matters, correspondence with mayors James Jones and James Reed. 38 pages

Folder 2

1902: Correspondence with Board President J.J. Swofford, refers to park fund certificates. 11 pages

Folder 3

1904-1905: Correspondence with Henry Wright, Board Secretary Alexander Rankin, Civil Engineer and Superintendent of Parks W.H. Dunn, engineering firm Ford, Bacon, and Davis, of New York City, Board President J.J. Swofford, and payroll. 14 pages

Folder 4

1906: Correspondence with Board members A.J. Dean and Fred S. Doggett, Board Secretary F.P. Gossard, copy of printed park and boulevard map, and payroll. 16 pages

Folder 5

1907: Letters with City Counselor D.J. Haff, Park Superintendent W.H. Dunn, Board member Fred S. Doggett, Board Secretary F.P. Gossard, Board President Franklin Hudson, A.J. King, unsigned deed of Mary T. Whiteside and reports on the Terminal Railway and Belt Line. 25 pages

Folder 6

1908: Correspondence with Board President Franklin Hudson, Park Superintendent W.H. Dunn, City Counselor D.J. Haff, Associate City Counselor W.A. Knotts, and a report concerning the price per foot of constructing boulevards. 7 pages

Folder 7

1909: Correspondence with E.O. Moffat, C.F. Morse, James H. Garnsey, Board Secretary F.P. Gossard, City Counselor D.J. Haff, Board member J.W. Wagner, Board President A.J. Dean, and a report regarding the right-of-way for railroads through parks. 26 pages

Folder 8

1910: Correspondence with Walter B. Stevens, Board President D.J. Haff regarding a proposed municipal center, Board Superintendent W.H. Dunn including a postcard from New York City (20 August), Board Secretary F.P. Gossard, Associate City Counselor Hunt Moore, letters from Kansas City

constituents responding to a proposal published by Kessler concerning boulevard expansion and acquisition of land south of town by the Park Board (16-17 January), and reference to Supreme Court decision concerning the validity of land acquisition and city expansion. Reports: "Needs of Administration of Park System" (16 April), "General Maintenance (19 April), "Program of Park Works 1910" (7 May), construction and improvement work, cost of improvement estimates (4 June), "Plans Pending" (21 June), "Projected Improvements" (20 August) and "Park Improvement" (22 September) by D.J. Haff; rough draft and report by Kessler regarding the evolution of the park and boulevard system; and a report regarding payroll and the Swope Park fund (31 October). One map highlighting Kansas City's park and boulevards in OVERSIZE. 175 pages

Folder 9

1911: Correspondence with Park Superintendent W.H. Dunn, Board President D.J. Haff, Park Engineer Fred Gabelman and H.C. Broadwell with reference to bubble fountains, Von Schrenk and Kammerer in St. Louis concerning specification for creosoting paving blocks, reference to the use of Catalpa trees for Arbor Day, and telegrams. Annual report to board from Kessler, memo to W.H. Dunn concerning civil service examination (10 January), "Exhibit of Requirements to be apportioned from the General Fund of Kansas City for 1911 with Recapitulation and Index" (10 March), park expenditures (25 March), and report to board regarding operations, improvements and studies (17 April). Of interest is a letter from D.J. Haff to Kessler dated 24 August, Los Angeles, where he gives his impressions on its park system and refers to Swope Park as Kessler's "opus magnum." In Kessler's response he points out that Henry D. Ashley publicly credited Frederick Law Olmstead with the design of the Kansas City park and boulevard system instead of Kessler. Pages 13 and 18 of report dated 17 April in OVERSIZE with copies in file. 90 pages

Folder 10

1912: Correspondence with Park Superintendent W.H. Dunn, Board President D.J. Haff, Park Engineer Fred Gabelman, reference to the appointment of Dr. Logan to the Board of Park Commissioners, and telegrams. Reports: "Lantern Slide Views," file list and talk by W.H. Dunn (10 June), suggestions to new Board President Henry D. Ashley from D.J. Haff (1 July), "Effect of Park and Boulevard Improvements on Property Values" by W.H. Dunn given at the annual meeting of park superintendents in Boston (12 August). 62 pages

Folder 11

1913: Correspondence with D.J. Haff, Board President Henry D. Ashley, Park Engineer Fred Gabelman, Park Superintendent W.H. Dunn, Board Secretary T.C. Harrington and two pamphlets for "Notice of Sale of Park Fund Certificates" (29 September). Reports: estimates for projects (10-11 April), "Penn Valley Park and Blue Valley Parkway" (11 April), Kessler's speech for the City Planning Conference in Chicago, May 5-7, titled "The Actual Distribution of Costs for Kansas City Parks and Boulevards" and notes, and memo regarding streetcar extensions and viaducts (25 August). 89 pages

Folder 12

1914: Correspondence with Park Superintendent W.H. Dunn, Board President Cusil Lechtman, Park Engineer Fred Gabelman, Board Secretary T.C. Harrington, The Commercial Club Secretary E.M. Clendening, an invitation to the inspection of park system of Kansas City scheduled for 15 September, telegrams, payroll, and reference to a Supreme Court decision concerning a case in St. Joseph, Missouri, and the condemnation of land for park purposes. Of interest is correspondence with Sculptor Karl Bitter of New York regarding Architect Dr. Stephan Prager, representing the German Government sent to

investigate city building conditions with a few of the letters and reports in German (30 June-10 July). Includes report on parks as good investments (31 March) and memo to Board President C.C. Craver (10 June). 118 pages

Folder 13

1915: Correspondence with Park Engineer Fred Gabelman, Board Secretary T.C. Harrington, Board President C.C. Craver, telegrams, and payroll. Reports: Dandelion pest from D.J. Haff (28 April) and the improvement in civic pride, city living, and the economy in Kansas City since the implementation of the park and boulevard system (27 September). 88 pages

Folder 14

1916: Correspondence with Board President Cusil Lechtman, C.C. Craver, Park Engineer Fred Gabelman, Board Secretary T.C. Harrington, Park Superintendent W.H. Dunn, Architect John Van Brunt, Attorney Edward L. Scarritt, Attorney William C. Scarritt, and telegrams. Reports: road improvements and costs (4-5 May), property under board control and suggested improvements (7 June), memo regarding the new city charter and its effects on the board (5 July) and a report on bituminized earth pavement (21 July). 61 pages

Folder 15

1917: Correspondence with Board Secretary T.C. Harrington, Park Engineer Fred Gabelman, Board member Attorney William Buchholz and the City Planning Conference in Kansas City, Mayor George H. Edwards, City Engineer Curtis Hall, Park Superintendent W.H. Dunn, William C. Scarritt, telegrams, and payroll. Report: assessed property values and tax rates (21 April). Of interest is a letter written by D.J. Haff to Henry D. Ashley crediting Kessler and not Olmstead with the design of Kansas City's park and boulevard system. 50 pages

Box 8

Kansas City Board of Park Commissioner, correspondence (chronological), 1918-1923

Folder 1

1918: Correspondence with Board Secretary T.C. Harrington, Park Superintendent W.H. Dunn, E.J. Davison, Park Engineer Fred Gabelman, W.I. Ayres, Board Presidents George W. Fuller and Judge Frank P. Sebree, D.J. Haff, telegrams, and payroll. Report: improvements recommended for consideration for 1918. 43 pages

Folder 2

1918: Minutes of Proceedings, May-December. 96 pages

Folder 3

1919: Correspondence with Park Engineer Fred Gabelman, Park Superintendent W.H. Dunn, Board Secretary T.C. Harrington, telegrams, C.C. Craver, Mayor James Cowgill with reference to the implementation of a City Plan Commission for Kansas City, Merriam, Kansas, and Kessler's illness. 41 pages

Folder 4

1919: Minutes of Proceedings, January-December. 141 pages

Folder 5

1920: Correspondence with Park Engineer Fred Gabelman, City Engineer Robert Waddell and Park Superintendent W.H. Dunn. 5 pages

Folder 6

1920: Minutes of Proceedings, January-December. 104 pages

Folder 7

1921: Correspondence with Board Secretary T.C. Harrington, Board President Judge Frank P. Sebree, Park Engineer Fred Gabelman, Park Superintendent W.H. Dunn, telegrams, and Mrs. Charles S. Cross regarding park space in Westport. Report: cutting of shade trees by light and telephone poles by D.J. Haff (23 May). 27 pages

Folder 8

1921: Minutes of Proceedings, January-December. 111 pages

Folder 9

1922: Correspondence with Park Engineer Fred Gabelman, Board Secretary T.C. Harrington, Presidents Judge Frank P. Sebree and William C. Scarritt, D.J. Haff, Board member Edwin W. Zea, General Committee Chairman for the City Park and Plan Week Celebration Robert P. Woods, telegrams, and an article by Fred Gabelman titled "Resurfacing a Heavy Traffic Boulevard." Of interest is a speech, brochures of scheduled events, rules and regulations for the floral parade and Kessler's list of out-of-town guests to invite to the 30th anniversary of the Park Board, "City Park and Plan Week" 14-17 June. 90 pages

Folder 10

1922: Minutes of Proceedings, January-December. 146 pages

Folder 11

1923: Correspondence with Board President William C. Scarritt, Park Superintendent W.H. Dunn, U.S. Sartin and reference to Kessler's illness and his surgery in Indianapolis. 14 pages

Folder 12

1923: Minutes of Proceedings, January-March. 29 pages

Folder 13

no date: Letter from George G. Gaugh Printing and Binding Co. about printing an annual report. 1 page

Box 9

**Kansas City Board of Park Commissioners, reports, resolutions, etc., circa 1916; no date
City Plan Commission (Kansas City), correspondence, 1917-1923**

Folder 1

circa 1916: "About Kansas City." Advertising pamphlet with map. 16 pages

Folder 2

no date: Board of Fire and Water Commission, resolutions adopted by Board of Park Commissioners on

water distribution in parks. 2 pages

Folder 3

no date: "A Report of the Investigations of Crowded Districts," Supervisor of Playgrounds Elenore K. Canny. 5 pages

Folder 4

no date: "Kansas River Floods. Is There a Remedy?," Civil Engineer W.E. Newbert, Seattle, Washington. File includes two blueprints, one blueprint has been moved to OVERSIZE. 11 pages

Folder 5

no date: "Parks and Boulevards," estimates and comparisons. 2 pages

Folder 6

no date: "Parkways," The Paseo, 63rd Street, Gillham Road, Spring Valley Plaza, Budd Park Esplanade, West Pennway, and Mill Creek, Swope, Ward and Blue Valley Parkways. 13 pages

Folder 7

no date: "Parkways and Boulevards," understanding the necessary connection between parks and boulevards and suggested improvements. 4 pages

Folder 8

no date: "Kansas City, A Pearl in the Evolution of American City Planning," in German, 2 copies. 22 pages

Folder 9

no date: "Specifications for Constructing Artificial Stone Sidewalks," report and contract with the Board of Park Commissioner, and contract with the Street Department. 18 pages

Folder 10

1917; 1920-1922; 1923: Correspondence with City Plan Commission Secretary Ernest Tucker, Chairman Herbert V. Jones, Consulting Engineer R.E. McDonnell of St. Paul, Minnesota, Mayor George H. Edwards, John A. Bryan of St. Louis regarding insurance maps, telegrams and President of the Kansas City Chamber of Commerce F.C. Sharon. Of interest: Ordinance #31017 establishing a City Planning Commission (10 October 1917), letter to Tucker encouraging the establishment of a committee within the commission to study real estate issues, both business and residential, in order to better plan future building (9 September 1920), letter from Tucker stating that Commission Chairman Herbert V. Jones established committees to study transportation, industries and commercial districts (4 December 1920), letter to Tucker regarding zoning and population density (29 March 1921), Park and Boulevard Fiscal Program for 1921 (13 April 1921), reservation of an easement for certain utilities for Nichols Land Co. (31 May 1921), telegram announcing the death of Mayor Cowgill (20 January 1922), letterhead for City Park and Plan Week with Ernest Tucker as committee secretary (27 May 1922) and 13-page report submitted to commission for consideration concerning survey of Kansas City. 144 pages

Box 10

Kansas City Board of Park Commissioners, boulevards, parkways, roads, streets, 1901-1923

Folder 1

12th Street, 1907; 1911; 1913: Correspondence with D.J. Haff, Park Superintendent W.H. Dunn, and Architect Thomas Wright of Wilder & Wright. 8 pages

Folder 2

15th Street, no date: Report concerning widening from Campbell to Grand. 6 pages

Folder 3

20th Street, 1913; 1921: Letters with Park Engineer Fred Gabelman regarding improvements. 4 pages

Folder 4

22nd Street, October 1919: Letters with sketch to Gabelman about a proposed park at Kansas Ave. 4 pages

Folder 5

24th Street, December 1918: Correspondence with Board of Public Works Engineer Robert Waddell about widening the street. 1 page

Folder 6

30th Street, March 1901: Correspondence with Gilsonite Roofing and Paving Co. and Henry D. Ashley regarding paving. 3 pages

Folder 7

38th Street, August 1907: Correspondence with Surveyor Wallace Love, Park Superintendent W.H. Dunn, and Board President Franklin Hudson concerning gutter improvements. 4 pages

Folder 8

39th Street, 1907; 1919: Correspondence with Board Secretary T.C. Harrington about surface grading. 6 pages

Folder 9

46th Street, May 1908: Letter about grading and the inconvenience to patrons of Electric Park. 1 page

Folder 10

47th Street, 1911; 1914; 1921: Correspondence with Park Superintendent W.H. Dunn, Board Secretary T.C. Harrington, and Landscape Architect Martin Jacobsson. Two sketches in OVERSIZE. 7 pages

Folder 11

55th Street, April 1910: Correspondence with J.C. Nichols. 2 pages

Folder 12

63rd Street, 1910; 1915: Correspondence with Park Superintendent W.H. Dunn and Acting Executive Board Officer Ralph Benedict. 5 pages

Folder 13

64th Street, June 1911: Letter to Park Superintendent W.H. Dunn about the width of the street. 1 page

Folder 14

67th Street, August 1920: Correspondence with Harrison & Start Real Estate regarding Parkwood plat at 67th & Kensington. 2 pages

Folder 15

Abington Boulevard, July 1910: Correspondence with R.B. Jones & Sons Insurance & Loans about the development by Abington Land Co. of "Abington Park." Includes subdivision map. 5 pages

Folder 16

Admiral Boulevard, 1902; 1906-1907; 1909; 1912: Correspondence with Board Counselor R.E. Ball concerning the condemnation of land for park purposes, Pastor Charles Moore of the Institutional Church petitioning for adequate lighting for a dangerous park near his church, Park Superintendent W.H. Dunn and H.C. Broadwell. 19 pages

Folder 17

Armour Boulevard, 1902; 1910: Correspondence with D.J. Haff and Charles W. Armour about sidewalks and benches. Includes one sketch. 4 pages

Folder 18

Benton Boulevard and Bridges, 1901; 1907; 1914; 1919; 1921-1922: Correspondence Engineers Waddell and Hendrick, Consolidated Kansas City Smelting & Refining Co., and Board Secretary F.P. Gossard regarding a bridge over the Belt Line tracks and Engineers Harrington, Howard and Ash, Board President C.C. Craver, Park Superintendent W.H. Dunn and Frank Rea about the condition of the trees along Benton. 31 pages

Folder 19

Blue Ridge Road, 1910: Correspondence with Election Commissioners Chairman J.M. Lowe and Associate City Counselor Hunt Moore. 3 pages

Folder 20

Blue Valley Parkway, 1912: Letters with Henry D. Ashley and the Park Board. 8 pages

Folder 21

Broadway Boulevard, 1902; 1910; 1918: Correspondence with Alderman W.J. Knepp, A.A. Tribble, J.C. Nichols and Board Secretary T.C. Harrington regarding a connection to Ward Parkway. 6 pages

Folder 22

Brush Creek Valley Parkway, 1907; 1917; 1921: Correspondence with Board Secretaries F.P. Gossard and T.C. Harrington, Park Engineer Fred Gabelman, J.E. Guisinger regarding acquisition of land for the Parkway and attorneys Holm, Holm, and Page regarding the right-of-way for the Electric Terminal Railroad Co. 20 pages

Folder 23

Gillham Boulevard, 1906; 1907; 1912; 1915; 1917: Correspondence with Board President Franklin Hudson, Mrs. C.F. Morse about a bridle path, Board Secretary T.C. Harrington, Park Superintendent W.H. Dunn and Park Engineer Fred Gabelman about a fly and bait casting pool, and a petition from the owners of property in opposition to assessments against them for boulevard repairs. 17 pages

Folder 24

Gladstone Boulevard, 1903; 1906-1908; 1911; 1921-1922: Letters with Park Superintendent W.H. Dunn, Park Engineer Fred Gabelman, City Engineer E.A. Harper, William C. Scarritt, Board President Franklin Hudson, Mayor Darius A. Brown regarding the validity of eminent domain and a report concerning an ordinance defining the nature of buildings and zoning on the boulevard. 26 pages

Folder 25

Independence Boulevard, 1900; 1911: Correspondence with August R. Meyer, D.J. Haff. Report on bituminous macadam pavement. 8 pages

Folder 26

Karnes Boulevard, 1906; 1919: Correspondence from J.H. Lipscomb to J.V.C. Karnes regarding trees along the boulevard and attorney Joseph Rust. 4 pages

Folder 27

Linwood Boulevard, 1914: Correspondence with Board Secretary T.C. Harrington. 2 pages

Folder 28

Main Street, December 1921: Memorandum from Park Engineer Fred Gabelman. 1 page

Folder 29

Mill Creek Parkway, 1911-1912: Correspondence with L.R. Wright Real Estate and Park Superintendent W.H. Dunn regarding a borrow pit. 6 pages

Folder 30

Oak Street, 1905-1907: Correspondence with Board President Franklin Hudson, W.R. Nelson and R.E. Stout of the *Kansas City Star* and W.A. Rule. 25 pages

Folder 31

The Paseo, 1901-1902; 1905-1907; 1909-1911; 1914-1915; 1918; 1921: Correspondence with Acting Executive Officer Ralph R. Benedict, Park Superintendent W.H. Dunn, Board Secretaries A.S. Rankin and F.P. Gossard with payroll, Board Counselor D.J. Haff, Park Engineer Fred Gabelman, C.C. Craver, M.G. Heim, R.E. Ball, Attorney L.R. Ash and the firm of Rozelle, Vineyard & Thatcher. Of interest is a report (4 June 1910) detailing an auto accident at The Paseo and Armour Blvd. One blueprint in OVERSIZE. 39 pages

Folder 32

Pershing Road, 1919: Correspondence with Park Engineer Fred Gabelman. 2 pages

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Walrond Boulevard, 1900; 1907; 1910-1911: Correspondence with Metropolitan Street Railway Co., Board President Franklin Hudson, Park Engineer Fred Gabelman, and R.L. Winter & Co. Real Estate & Loans. 5 pages

Folder 34

Ward Parkway, 1910; 1912; 1915-1918; 1922-1923: Letters with J.C. Nichols, Ward Investment Co., Park Engineer Fred Gabelman, Board Secretary T.C. Harrington concerning interior parking and payroll,

Board President William C. Scarritt, Bryson Jones of R.B. Jones & Sons Insurance and Loans requesting ground improvements on Ward between 55th and 57th, and City Counselor John B. Pew regarding grades and the assessment of parkway residents to pay for improvements. 31 pages

Folder 35

Warwick Boulevard, 1901: Correspondence with Civil Engineers Tuttle & Pike and T. Knight. 2 pages

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Washington Park Boulevard, September 1922: Correspondence with President William C. Scarritt. 1 page

Folder 37

Oiling Roads, 1906-1911: Correspondence with D.J. Haff, Manager of Ebano Oil Co. in Mexico City Harold Walker and Heatherington & Berner Constructing Engineers regarding an oil and asphalt mixing machine built by J.C. Travilla of St. Louis. Reports: "Dressing Macadam Roads," oiling operations costs for 1907, oiling costs for 1908 with pamphlet, oiling apparatus by W.H. Dunn and Von Schrenk & Kammerer concerning the treatment of paving blocks with oil. 48 pages

Box 11

Kansas City Board of Park Commissioners, memorials, squares, parks, plazas, etc., 1901-1922

Folder 1

Art Museum Center, 1913; 1919: Correspondence with Architect Jarvis Hunt and Park Superintendent W.H. Dunn. One blueprint in OVERSIZE. 5 pages

Folder 2

Auto Tourist Camp, 1922: Letters with Superintendent W.H. Dunn and a list of possible sites. 5 pages

Folder 3

Blue River Valley, February 1911: Correspondence with Board Assistant Secretary E.J. Balsiger, President of the Kansas City Yacht Club Judge J. Edgar Guinotte and United States Engineer Major E.H. Schultz regarding improving the mouth of the Blue River at the Missouri River. 3 pages

Folder 4

Budd Park, August 1902: Correspondence with Superintendent of Budd Park P.B. O'Connor about showing "moving pictures" in the park. 1 page

Folder 5

East Park District, February 1911: Correspondence with D.J. Haff and Park Superintendent W.H. Dunn regarding condemnation projects. 9 pages

Folder 6

Electric Park, July 1907: Correspondence with M.G. Heim. 1 page

Folder 7

Garrison Square, 1911; 1920: Correspondence with Park Superintendent W.H. Dunn regarding the Garrison Square School and a field house. 4 pages

Folder 8

Grove Park, 1908; 1911; 1915: Correspondence with Board Secretary T.C. Harrington, D.J. Haff and Park Superintendent W.H. Dunn. 6 pages

Folder 9

Holmes Square, September 1908: Correspondence from Park Superintendent W.H. Dunn to Architect Henry Wright regarding a bath house. 6 pages

Folder 10

Mayor Henry L. Jost residence, 1913: Correspondence with Park Engineer Fred Gabelman and Board President Cusil Lechtman regarding ground improvements. 6 pages

Folder 11

Linwood Plaza, March 1911: Letters with D.J. Haff and Park Superintendent W.H. Dunn. 7 pages

Folder 12

Lidstun Noland Memorial, November 1913: Correspondence with D.A.R. member Mrs. Mark Salisbury and Board Secretary T.C. Harrington regarding a grave marker at Westport and Broadway. 4 pages

Folder 13

North Terrace Park (later known as Kessler Park), 1902; 1905; 1909; 1912; 1914-1915; 1919: Correspondence with Rev. Eugene Russell Hendrix of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, regarding a museum to display a collection of crinoids, Architect Henry Wright, Board Presidents Henry D. Ashley and C.C. Craver, Park Engineer Fred Gabelman, Engineer L.R. Ash, George Meyer, and Park Superintendent W.H. Dunn. 24 pages

Folder 14

Penn Valley Park, 1901-1902; 1904; 1906-1907; 1909; 1912-1914; 1918-1919: Correspondence with Penn Valley Park Superintendent Paul Marran, A.A. Tribble, Board Secretary F.P. Gossard, Park Superintendent W.H. Dunn, Park Engineer Fred Gabelman, Engineer W.I. Klein, Board Presidents Cusil Lechtman, C.C. Craver and Herbert Woolf. Includes one map. One blueprint in OVERSIZE. 32 pages

Folder 15

Playgrounds and Pools, 1905; 1908; 1910; 1913; 1916: Correspondence with Spalding Sporting Goods Co, H.C. Broadwell, Board President D.J. Haff recommending Charlotte Rumbold for playground examiner, Park Engineer Fred Gabelman, and Board President Cusil Lechtman. Includes two annual reports from Playground Supervisor Elenore K. Canny for 1911 and 1912. 66 pages

Folder 16

Police Memorial, January 1921: Correspondence with Park Superintendent W.H. Dunn. 3 pages

Folder 17

Roanoke Park, 1901-1902: Correspondence with Civil Engineers Tuttle & Pike and the Kansas City Park Committee regarding land offered the city by Smith Highlands Land Co. 3 pages

Folder 18

Santa Fe Trail Monument, 1905; 1918: Correspondence with the D.A.R. and Park Superintendent W.H.

Dunn regarding a marker for the trail in Penn Valley Park. Includes three sketches. 5 pages

Folder 19

"Scout" Statue, 1917; 1921: Letters with Commercial Club Chairman C.C. Craver, Club Secretary E.M. Clendening and Missouri Board of Charities and Correction Member Bertha Bradley. 4 pages

Folder 20

Sheffield Park, July 1917. 4 pages

Folder 21

South Park District, 1902; 1910: Letters with Merchants Loan & Trust Co. and D.J. Haff. 9 pages

Folder 22

Union Cemetery, April 1919: Correspondence with Walter L. Lampkin about transferring the cemetery to the Park Board. 1 page

Folder 23

Union Station and Plaza, 1906-1907; 1909; 1912-1913; 1915; 1918-1919; 1921-1922: Correspondence with Mayor H.M. Beardsley, Board President Franklin Hudson, Park Superintendent W.H. Dunn, Park Engineer Fred Gabelman, Niles Bulger, President of the National Bank of the Republic William Huttig, Board Presidents Henry D. Ashley and Cusil Lechtman, Chief Engineer of Terminal Railroad John V. Hanna, Assistant City Civil Engineer Robert Waddell, Board of Public Works Secretary Frank E. McCabe, Chairman of the Station Plaza Beautification Committee Robert P. Woods, Board Secretary T.C. Harrington with payroll and the sale of bonds for street improvements and Secretary of the Board of Public Works Frank E. McCabe. One sketch in OVERSIZE. 49 pages

Folder 24

Union Station Park, 1909-1910; 1912-1916; 1918: Correspondence with Architects Jarvis Hunt and John Van Brunt, Board Presidents Henry D. Ashley and Cusil Lechtman, Park Superintendent W.H. Dunn, Board Secretary T.C. Harrington, C.H. Nearing, Park Engineer Fred Gabelman, Kenneth McM. Dickey, telegrams, payroll and a report on Ordinance 15703. 35 pages

Folder 25

Union Station Traffic Report, October 1918: Census by City Civil Engineer Robert Waddell and various census takers lists flow of traffic from 7-12 October by street, direction, time of day and mode of transportation. 61 pages

Folder 26

Washington Square, 1910-1911: Correspondence with Park Superintendent W.H. Dunn, Assistant Park Superintendent T.H. Reed, H.C. Broadwell and Park Engineer Fred Gabelman. 15 pages

Folder 27

West Terrace Park, 1900; 1903; 1906; 1912-1913; 1919-1920: Correspondence with Union Depot Co. President Edward Washburn, St. Louis and San Francisco Railroad Vice President & General Manager B.L. Winchell, Park Engineer Fred Gabelman, Park Superintendent W.H. Dunn, Architect Edgar P. Madorie, Board Secretary T.C. Harrington, and Mrs. Judge E.R. Hunter about her land on West Cliff. 37 pages

Folder 28

Samuel Wolf residence, November 1908: Correspondence with Wolf about his driveway. 1 page

Folder 29

Gardeners, 1910-1912; 1914-1915: Letters with D.J. Haff, Edward M. Bainter of the Board of Civil Service, Park Superintendent W.H. Dunn, Board Secretary T.C. Harrington, and Board President C.C. Craver. 30 pages

Box 12**Kansas City Board of Park Commissioners, Swope Park, 1901-1922****Folder 1**

Boat House, July 1912: Correspondence with Superintendent W.H. Dunn and Secretary/Treasurer of The Star Boat Co. James G. Guinotte regarding boats and a boat house on the lagoon. 4 pages

Folder 2

Boy Scout Camp, March 1919: Park Superintendent W.H. Dunn and E.C. Wright, Jr., concerning a national movement among the Boy Scouts to plant trees in memory of Theodore Roosevelt. 3 pages

Folder 3

Bridge, 71st St., 1909; 1914-1916; 1918: Correspondence with Consulting Engineer Ira G. Hendrick, Park Engineer Fred Gabelman, W.I. Ayres of the Kansas City Park Department, Consulting Engineer L.R. Ash, Consulting Engineers from Waddell & Son R.C. Barnett and N. Everett Waddell and Board Secretary T.C. Harrington. 45 pages

Folder 4

Concessions Pavilion, March 1908: Correspondence with board member Fred S. Doggett. 2 pages

Folder 5

General Correspondence, 1901-1902; 1907-1910; 1912-1915; 1918-1921; no date: Correspondence with Missouri Canoe Club Secretary M.B. Proctor regarding a dam across the Blue River, W.A. Rule regarding orchard grass seed, Frank Johnston about his land near the park, Board of Election Commissioners Chairman J.M. Lowe regarding a road connecting to the new County Home for the Indigent, Park Superintendent W.H. Dunn, Assistant City Counsel Walter L. Lampkin, treasurer of the Texas-Mexico Immigration Co. on behalf of "The People's Country Club," Commercial Club Secretary E.M. Clendening, Swope Park Superintendent R.T. Proctor, Thomas T. Crittenden regarding a gift of oak trees, Consulting Engineer Ira G. Hendrick with estimates for bridges over the Blue River and the lagoon, Board of Public Works Sewer Engineer Theodore R. Ash about the Blue River, telegrams, C.C. Craver about the need for a head gardener, Board Secretary T.C. Harrington and payroll, Park Engineer Fred Gabelman, Cusil Lechtman, and Attorney Thad. B. Landon protesting on the behalf of a resident near the park to a proposed amusement park on the Evanston Golf Club grounds. Of interest is a letter from Fred Gabelman about a British and American aviation show that attracted an estimated 200,000 people and the subsequent traffic jams on all roads leading to the park (29 August 1918), letter from W.H. Dunn detailing the loss of the Swope Park Barn due to fire (23 July 1913) and an undated letter from H.B. Swope. One sketch in OVERSIZE. 48 pages

Folder 6

Dairy Farm, 1912: Correspondence with Park Superintendent W.H. Dunn regarding a model dairy farm to be funded by Mr. Volkner. 12 pages

Folder 7

Hickman's Mill Road Bridge, October 1912: Report from R.C. Barnett. 8 pages

Folder 8

Loose Flagpole, 1912-1915: Correspondence with Attorney Frank Titus representing Jacob L. Loose, president of the Loose-Wiles Biscuit Co. Loose would like his flagstaff to be 200 feet high and inquires as to the size of the base and the flag. Board Secretary T.C. Harrington and payroll, Board President Henry D. Ashley, Cusil Lechtman and reference to the Meyer Blvd. entrance for the location of the flagpole, Park Engineer Fred Gabelman, Park Superintendent W.H. Dunn, Board President C.C. Craver, and a program for the dedication dated Monday June 5, 1915. 39 pages

Folder 9

Mall, 1915; 1918-1919: Correspondence with Board Secretary T.C. Harrington and Park Engineer Fred Gabelman. 6 pages

Folder 10

Meyer Blvd. Entrance, June 1916: Correspondence with Park Engineer Fred Gabelman with a plan to make it the park's principle entrance. 3 pages

Folder 11

Nursery, January 1914: Correspondence with Board Secretary T.C. Harrington regarding the need for a head gardener and plant list. 7 pages

Folder 12

Railroads, 1902; 1910; 1912-1914; 1916: Correspondence with General Superintendent of the Frisco System A.J. Davidson, Board President Franklin Hudson, City Counselor E.C. Meservey, Vice-President of the Missouri Pacific Railway Co. C.S. Clark, Chief Engineer of Frisco Line M.C. Beyers, Park Superintendent W.H. Dunn, Board Secretary F.P. Gossard, Vice-President of the Frisco Line W.C. Nixon, Assistant B.F. Wood, telegrams, and Resolution #9277. 37 pages

Folder 13

Shelter House, 1905; 1911: Correspondence with Maud M. Miles regarding her bronze tablets for the Shelter House. 13 pages

Folder 14

Swope Memorial, 1911-1913; 1915-1918; 1922: Correspondence with Board President D.J. Haff, Park Superintendent W.H. Dunn, Sculptress Evelyn Longman of New York City, Sculptor Karl Bitter of New York City, Sculptor Frank Ewell, Board Presidents C.C. Craver, Cusil Lechtman and William C. Scarritt, Board Secretary T.C. Harrington and payroll, attorney for Swope estate John C. Paxton regarding the interment of Swope's remains and request for a list of architects for the memorial, Architect John Van Brunt, Architect W.H. Schumacher and Architects Wilder & Wight regarding the inscription on the entablature and the use of Mt. Airy granite. Of interest is a letter from Wight & Wight confirming the completion of the Swope Memorial (15 July 1918). 92 pages

Folder 15

Swope Park Protection League, April 1921: Correspondence with F.E. Nettleton regarding the removal of the "Uglies" in the park. 2 pages

Folder 16

Subdivision and Surrounding Land, 1908-1909; 1912; 1914; 1919: Correspondence with Harris Lipscomb, Sidney P. Allen Investments, J.V. Kendall Realty Co., Mayor Thomas T. Crittenden, Board Presidents Henry D. Ashley and C.C. Craver, William T. Hall & Co. Investments in Realty and Park Engineer Fred Gabelman. 17 pages

Folder 17

Trolleycars, Streetcars, and Roads, 1902; 1906; 1912-1914: Correspondence with D.J. Haff, a report to Board Secretary T.C. Harrington concerning trackless trolleys, Board President Franklin Hudson and Thomas M. Barr about a shelter house at the terminus of the street railway in the park, Board President C.C. Craver about an extension of the Prospect car line, Metropolitan Street Railway Co. President B. Corrington, J.M Lowe regarding 67th Street, Park Engineer Fred Gabelman and C.C. Christie of Waverly Brick & Coal Co. about an extension of Hickman's Mill Road. 28 pages

Folder 18

Zoo, 1908-1909; 1914-1915: Correspondence with Water Department Chief Engineer William G. Goodwin, Board President A.J. Dean, Park Engineer Fred Gabelman, and Architect Ben J. Lubschez. 9 pages

Box 13**Kansas City Projects: Armour Children's Home-Liberty Memorial****Folder 1**

Armour Children's Home and Home for the Aged, 1904-1905: Correspondence with Architect Horace LaPierre, Margaret Armour, Park Superintendent W.H. Dunn and Chief of Police John Harp concerning patrolling the home. 8 pages

Folder 2

Charles W. Armour residence, 1906; 1922: Correspondence with Charles Armour and E.H. Peabody about the Armour's farm adjoining the Country Club District. 8 pages

Folder 3

J. Ogden Armour residence, September 1906: Correspondence with Charles and J.O. Armour. 3 pages

Folder 4

Benton Memorial, 1913; 1915: Correspondence with D.A.R. members Mrs. Selden Robertson and Mrs. Mark Salisbury. Includes three photographs. 21 pages

Folder 5

Blair Monument, September 1910: Correspondence with H.C. Broadwell. 1 page

Folder 6

Roland E. Bruner residence, 1905: Correspondence with the president of Roland E. Bruner & Co.

Brokers, Mines and Mining Investments and Architect Louis Curtiss. Includes correspondence with Thayer-Moore Brokerage Co. regarding a possible site for a resort in Barry County, Missouri. 10 pages

Folder 7

W.H. Chapman residence, 1901-1902: Correspondence with the Chapman & Dewey Lumber Co. President W.H. Chapman and F.G. Knight. 11 pages

Folder 8

Mrs. W.B. (Kate) Clarke Memorial, 1908-1911: Correspondence with Mrs. Clarke regarding her plot in Mt. Washington Cemetery, Director of the St. Louis Art Museum Professor Halsey C. Ives, Sculptor and Director of the University City Art Institute George Julian Zolnay and Mrs. Clarke's son and Vice-President of the United States Trust Co. B.R. Clarke. 29 pages

Folder 9

Convention Hall Flower Show, 1905-1906: Correspondence with Convention Hall Secretary Louis W. Shouse and President Fred S. Doggett, Architect Henry Wright. Includes payroll and list of participants. 25 pages

Folder 10

Country Club District, correspondence with J.C. Nichols, 1907-1910; 1913-1917; 1919-1923: Correspondence with the president of J.C. Nichols Investment Co. regarding various issues and problems surrounding the development and maintenance of the Country Club District. Includes an invitation to Sunset Hills Community Dinner at the Mission Hills Country Club for Tuesday 20 April 1920, the *Country Club District Bulletin* (20 September 1921), telegrams, a printed mailing card with a quote from Kessler advertising the Country Club District and an invitation to owners of the Country Club District to hear a lecture by Mrs. Philip Martineau of England and author of "The Herbaceous Garden." Of interest is a color brochure for Sunset Hills. 118 pages

Folder 11

Country Club District, correspondence with Hugh C. and Vassie J. Ward, 1907-1908; 1910-1911; 1913-1915; 1917-1918; 1921: Correspondence with Hugh C. Ward and C.J. Hubbard regarding the enclosure of district grounds, Vassie J. Ward and her assistant Lena Culberton and J.C. Nichols with problems concerning residents, upkeep, entrances, lighting, and payroll. Includes an estimate of an acre of land lying north of 51st St. that J.C. Nichols is interested in purchasing. 97 pages

Folder 12

Country Day School, 1913; 1914; 1916: Correspondence with Vassie J. Ward concerning trolley access, estimates, surveys, a bridge over Brush Creek, and plans for a football field. One blueprint and two sketches in OVERSIZE. 44 pages

Folder 13

Thomas T. Crittenden residence, 1913; 1915: Correspondence with the former mayor regarding his home and his property on the Illinois River bottoms. 7 pages

Folder 14

Walter S. Dickey residence, January 1910: Correspondence with Dickey, President of W.S. Dickey Clay Manufacturing Co., regarding ground improvements at his home. 3 pages

Folder 15

Fred S. Doggett residence, May 1907: Correspondence with Doggett and Eda Sutermeister, payroll and plant list. 11 pages

Folder 16

Forest Hill Cemetery, 1915-1916: Correspondence with Cemetery Secretary and Treasurer George Law with recommendations for a new superintendent. 7 pages

Folder 17

James C. Fuller residence, March 1922: Correspondence with Fuller, President of The Vimedia Co., regarding large English hedge plants at his home. 2 pages

Folder 18

J.W. Ground residence, March 1909: Letter regarding steps at the residence. 1 page

Folder 19

D. J. Haff residence, 1906; 1913: Correspondence with Haff and William C. Michaels of Haff, Meservey, German & Michaels and Grace Haff requesting an architect for their new home in Sunset Hills. 13 pages

Folder 20

H.F. Hall land, November 1906: Correspondence with Hall, President of Hall-Baker Grain Co., regarding a tract of land. 4 pages

Folder 21

Fred Harvey residence, March 1902: Correspondence with Harvey regarding trees. 1 page

Folder 22

Heim Park, April 1907: Correspondence with Ed Humfold and plant list. 2 pages

Folder 23

Hillcrest Golf Club, August 1913: Correspondence with Attorney Charles W. German regarding a meeting with a golf expert from Chicago. 3 pages

Folder 24

Inez Hotel, 1907: Correspondence with Henry Sieben regarding ground improvements at 9th and Troost. 3 pages

Folder 25

Walter M. Jaccard residence, January 1913: Correspondence with the president of Jaccard Jewelry Corp. regarding a wall on his property in the Country Club District. 1 page

Folder 26

J. Logan Jones residence, September 1906: Correspondence with Jones of Jones Dry Goods Co. 1 page

Folder 27

Charles S. Keith residence, 1912; 1913: Correspondence with the president and General Manager of

Central Coal & Coke Co. about his Sunset Hills property. 10 pages

Folder 28

J.V. Kendall land, 1909: Correspondence with Civil Engineers Tuttle & Pike. 2 pages

Folder 29

Gardiner Lathrop, 1893; 1903: Correspondence regarding his driveway. 2 pages

Folder 30

Leeds Tuberculosis Hospital and Sanitarium, 1916; 1922: Correspondence with Acting Secretary of the Hospital and Health Board John Duncan and Chairwoman of the Public Health Committee of the Woman's Club of Kansas City Ida Sharper Hoxie regarding ground improvements. 3 pages

Folder 31

Liberty Memorial, 1918-1919; 1921-1923: Correspondence Vassie J. Ward regarding an artist and design, Architects Wight & Wight, President of the Liberty Memorial Association R.A. Long, Vice-President of the Association J.C. Nichols, Hughes Bryant, Architect Edward Buehler Delk, and chosen architect H. Van Buren Magonigle. Of interest is a report on the use of city property for a memorial (17 October 1919), a memo with price estimates and materials (15 November 1922), a letter regarding the association's control of grounds and buildings and reference to submitting memorial plans to the City Plan Commission (13 June 1922) and a letter about the dedication of the memorial site with a list of scheduled events (20 October 1921). One sketch in OVERSIZE. 115 pages

Folder 32

"Specifications: The Liberty Memorial," February 1923: Indexed report listing specifications for construction of the memorial. 104 pages

Box 14

Kansas City Projects: Mastin Residence-Winchell Monument

Folder 1

John J. Mastin residence, 1886; 1891; 1892; 1893: Correspondence with John J. and Thomas H. Mastin and Architect Frederick E. Hill regarding a sidewalk. 7 pages

Folder 2

J. Will Merrill residence, 1902: Correspondence with the president of J.W. Merrill Lumber, Civil Engineers Tuttle & Pike, T. Knight, and a "Contract and Specifications for Grading and Shaping Up Property" signed by Merrill and N.H. Comstock. 9 pages

Folder 3

August R. Meyer Monument, 1906-1910; 1919: Correspondence with Commercial Club Secretary E.M. Clendening, Park Superintendent W.H. Dunn, Sculptor Daniel Chester French of New York City, Architect Henry Bacon of New York City, telegrams, and D.J. Haff about moving the statue from its original location to Meyer Blvd. Includes a program for the unveiling ceremonies (2 June 1909). 46 pages

Folder 4

August R. Meyer residence, 1891-1892; 1900-1902: Correspondence with the president of Consolidated Kansas City Smelting & Refining Co., G.V. Lewis and Surveyor John Quigly with reference to Indiana Ave. 27 pages

Folder 5

Mrs. Theodore F. Meyer residence, November, no year: Correspondence with Mrs. Meyer. 1 page

Folder 6

William C. Michaels residence, 1913: Correspondence with attorney Michaels. 9 pages

Folder 7

Milburn Country Club, 1917: Correspondence with General Cusil Lechtman. 2 pages

Folder 8

Arthur Miller residence, 1921: Correspondence with Miller regarding his property in the Country Club District. 2 pages

Folder 9

Mount Washington Cemetery, 1899; 1901; 1907-1909; 1913-1922: Correspondence with President of The United States Trust Co. W.B. Clarke, Civil Engineer and Consultant Stephen A. Mitchell, Vice-President of the United States Trust Co. B.R. Clarke, Mt. Washington Comptroller George L. Nellis and payroll, General Manager Reginald Davidson, Superintendent R.E. Fields, Chief Engineer of the Kansas City Southern Railway Co. C.E. Johnston, the Mt. Washington Cemetery Association and references to Mrs. W.B. Clarke's Memorial. Includes two sketches of plots for sale and the report, "Mutalization of Mt. Washington." Of interest is an undated proposal from Kessler to W.B. Clarke regarding the purchase of Washington Park to convert it into a modern cemetery, a Program of Exercises for Decoration Day (30 May 1908), letter from W.H. Dunn of Dunn & McKee Landscape Architects mentions the death of Mt. Washington Comptroller Nellis (8 September 1915), and a letter from W.B. Clarke regarding cemetery maintenance and the issue of the Park Board taking control of cemeteries (25 Nov 1922). One map in OVERSIZE. 151 pages

Folder 10

Municipal Court Building, 1906; 1909: Correspondence with H.C. Broadwell and Architects Wilder & White. 3 pages

Folder 11

Charles D. Parker Memorial, 1913-1914: Correspondence with President of C.D. Parker & Co. Financial Agents and Consulting Landscape Architect W.H. Dunn regarding Parker's monument. One sketch in OVERSIZE. 10 pages

Folder 12

Mrs. M.A. Potts building, October 1906: Correspondence with estimates for a new entrance for her "Association" building. 4 pages

Folder 13

Homer B. Reed residence, 1892-1893; 1907: Correspondence with Attorney Reed regarding his orchard and a list of pine trees. Includes one sketch. 11 pages

Folder 14

Second Presbyterian Church, April 1902: Correspondence with Architect Adriance Van Brunt regarding improvements. 2 pages

Folder 15

E.W. Shields land, 1906-1907: Correspondence with Shields of Simmons-Shields Grain Co., H.F. Hall of Hall-Baker Grain Co., Architect Thomas Wight, and Civil Engineers Tuttle & Pike with cost estimates for improvements. 19 pages

Folder 16

Sisters of St. Joseph Orphan's Home, 1906-1907: Correspondence with the Sisters of St. Joseph. 3 pages

Folder 17

L. Traber residence, July 1909: Correspondence with Attorney Traber. 2 pages

Folder 18

Ward Parkway, 1911-1918: Correspondence with Ward Investment Co. President Vassie J. Ward and her assistant Miss M.B. Baker about a car line along the parkway and J.C. Nichols with requests for payment of money advanced the Park Board by Ward Investment Co. for improvements, reference to problems with Mill Creek Parkway, the bridge over Brush Creek that was washed away in a flood, bond issues and Brush Creek Parkway condemnation issues. One sketch in OVERSIZE. 80 pages

Folder 19

Hugh C. & Vassie J. Ward residence, 1906; 1910-1911: Correspondence with H.C. Ward, an invitation to meet with the Catholic Knights of America from the St. Peter & Paul Branch #521, Vassie J. Ward regarding their grounds in Forest Hills and Attorney A.J. Dean. 17 pages

Folder 20

Westport High School, March 1909: Correspondence with Attorney Milton Moore. 2 pages

Folder 21

Westport Memorial, 1919: Correspondence with A.F. Blauw, M.H. Rice Monument Co., regarding a proposed site. 2 pages

Folder 22

B.L. Winchell Monument, 1906: Correspondence with the president of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway Co. and the St. Louis & San Francisco Railroad regarding his lot in Forest Hill Cemetery and Secretary and Treasurer of Forest Hill Cemetery George Law. Includes one sketch and four photographs. 9 pages

Box 15**Missouri Projects: Barry County-Columbia****Folder 1**

Barry County, Missouri, Roaring Rivers Camps and Hotel, 1905-1906; 1908; 1913-1914; 1921-1922: Correspondence with Investment Broker Roland E. Bruener regarding a possible site for a resort in the Ozark Mountains, President of the Missouri and North Arkansas Railroad John Scullin, President of

W.A. Rule Investment Co. Rule regarding a quarry of marble and stone in the area, W.H. Dunn, Attorney Edward E. Yates regarding building a cottage at the resort and George H. Carpenter, Jr. Of interest is a letter from Bruener to Kessler listing Dunn as landscape architect and George Carpenter & Sons as the primary investors in Roaring Rivers. Includes two brochures, five postcards and three unsigned contracts. 85 pages

Folder 2

Bolivar, Missouri, South West Baptist College, 1913: Correspondence with F.L. Stufflebam, Board Secretary, regarding ground layout. 3 pages

Folder 3

Bonne Terre, Missouri, R.R.S. Parsons residence, 1909: Correspondence with Parsons and Assistant Superintendent of St. Joseph Lead Co. Dallas D.L. McGraw and payroll for Henry Wright. 3 pages

Folder 4

Boonville, Missouri, Harley's Park, 1919-1921: Correspondence with Mayor Charles W. Journey, Landscape Architect John Noyes of St. Louis, Missouri Reform Training School grounds superintendent Mr. Brewster, Consulting Engineers Burns & McDonnell of Kansas City, Dr. William Mittelbach, chief of surveys and plans, State Highway Department, Carl W. Brown about a road change on the Santa Fe Trail, C.A. Shockley and C.T. Hough of Shockley Engineering Co., City Clerk Chas. G. Miller, Mayor John E. Walz and specifications for grading the athletic field. 65 pages

Folder 5

Boonville, Missouri, Dr. F.L. Smiley residence, August 1915: Correspondence with Smiley. 4 pages

Folder 6

Boonville, Missouri, Walnut Grove Cemetery, 1901-1902: Correspondence with Architect and Civil Engineer Samuel W. Ravenel and President of the Cemetery Association Col. T.A. Johnston (superintendent of Kemper Military Academy). 12 pages

Folder 7

Cape Girardeau, Missouri, Commercial Club, 1913: Correspondence with Club Secretary and Editor of *The White Book Magazine* Allen H. Hinchey concerning retaining Kessler and John Gundlach of St. Louis for advice on park installation. 10 pages

Folder 8

Cape Girardeau, Missouri, S.B. Hunter residence, March 1919: Correspondence with Hunter. 2 pages

Folder 9

Carthage, Missouri, Carthage Chautauqua Assembly, March 1902: Correspondence with Chatauqua Secretary H.G. Fitzer. 7 pages

Folder 10

Charleston, Missouri, James P. Bridges residence, October 1913: Correspondence with Bridges. 1 page

Folder 11

Columbia, Missouri, J.G. Babb residence, 1907-1908: Correspondence with Mrs. Babb. Includes one

sketch and one photograph. One blueprint in OVERSIZE. 15 pages

Folder 12

Columbia, Missouri, C.B. Rollins residence, May 1908: Correspondence with Rollins. 2 pages

Folder 13

Columbia, Missouri, State Capitol Commission, 1911; 1916: Correspondence with the President of Columbia Savings Bank H.H. Banks and Commission Chairman E.W. Stephens (president, E.W. Stephens Publishing Co.) about the site of the new state capitol building in Jefferson City. 13 pages

Folder 14

Columbia, Missouri, University of Missouri, 1902-1903: Correspondence with Secretary J.G. Babb, Mary Elizabeth Lewis regarding Read Hall and President R.H. Jesse. Of interest is a letter from Babb to hire Kessler to improve and beautify the campus grounds (1 August 1903). 18 pages

Folder 15

Columbia, Missouri, University of Missouri, 1904: Correspondence with J.G. Babb, R.H. Jesse, Henry Wright, M.L. Lipscomb, Dean John Pickard, and Campus Curator Walter Williams. 65 pages

Folder 16

Columbia, Missouri, University of Missouri, 1905: Correspondence with Walter Williams, R.H. Jesse, J.G. Babb, Horticulture Professor J.C. Whitten, Director of Athletics Clark W. Heatherington regarding a skating pond and M.L. Lipscomb. Includes a letter from Babb discontinuing Kessler due to lack of funds (30 March) and Kessler's response offering to work for free (5 April). 50 pages

Folder 17

Columbia, Missouri, University of Missouri, 1906: Correspondence with R.H. Jesse, J.G. Babb and payroll. Includes a postcard from Jesse in Berlin and an invitation to commencement exercises. 24 pages

Folder 18

Columbia, Missouri, University of Missouri, 1907: Letters with J.G. Babb and R.H. Jesse. 14 pages

Folder 19

Columbia, Missouri, University of Missouri, 1909-1911: Correspondence with Claude McCollum regarding a monument to the university from the senior class, Director of Athletics Professor Clark W. Heatherington, Campus Catalogue Editor Carter Alexander and Superintendent of Grounds Horace F. Major. Includes one sketch. One map and one sketch in OVERSIZE. 16 pages

Folder 20

Columbia, Missouri, University of Missouri, 1914; 1916: Correspondence with Landscape Gardening Professor Horace F. Major regarding slides for a lecture, a lecture series at the University of Missouri given by Mayor Robert W. Speer of Denver, Colorado, and an exhibit of Landscape Design at the University of Missouri. 15 pages

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Columbia, Missouri, University of Missouri, 1920-1921: Correspondence with College of Agriculture Professor Horace F. Major regarding an honorary degree for Kessler, Miss A. Ross Hill regarding John

T. Willingham of Memphis, Vice-President J.C. Jones and Secretary of Sigma Xi W.A. Tarr regarding a congratulatory luncheon. Of interest is letter from Vice-President Jones congratulating Kessler on his Honorary Degree of Doctor of Laws (14 March) and a program of the 79th Commencement listing Kessler as a recipient. 26 pages

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Columbia, Missouri, University of Missouri, 1922-1923: Correspondence with President J.C. Jones, Horace F. Major and recommendations for head of landscape gardening. 9 pages

Box 16

Missouri Projects: Excelsior Springs-Lee's Summit

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Excelsior Springs, Missouri, Siloam Spring, 1902; 1911-1913: Correspondence with Mayor John Samples, C.W. Fish, payroll and Secretary of the Commercial Club John F. Kennedy requesting Kessler's advice for improvement. 19 pages

Folder 2

Excelsior Springs, Missouri, Siloam Springs Gardens, Fishing River Valley, 1914: Correspondence with City Clerks Walter A. Craven and W.L. Silvers, C.W. Fish, City Engineer Walter C. Paton and Park Board Secretary W.D. Flack with regard to a suit against Charles Ettenson about his land adjoining Siloam Springs on which he wants to put a pavilion. Of interest is a letter from City Clerk Craven stating he was instructed by the City Council to retain a landscape architect (28 February), contract between the city and Kessler signed by Mayor A.M. Bates and one small sketch. Reports to mayor, City Council and Commerce Club concerning "the development of the Springs Gardens in connection with and as a part of Fishing River Valley," "Describing more particularly the pavilions and colonnade recommended . . . for erection in the Siloam Springs gardens," and "Fishing River Parkway." 69 pages

Folder 3

Excelsior Springs, Missouri, Siloam Spring, Sulpho-Saline Spring, 1915: Correspondence with C.W. Fish, City Clerk W.L. Silvers and Board Secretary W.D. Flack with reference to moving from park and spring improvements to a park and boulevard system, Architect Henry Hoit of Kansas City and Excelsior Springs Treasurer S.A. Wardell. Of interest is letter to Kessler referring to articles in the papers about the passage of \$20,000 of bonds for Siloam Spring improvements. 44 pages

Folder 4

Excelsior Springs, Missouri, Siloam Spring and Sulpho-Saline Pavilions, Ettenson Pavilion, 1916-1917: Correspondence with C.W. Fish regarding Golf Hill Drive and Hotel, Architect Henry Hoit, Park Board Secretary W.D. Flack, Architect A.R. Hardy of Grenbaum & Hardy of Kansas City and Charles Ettenson of the Excelsior Springs Mineral & Bottling Co. 46 pages

Folder 5

Excelsior Springs, Missouri, Siloam Gardens, Clay Lodge, Excelsior Springs Golf Club, 1918-1919: Correspondence with Secretary and Treasurer of the Excelsior Springs Golf Club C.W. Fish, H.C. Broadwell and Clay Lodge Secretary Walter A. Craven requesting suggestions for uses of land on the southeast corner of Siloam Pavilion for the Masonic building. Includes six photographs, one sketch, the Excelsior Springs Golf Club pamphlet with its constitution, by-laws, officers, general rules and a map of

the links. *Excelsior Springs Daily Standard*, November 10, 1919, is in OVERSIZE. 80 pages

Folder 6

Excelsior Springs, Missouri, W.A.J. Bell correspondence, 1910-1911; 1919: Correspondence and telegrams with Bell about the development of Excelsior Springs and Philipse Manor in Tarrytown, NJ. Includes 14 applications for preferred stock "in a Company to be formed for conducting a Real Estate business in the City of Excelsior Springs, Mo." A sketch of Philipse Manor, a map of General Realty & Mineral Water Co. Proposed holdings with proposed main lines of development and two prospectuses for the General Realty & Mineral Water Co. in OVERSIZE. 51 pages

Folder 7

Excelsior Springs, Missouri, Carnegie Library, 1914: Correspondence with Park Board Secretary W.D. Flack and the President of Clay County State Bank Hugh White regarding the donation of \$10,000 by the Carnegie Corporation for a public library and suggestions for a possible location. 7 pages

Folder 8

Excelsior Springs, Missouri, Excelsior Springs Company, November 1890: Correspondence with Superintendent H.J. Mellis[?]. 1 page

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Excelsior Springs, Missouri, H.D. Kissenger property, 1914; 1922: Correspondence with Kissenger. 7 pages

Folder 10

Excelsior Springs, Missouri, I.J. Ringolsky, "Old Elms Site," 1906; 1908: Correspondence with Attorney Ringolsky, Manager of Excelsior Springs Bottling Co. C.W. Fish and former Elms employee U.T. Linberg requesting employment. 22 pages

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Excelsior Springs, Missouri, W.F. Shelton Land Agency, 1907: Correspondence with J.G. Brown regarding the development of the Fishing River Amusement Park. 11 pages

Folder 12

Farmington, Missouri, State Hospital #4, 1905-1906; 1913: Correspondence with Hospital Superintendent Dr. William F. Kuhn regarding landscaping, walks and driveways, Hospital Secretary W.W. Walters, Board Secretary W.L. Tomlinson, payroll and Henry Wright. Includes annual report to the Board, 1905, and plant list (21 April 1906). 83 pages

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Hannibal, Missouri, 1909: Correspondence with John J. Cruikshank and President of North Missouri Lumber Co. W.B. Pettibone regarding park development of 100 acres on bluff north of town. 5 pages

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Independence, Missouri, Patti F. Gates, November 1920: Correspondence regarding a memorial to Judge Gates at Mt. Washington Cemetery. 4 pages

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Independence, Missouri, Stich Park, April 1918: Correspondence with Architect Clarence K. Birdsall regarding the donation of land for a park in memory of Mrs. Stich's husband. 4 pages

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Jefferson City, Missouri, Lincoln Institute, 1910: Correspondence with the Secretary of the Board of Regents Nelson C. Burch regarding ground improvements. 10 pages

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Jefferson City, Missouri, Hugh Stephens residence, February 1914: Correspondence with the president of the Hugh Stephens Printing Co. regarding his new home. 2 pages

Folder 18

Lee's Summit, Missouri, Longview Farm, 1913-1914: Correspondence with Longview Proprietor R.A. Long, General Manager C.J. Tucker and Architect Henry Hoit about the need for a head gardener and with Kansas City Board of Park Commissioners Head Gardener L.C. Chapman and John J. White and L.M. Badger of Merriam regarding the procurement of shrubbery. 71 pages

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Lee's Summit, Missouri, Longview Farm, 1915-1917: Correspondence with Architect Henry Hoit, General Manager C.J. Tucker, Executive Officer of the Kansas City Board of Park Commissioners Ralph Benedict, reference to resurfacing farm roads, Proprietor R.A. Long, F.A. Sarber of Longview, telegrams and payroll. One blueprint of a lily pond in OVERSIZE. 54 pages

Folder 20

Lee's Summit, Missouri, Longview Farm, 1919-1920; 1922: Correspondence with General Manager C.J. Tucker about securing Victoria lilies from Shaw's Garden in St. Louis, with Proprietor R.A. Long regarding the "Cornell System of Irrigation," telegrams and Architect Henry Hoit. Of interest is a letter from B.L. Lambouth Real Estate to Architect Hebert Hare about street lighting (26 December 1922) and three sketches of trellises. 47 pages

Box 17

Missouri Projects: Liberty-Valley Park

Folder 1

Liberty, Missouri, William Jewell College, 1906-1907; 1909-1911: Correspondence with President Dr. J.P. Green, Treasurer Dr. J.E. Cook, Henry Wright and R.C. Barnett. Of interest is a memo regarding plans for the campus (12 April 1906). 66 pages

Folder 2

Marshall, Missouri, The Missouri Colony for the Feeble Minded and Epileptic, 1900-1901: Letters of introduction for Kessler from Kansas City Board of Park Commissioners members William Barton to C.M. Buckner and Attorney J.V.C. Karnes to P.H. Rea, correspondence with Board Secretary Miss F.P. Mitchell and Supt. Dr. C.B. Simcoe. Of interest is a proposal for ground improvements (31 August 1900) and explanatory notes to accompany a survey. 22 pages

Folder 3

Marshall, Missouri, Ridge Park Cemetery, 1905-1906: Correspondence with President Rea of P.H. Rea

Implement Co. and Treasurer of the Ridge Park Cemetery Association and Cashier of the Wood & Huston Bank J.P. Huston. 18 pages

Folder 4

Palmyra, Missouri, Mrs. J.W. Mackey plot, October 1908: Correspondence with Mrs. Mackey. 2 pages

Folder 5

Parkville, Missouri, Mrs. W.A. Cook residence, May 1904: Correspondence with Mrs. Cook. 1 page

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Rolla, Missouri, University of Missouri School of Mines and Metallurgy, October 1905: Correspondence with Director George E. Ladd. 2 pages

Folder 7

St. Joseph, Missouri, Board of Park Commissioner, 1910: Correspondence with Park Superintendent and Board Secretary R.G. Rau regarding a park and boulevard system, City Counselor William B. Norris, Board President Henry Uhlinger, Civil Engineer W.K Seitz, R.C. Barnett, City Auditor F.H. Allen and payroll. Of interest is a letter from Board President Uhlinger appointing Kessler as landscape architect for St. Joseph (31 August). 26 pages

Folder 8

St. Joseph, Missouri, Board of Park Commissioner, 1911: Correspondence with City Counselor William B. Norris, Board President Henry Uhinger, Park Superintendent R.G. Rau, Civil Engineer W.K Seitz, Kansas City Park Superintendent W.H. Dunn, R.C. Barnett and Mrs. H.P. Edmunson requesting information on St. Joseph's city plan by Charles Mulford Robinson. Of interest is letter to City Counselor W.B. Norris from Kessler regarding Prospect Hill condemnations and proposed Prospect Park (12 January) and a letter to Kessler from Norris regarding the court case for park condemnation. 42 pages

Folder 9

St. Joseph, Missouri, Board of Park Commissioner, 1912: Correspondence with Board President Henry Uhlinger, Civil Engineers W.K. Seitz and H.R. Peterman, references to Bartlett Park, Druggist W.D. Webb regarding parks, artist and painter Rudolph W. Janicke concerning park neglect, telegrams, City Auditor F.H. Allen and payroll. Of interest is a report to the Board of Park Commissioners for a park system and the development of Prospect Park (25 March); letters from Sietz announcing the election of Charles Pfeiffer as mayor (3 April), stating that the City Council cut park appropriations in half (17 April), and announcing his appointment as park engineer and secretary along with the dispensement of Kessler's services (24 April); and a letter from Uhlinger putting Kessler back on the payroll as city landscape architect. 72 pages

Folder 10

St. Joseph, Missouri, Board of Park Commissioner, 1913: Correspondence with Board President Henry Uhlinger, City Auditor F.H. Allen and payroll, Board Secretary J.H. Barnes with reference to Prospect Park, Noyes Blvd. and the France Hill proposition. Of interest is letter from Uhlinger temporarily dispensing with Kessler's services due to lack of funds (2 October). 53 pages

Folder 11

St. Joseph, Missouri, Board of Park Commissioner, 1914: Correspondence with Board President Henry Uhlinger and Board Secretary J.H. Barnes regarding the Supreme Court decision about the Prospect Park condemnation issue with a copy of the statement. One sketch showing the overhead crossing at 28th & Messanie in OVERSIZE. 17 pages

Folder 12

St. Joseph, Missouri, W.K. James, November 1913: Correspondence with Attorney James. 2 pages

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St. Joseph, Missouri, State Hospital #2, August 1907: Correspondence with Superintendent Dr. William F. Kuhn. Includes one small sketch. 7 pages

Folder 14

St. Joseph, Missouri, Young Women's Christian Association, May 1913: Correspondence with Chair of the Committee on Plans Mrs. W.J. Sanders. 2 pages

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Salem, Missouri, War Memorial, July 1919: Correspondence with Palace Drug Store owner L.D. Vandivort regarding a suitable memorial. 3 pages

Folder 16

Sedalia, Missouri, Missouri State Fair, 1900; 1901; 1902: Correspondence with Attorney John H. Bothwell regarding improvement of the fair grounds, Grounds Superintendent N.H. Gentry, County Surveyor T.O. Stanley, Fair Secretary J.R. Rippey, Fair President Governor Norman J. Colman, specification for grading the fair grounds and an agreement between the directors of the Missouri State Fair and Menefee & Heck for grading a one mile race track. 49 pages

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Springfield, Missouri, Drury College, 1908; 1922: Correspondence with College Presidents J.H. George, Thomas W. Nadel and Henry Wright. 5 pages

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Springfield, Missouri, E.J. Perry property, July 1913: Correspondence with Perry, general passenger agent, Kansas City & Springfield Railway Co., regarding improvements to his rural place called Fishers Cove. 1 page

Folder 19

Springfield, Missouri, Phelps Grove Park Company, 1911-1912: Correspondence with Company President F.X. Heer, Company Secretary and Treasurer of Keet & Roundtree Dry-Goods Co. M.C. Baker and Secretary and Treasurer for McGregor-Noe Hardware Arch McGregor regarding development of 80 acres for subdivision tracts. 28 pages

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Springfield, Missouri, Saint de Chantel Academy, 1908: Correspondence with the Sisters of The Visitation regarding grounds of a new building designed by Architect George T. Hellmuth of St. Louis. One sketch in OVERSIZE. 13 pages

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Springfield, Missouri, State Normal School, 1908-1909: Correspondence with School President W.T. Carrington, Board of Regents President H.B. McDonald, Henry Wright, D.W.C. Perry and telegrams regarding grounds for a new building. 32 pages

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Tarkio, Missouri, W.H. Hall Park, April 1909: Correspondence with Hall regarding land he purchased for a park for the community. 2 pages

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Thayer, Missouri, Hotel Augusta, 1892-1895; 1905: Correspondence with Clark Hall, proprietor, regarding flower beds and the lawn. 17 pages

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Valley Park, Missouri, Valley Park Hotel, Valley Park Land Co., 1903: Correspondence with R.M. Douglass, payroll and an itemized plant list for the hotel from Michel Plant & Bulb Co. 15 pages

Box 18**U.S. Projects: Alabama-Illinois****Alabama****Folder 1**

Birmingham, Alabama, City Parks, 1908; 1913: Correspondence with General Manager, Secretary and Treasurer of Galloway Coal Co. of Memphis Cyrus Garnsey, Jr., magazine clipping concerning First Vice-President of A.S.M.I. Julian Kendrick with reference to Mayor George B. Ward, Walter S. Dickey of Kansas City and Galloway Coal General Superintendent John Pill. 9 pages

Folder 2

Birmingham, Alabama, South Highland Land Co., March 1909: Correspondence with South Highland President Stephen Smith regarding a subdivision and country club in "Shades Valley." 6 pages

Folder 3

Florence, Alabama, American Civil Association, November 1910: Correspondence with Miss Lulie Jones about the possibility of Kessler presenting a lecture and advice on civic improvement. 25 pages

Folder 4

Mobile, Alabama, Realty Investment Co., April 1916: Correspondence with George Fearn, Jr. regarding a country club and golf course. 5 pages

Arkansas**Folder 5**

Fordyce, Arkansas, Mrs. A.B. Banks property, September 1907: Correspondence with Mrs. Banks. 1 page

Folder 6

Ft. Smith, Arkansas, Park and Boulevard System, October 1907: Correspondence with Kansas City Board of Park Commissioners President Franklin Hudson and Secretary/Treasurer of Ft. Smith

Boulevard and Park Assoc. Horace F. Roger regarding a request for Kansas City's annual report and oil bulletin. 3 pages

Arizona

Folder 7

Grand Canyon National Monument, 1908-1911: Correspondence with Fred Harvey, U.S.D.A. Forester James B. Adams, J. Hubert Fleming, General Manager of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company A.G. Wells, Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company Chief Engineer H.C. Phillips and H.L. Benjamin of the Fred Harvey Co. Of interest is a letter from Adams stating that the president had signed a proclamation creating the Grand Canyon National Monument (24 January 1908), a memo regarding the "Formation of Crust of Earth at Grand Canyon, Arizona" and a letter from the U.S. Senate about H.R. 2258, which grants right-of-ways to the Grand Canyon Scenic Railroad Co. (18 April 1910). 67 pages

California

Folder 8

Los Angeles, California, Inglewood Park Cemetery, 1906: Correspondence with Col. A.A. Tomlinson of Kansas City and Assistant Secretary of Inglewood Park Cemetery Association D.S. Patterson. 9 pages

Folder 9

San Diego, California, Board of Park Commissioners, 1907: Correspondence with Board Chairman George W. Marston concerning a committee of citizens appointed "to initiate a movement for the general improvement of the outdoor conditions" of San Diego. Of interest is an address presented by Marston to the San Diego Art Association (21 March) and a letter announcing the appointment of John Nolen of Cambridge, Massachusetts, as landscape architect. 15 pages

Colorado

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Denver, Colorado, Berkley Park, 1908: Correspondence with Department of Parks Commissioners John McDonough and Lem J. Smith and Superintendent of Highland Park District F. Shearer. 12 pages

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Denver, Colorado, Cherry Creek, 1908-1909: Correspondence with Public Works Engineer John B. Hunter about the channel and a bridge over Logan Ave., Mayor Robert W. Speer and Park Secretary Lem J. Smith. Includes one sketch of Esplanade entrance and the Isle of Safety. 12 pages

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Denver, Colorado, Walter S. Cheesman Park, 1907-1909: Correspondence with Mrs. Cheesman, William A. Marean, W.W. Watson, Henry Wright, J.G. Barri and J.M. Ladd about bronze lion heads for fountain niches and Alfred Patek regarding a Cheesman memorial. Includes "Specifications for Garden Walls, Basins and Fountains at View Point in Cheesman Park." 36 pages

Folder 13

Denver, Colorado, Walter S. Cheesman residence, 1908: Correspondence with J.F. Sanger for Ladd-Sanger Contracting Co., Henry Wright and the Administrator of Cheesman Estate W.W. Watson. Includes description of landscape (29 February), plant list (10 March), estimates (14 March) and a brochure from Moravian Tiles and Mosaics (13 March). 44 pages

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Denver, Colorado, City Park, 1908: Correspondence with Park Commission President Jacob E. Fillius. Includes specifications for a waterfront shelter and boat house. 17 pages

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Denver, Colorado, Civic Center, 1908; 1909: Correspondence with Mayor Reed's secretary John S. Irby and Consulting Engineer Herbert S. Crocker. 4 pages

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Denver, Colorado, General, 1906-1910: Correspondence with F.L. Shellabarger and F.S. Bonfils of *The Denver Post*, Mayor Robert W. Speer, Mayor Speer's secretary John S. Irby, Kansas City Park Superintendent W.H. Dunn, Park Commission President Jacob E. Fillius, W.W. Porter, Commission Secretary Lem J. Smith, Park Superintendent J.G. Barri, Henry Wright, telegrams, payroll, St. Louis Street Commissioner J.C. Travilla, The Denver City Tramway Co. Engineer John Evans and John Brisben Walker of The Denver Club. Of interest is Kessler's letter to Mayor Speer offering his services as landscape architect (15 February 1906), transcript of a clipping from *The Denver Republican* regarding Colorado white marble sent by Attorney Warwick M. Downing, letter to the Park Board from Kessler recommending R.C. Barnett of Kansas City for superintendent (13 February 1908), specifications for shelters at tramway intersections (25 June 1909) and letter to John Brisben Walker that mentions Kessler's permanent move from Kansas City to St. Louis (15 November 1910). 49 pages

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Denver, Colorado, Washington Park, December 1908: Correspondence with Commissioner F.A. Bailey. 2 pages

Florida**Folder 18**

Pensacola, Florida, Park Commission Association, 1908-1909: Correspondence with Park Commissioner J.H. Sherrill regarding plans for a park and boulevard system, telegrams, Henry Wright, City Council, Editor and Manager of *The Pensacola Journal* Frank L. Mayes and reference to Palafox Parkway, St. Louis Street Commissioner J.C. Travilla and park plant list. Of interest is a letter to Sherrill with Kessler's suggestions for street improvements and future city planning (9 July 1909) and a report on general park development (3 November 1909). 115 pages

Illinois**Folder 19**

Alton, Illinois, Dr. W.A. Haskell residence, 1905: Correspondence with Dr. Haskell and Park Commissioner Robert Aull. Includes estimates. 14 pages

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Alton, Illinois, Rock Springs Park, 1908-1909: Correspondence with Miss Ellen D. Smith, daughter of Park Commissioner and President of Illinois Glass Co. William Elliot Smith, Surveyor B.B. Stakemiller, Alton Board of Park Commissioners President and Commissioner of The Business Men's League of St. Louis P.W. Doyle and Board Secretary C.A. Caldwell. Includes report on levels on line "B" road, grades for general road surfacing, payroll and plant list. 75 pages

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Alton, Illinois, William Elliot Smith residence, 1905-1906: Correspondence with Eunice Cole Smith, William E. Smith, Henry Wright, payroll and shrubbery list. Of interest is letter from Miss Smith to Kessler stating that he was recommended by Mrs. Trelease, wife of the director of the Missouri Botanical Garden (25 October 1905). 18 pages

Folder 22

East St. Louis, Illinois, East St. Louis Park District, 1909-1910: Correspondence with Park Presidents Dr. H.C. Fairbrother and H.C. Barnard, H.C. Broadwell, City Engineer W.J. Crocken, Kansas City Board of Park Commissioners Secretary F.P. Gossard, Park Superintendent and Engineer E.M. Crocken, George D. Barnard, Chas. S. Hutson and Park Secretary Spencer Ellsworth. Of interest is Kessler's prospectus for East. St. Louis park development (18 February 1910), an invitation to Judge E.C. Kramer regarding a "hog and hominy or clam chowder dinner" (22 August 1910), President H.C. Barnard regarding boulevard acquisition and references to Pittsburgh Lake and Emerson Park. 54 pages

Folder 23

East St. Louis, Illinois, East St. Louis Park District, 1911-1913: Correspondence with President of American Association of Railway Surgeons Dr. H.C. Fairbrother, Vice-President and Secretary for Queen City Quarry Co. H.C. Barnard, payroll, H.C. Broadwell, St. Louis Street Commissioner J.C. Travilla, resident J.T. Donovan regarding a proposed East St. Louis Park Boulevard, Park President Edmund Goedde, Park Secretary Spencer Ellsworth and Park Superintendent and Engineer E.M. Crocken. Includes specifications for a tool house in Virginia Park and references to the Pennsylvania and Summit Avenue triangle, the Belleville Commercial Club, Franklin Park, Penn Plaza and Spring Lake. A copy of East St. Louis Park District audit from its origin in 1908 through 1912 by Chartered Accountants Marwick, Mitchell, Peat & Co. of St. Louis in OVERSIZE. 68 pages

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Peoria, Illinois, Martin Kingman residence, 1891; 1892: Correspondence with Kingman and [Architects] Wechselberger and Reeves. 3 pages

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Rock Island, Illinois, U.S. Department of Labor Bureau of Industrial Housing and Transportation, U.S. Housing Corporation, Town Planning Department, 1918: Includes signed contract of the U.S. Housing Department with Kessler as town planner and specifications for Rock Island, East Moline and Moline Housing Development. 22 pages

Box 19

U.S. Projects: Indiana-New York

Indiana

Folder 1

Anderson, Indiana, October 1907: Correspondence with W.H. Stanton about future park development. 2 pages

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Evansville, Indiana, Board of Park Commissioners, 1905; 1906; 1909; 1911; 1914: Correspondence with President of the Hercules Buggy Co. and President of the Board of Park Commissioners W.H. McCurdy, Department of Public Parks Clerk W. Ed. Clarke, Park Commissioner W.W. Halloran and President and

General Agent for Louisville, Henderson & St. Louis Railway Co. G.M. Haynie. Of interest is a signed contract between Kessler and the Board of Park Commissioners (28 December 1905) and reference to Garvin and Mesker Parks. 16 pages

Folder 3

Ft. Wayne, Indiana, River Front Improvements, 1910: Correspondence with Vice-President of the First National Bank G.H. Worden, Postmaster B.B. Hanna, telegrams and Wayne Knitting Mills Manager Theodore Thieme. Includes reference to West Main St. Bridge and levy on St. Mary's River. 24 pages

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Indianapolis, Indiana, American Legion, December 1919: Correspondence with Board of Park Commissioners Superintendent James H. Lowry concerning location for American Legion national headquarters. 1 page

Folder 5

Indianapolis, Indiana, Capitol Ave. Bridge, 1910; 1911: Correspondence between R.C. Barnett and H.C. Broadwell. Includes sketches, notes and estimates of bridge over Fall Creek. One sketch in OVERSIZE. 10 pages

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Indianapolis, Indiana, DePew Fountain, University Square, 1914; 1915: Correspondence with Sculptor Karl Bitter of New York and Department of Public Parks President Dr. Henry Jameson. 17 pages

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Indianapolis, Indiana, Hugh J. McGowan, November 1906: Correspondence with McGowan's secretary J.A. McGowan. 2 pages

Folder 8

Marion, Indiana, Civic Improvement Committee, 1909: Correspondence with Secretary of Civic Improvement Committee of the Chamber of Commerce J.W. Kelley. 4 pages

Folder 9

Peru, Indiana, 1914: Correspondence with F.M. Stutesman, president of John S. Hale Co., regarding a 27-acre park along the Wabash River. 6 pages

Iowa

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Davenport, Iowa, U.S. Department of Labor Bureau of Industrial Housing and Transportation, Town Planning Department, 1918: Correspondence with Kansas City Park Superintendent W.H. Dunn, J.C. Nichols, Attorney William Buchholz and Plumber Chas. Hunter of Kansas City. Includes telegrams and signed contract of the U.S. Dept. and Labor with Kessler as town planner. 26 pages

Folder 11

Des Moines, Iowa, Iowa State Fair and Exposition Grounds, 1910: Correspondence with Iowa Department of Agriculture Secretary John C. Simpson. Includes sketch of grounds showing exhibit locations and race track. 12 pages

Kansas

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Alma, Kansas, Hall of Alma Lodge #76, December 1908: Correspondence with C. Schubert regarding planting at a cemetery. 3 pages

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Arkansas City, Kansas, H.H. Hill, June 1908: Letter with Hill, Arkansas City Milling Co. secretary. 1 page

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Atchinson, Kansas, "Bailey P. Waggener Memorial Park," February 1919: Correspondence with Kansas City Architect William H. Slayer regarding a memorial park for Bailey P. Waggener. 2 pages

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Baldwin, Kansas, Baker University, April 1904: Correspondence with S.A. Mitchell. 1 page

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Emporia, Kansas, The College of Emporia, Aril 1911: Correspondence with College President Henry C. Culbertson and Editor and Owner of *The Emporia Gazette* W.A. White regarding plans for the Presbyterian college's new campus. 4 pages

Folder 17

Farlington, Kansas, H.H. Hunnewell Tree Plantation, 1894; 1897; 1901-1903; 1908; 1917: Correspondence with H.H. Hunnewell, his son Walter Hunnewell, Plantation Superintendent A. Thronson, plantation tenant and worker An. Krog, Hunnewell's secretary H.S. Ruggles, Thomas H. Douglas, R. Douglas' Sons Wakegan Nursery, and U.S.D.A. Mississippi Valley Laboratory Director Dr. Herman Von Schrenk with suggestions for pruning the Catalpa trees. Of interest is a letter to Walter Hunnewell about land value for taxation purposes (4 December 1901) and a report by Dr. Von Schrenk on "Diseases of Catalpa and Conditions of Farmington Catalpas." 104 pages

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Ft. Scott, Kansas, September 1910: Correspondence with Park Board Chairman Dr. W.S. McDonald. 3 pages

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Kansas City, Kansas, Park Department, 1904-1905; 1911; 1913; 1921: Correspondence with Attorney W.J. Buchan, City Engineer R.L. McAlpine, Sanitary Commissioner H.E. Dean and Park Department Engineer L.H. Ellis. 9 pages

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Lawrence, Kansas, P.W. Emery property, August 1909: Correspondence with Emery regarding his grounds and reference to the Sigma Chi house. 4 pages

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Leavenworth, Kansas, Federal Prison, March 1906: Correspondence with St. Louis Architects Eames and Young. 5 pages

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Leavenworth, Kansas, "Shriner's Park," 1919: Correspondence with H.J. Helmers, Jr. 6 pages

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Leavenworth, Kansas, Soldier's Home, September 1907: Correspondence with Kansas City Board of Park Commissioners Superintendent W.H. Dunn regarding flower beds. 1 page

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Merriam, Kansas, Milburn Golf Club, 1917: Correspondence with L.H. Stark. 2 pages

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Olathe, Kansas, "Governor St. John Memorial," August 1915: Correspondence with Kansas City Architect W.H. Schumacher regarding a memorial to the ex-Missouri governor. 2 pages

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Osage City, Kansas, Catholic Church, May 1909: Correspondence with Chairman of the Church Building Committee E.F. McClosky requesting plans to replace their burned church. 3 pages

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Ottawa, Kansas, Ottawa University, 1906: Correspondence with University President S.E. Price. 5 pages

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Pittsburgh, Kansas, Lincoln Park, 1909: Correspondence with Real Estate Broker Jas. B. Smith and Manager of *The Daily Headlight* J.T. Moore. 3 pages

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Topeka, Kansas, Western State Normal School, 1913: Correspondence with Board of Educational Administration President Ed T. Hackney. 2 pages

Kentucky**Folder 30**

Covington, Kentucky, Board of Park Commissioners, 1908: Correspondence with W.C. Houston and Board Secretary J.A. Johnson. 8 pages

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Lexington, Kentucky, Board of Commerce, November 1919: Correspondence with Board Secretary and Manager C. Frank Dunn regarding a new municipal auditorium. 1 page

Massachusetts**Folder 32**

State of Massachusetts, September 1913: "An Act to Provide for the Establishment of Local Planning Boards by Cities and Towns." 1 page

Michigan**Folder 33**

Grand Rapids, Michigan, Board of Public Works, 1910: Correspondence with City Engineer L.D. Butchem regarding a comfort station. 3 pages

Minnesota

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Duluth, Minnesota, 1910: Correspondence with Manager of *The Duluth News Tribune* Milie Bunnell regarding city planning "along the lines of the German cities." 3 pages

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St. Paul, Minnesota, 1906-1907; 1913; 1915: Correspondence with New York Architect Cass Gilbert, Kansas City Park Superintendent W.H. Dunn and Mayor Winn Powers. 10 pages

Mississippi

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Meridian, Mississippi, September 1908: Correspondence with Frank Cummings Bulb & Plant Co. 2 pages

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Stovall, Mississippi, 1906: Correspondence with John W. Stovall about his property. 5 pages

Nebraska

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Fairbury, Nebraska, May 1906: Correspondence with A.V. Pease of A.V. Pease & Co. 3 pages

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Omaha, Nebraska, June 1915: Correspondence with Park Board member Roy M. Towl, Towl Engineering Co., regarding the development of Spring Lake Park, Mandan Park and an athletic park. 3 pages

New York

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New York, New York, City Planning and Municipal Art Exhibition, 1907; 1909: Correspondence with Exhibition Executive Secretary and Secretary of the Committee on Congestion of Population in New York Benjamin C. Marsh, Henry Wright and Secretary of the St. Louis Civic League Mayo Fesler. Of interest is a copy of Kessler's letter to President Taft regarding the exhibition (20 March). 32 pages

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New York, New York, West Side Improvement, August 1916: Report to Mayor John P. Mitchell "On the Provisions of Plans and Draft of Contract for West Side Improvement of New York Central Railroad in Connection with Park Lands Affected." 27 pages

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Syracuse, New York, James W. Pennock residence, March 1908: Correspondence with Pennock. 2 pages

Folder 43

Syracuse, New York, Syracuse Park Commission, 1906: Correspondence with President of Syracuse Park Commission James W. Pennock. Of interest is Kessler's letter to Pennock regarding the establishment of a park system and administrative department and Pennock's letter securing Kessler as landscape architect. 44 pages

Folder 44

Syracuse, New York, Syracuse Park Commission, 1907: Correspondence with Pennock, City Engineer Henry Allen, Civil Engineer Frank Schnauber and City Comptroller Gus Pearson. Of interest is a letter that includes a biography of Kessler, copy of an article about a public competition for a landscape architect and a list of park acreage and one small sketch. 44 pages

Folder 45

Syracuse, New York, Syracuse Park Commission, 1908-1909: Correspondence with President James W. Pennock, Henry Wright, James Henry of *The Mason-Henry Press*, telegrams, Civil Engineer Frank J. Schnauber, Park Superintendent David Campbell and James G. Tracy regarding the Sedgewick Farm Corporation. Includes specifications for a playground near Frazier School (17 July 1908), specifications for Schiller Park Playground (9 April 1909), specification notes for a comfort station in Frazier School Park and one small sketch of Onondaga Park. 54 pages

Box 20

U.S. Projects: North Carolina-South Carolina

North Carolina

Folder 1

Chimney Rock, North Carolina, 1906-1909; 1923: Correspondence with President and General Manager of the Chimney Rock Company Dr. Lucius Morse and Vice President of Appalachian Construction Co. T.C. McNelly regarding the construction of a resort. Includes statement from Asheville Electric Co. for electric trolleys (3 April 1906). 35 pages

Ohio

Folder 2

Cincinnati, Ohio, Park Department, 1906; 1908-1909; 1914: Correspondence with Mayor Dempsey, a letter of introduction from David R. Francis, Secretary of the Municipal Art Society J.H. Gest, the Stewart Iron Works Co. regarding iron fences, President of the Board of Park Commissioners L.A. Ault, Park Superintendent J.W. Rodgers, payroll, representative of the North Cincinnati Business Men's Club Henry Hoefle of Furneaux & Hoefle Wholesale Millinery, President of the Board of Public Service Robert J. Laidlaw, Harry Mantz of the Board of Public Service and Board of Park Commissioners Secretary William Hodgkinson. References to Inwood Park, Price Hill, Park Hill at Columbus, Bathgate Playground, Kenyon Ave., Hunt St. Playground, Eden Park and a playground at Mound and Barr Sts. Includes a copy of an editorial in *The Times-Star*, "Ohio Could Be Parkland If Bill of Greater Park League Should Be Enacted into Law" (4 January 1908), construction plans for Inwood Park (10 April 1908), general plans for Bathgate Playground (8 September 1908), specifications for the playground at Mound and Barr Sts. (16 September 1908) and a report to the members of the Charter Commission regarding a committee on public and social welfare (30 February 1914). 111 pages

Folder 3

Cincinnati, Ohio, Hebrew Union College, September 1908: Correspondence with Attorney Max Senior with reference to Bathgate Playground. 3 pages

Folder 4

Cincinnati, Ohio, University of Cincinnati, 1909: Correspondence with Sanford Brown, L.A. Ault and Henry Wright. 8 pages

Folder 5

Cleveland, Ohio, Euclid Heights, no date: Estimate for sewers, memo on expenditures and estimate for surface drainage. 18 pages

Folder 6

Cleveland, Ohio, Park Board, 1898: Correspondence with Hal C. Brent. 3 pages

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Dayton, Ohio, Board of Park Commissioners, 1907; 1910: Correspondence with St. Louis Civic League Secretary Mayo Felser on behalf of Edward G. Pease requesting a city plan report and Board Secretary J. Sprigg McMahan. 11 pages

Folder 8

Oxford, Ohio, Miami University, January 1913: Correspondence with President R.M. Hughes. 4 pages

Folder 9

Springfield, Ohio, Springfield Commercial Club, 1907; 1908: Correspondence with Club President and Chairman of Streets, Railroads and Public Improvements Committee W.H. Stackhouse, Club Secretary James G. Stewart, Superintendent of Snyder Park E.K. McIntire, telegrams, payroll and Woodward & Tiernan Printing Co. of St. Louis with drawings of "the Plaza." Of interest is a letter from W.H. Stackhouse to Kessler with suggestions for many of the city's parks (28 February 1908), report on recommendations for park system (28 March 1908) and a report on the Big 4 Passenger Stations, description of Fountain Square, New Water Works, Old Water Works and Fairgrounds. 100 pages

Oklahoma**Folder 10**

Cordell, Oklahoma, 1908: Correspondence with Bank of F.C. Finerty & Co. Cashier J.A. Julien regarding beautification of a 40-acre cemetery. 4 pages

Folder 11

Guthrie, Oklahoma, Agricultural College, 1909: Letters with A.C. Cobb, Board of Agriculture. 5 pages

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Guthrie, Oklahoma, Board of Park Commissioners, 1908; 1910: Correspondence with Board Secretary J.A. Milne and a report regarding the proposed site of the State Capitol and Convention Hall. 4 pages

Folder 13

Guthrie, Oklahoma, Capital City Investment Co., May 1909: Correspondence with Vice President A.J. Kline. 2 pages

Folder 14

Muskogee, Oklahoma, Town and Country Club, 1907; 1908: Correspondence with Commissioner of U.S Department of Interior Office of the Five Civilized Tribes and Club President Tams Bixby, Henry Wright, telegrams, Club Secretary Hal Belford, payroll and Club Engineer Henry McCoy. Includes specifications for lake dam and bridge (25 June 1907) and a plant list (25 June 1907). 69 pages

Folder 15

Norman, Oklahoma, University of Oklahoma, 1907: Correspondence with President David R. Boyd. 5 pages

Folder 16

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Board of Park Commissioners, 1909; 1919: Correspondence with Kansas City Park Superintendent W.H. Dunn, Oklahoma City Chief Engineer R.E. Brunwell, Mayor J.C. Walton and City Clerk Simmelbeck. Includes report on the feasibility of certain lands for parks, parkways and boulevards and a letter from Kessler accepting the position of consultant on city planning (23 June 1919). 11 pages

Folder 17

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Anton Classon (Belle Island, Classon Blvd., Classon residence, Epworth University, St. Anthony's Hospital), 1908-1909: Correspondence with President of the Oklahoma Railway Co. Anton Classon, Mrs. Classon, Henry Wright, Vice-President of Texas Nursery Co. John S. Kerr, payroll, telegrams, E.R. Dick regarding vitrified brick and Kessler's secretaries Eda Sutermeister (Kansas City) and Miss Ramsey (St. Louis). Letters include references to University Station, store building opposite the university entrance and bringing D.W.C. Perry in from St. Louis. Includes letter from Wright to Classon that mentions the completion of Wright's second house in Clayton (19 June 1908), Classon's suggestions for Classon Blvd. (27 June 1908), letter to Kessler that mentions the university trustees raising money for a new girls' dormitory (17 September 1908), letter to Classon that refers to the death of Wright's brother (13 November 1908), Kessler's letter of instruction to Eda Sutermeister who was sent to Oklahoma City in place of D.W.C. Perry (16 November 1908), letter from Classon states that Kessler was made member of the Oklahoma City Fine Arts Council (10 March 1909), copy of an article from *The Daily Oklahoman* titled "New Park Is to Be an Ideal Rest-Recreation Retreat," and one small blueprint for the depot grounds adjoining the university. One blueprint in OVERSIZE. 122 pages

Folder 18

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Fairlawn Cemetery, 1892: Correspondence with Attorney F.H. Umholtz concerning the establishment of a cemetery "for burying the city's dead." 15 pages

Folder 19

Shawnee, Oklahoma, Park Commission, 1907: Correspondence with Mrs. J.W. Billings, Commission Secretary Miss Virginia Dickson, Assistant City Treasurer F.J. Fleming, payroll, Henry Wright and City Treasurer R.W. Mehrbacher. 14 pages

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Stillwater, Oklahoma, Agricultural and Mechanical College, April 1909: Correspondence with Architect N.A. Etherton. 2 pages

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Tulsa, Oklahoma, W.H. Roeser residence, January 1908: Correspondence with Roeser. 1 page

South Carolina

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Columbia, South Carolina, 1904: Correspondence with Civic Improvement League President Belle Williams. 5 pages

Box 21

U.S. Projects: Tennessee-Utah; Foreign Jobs

Tennessee

Folder 1

Memphis, Tennessee, Board of Park Commissioners, 1904; 1906-1907: Correspondence with Park Chief Engineer and Superintendent F.G. Knight, Frank A. Seifert Plastic and Cement Co. of St. Louis regarding cartouches for the Board's restaurant building, Henry Wright, Board Chairman Robert Galloway of Galloway Coal Co., W.H. Bates, Board member John R. Godwin and Kansas City Park Superintendent W.H. Dunn. References to Overton Park, John T. Fargason residence, Gaston Park, Bickford Park and Riverside Park. 37 pages

Folder 2

Memphis, Tennessee, Board of Park Commissioners, 1908: Correspondence with D.W.C. Perry of St. Louis, Park Commissioner John T. Willingham of Memphis Coffin Co., Board Superintendent Philip W. Thomas, Board Chairman Robert Galloway of Galloway Coal Co., Secretary, Treasurer and General Manager of Galloway Coal Co. Cyrus Garnsey and Henry Wright. References to Overton Park, Confederate Park, zoo and Riverside Park. Of interest is letter regarding Capt. J. Harvey Mathes Memorial in Confederate Park (16 April), specifications for gateway and shelter at entrance to Overton Park (17 April), preliminary outline for shelter and refreshment pavilion at zoo entrance (21 April) and a report to the Board regarding Overton and Riverside Parks (10 December). A copy of the Civic Affairs Journal (31 October) in OVERSIZE. 49 pages

Folder 3

Memphis, Tennessee, Board of Park Commissioners, 1909: Correspondence with Secretary, Treasurer and General Manager of Galloway Coal Co. Cyrus Garnsey, Board Chairman Robert Galloway of Galloway Coal Co., Playgrounds Association President Susie V. Scruggs, Kansas City Park Superintendent W.H. Dunn, a bid from George A. Riddle & Co. Roofers of St. Louis and Park Commissioner John T. Willingham of Memphis Coffin Co. Letters refer to Overton Park, the Forrest Park Monument, the zoo, the Yazoo Valley and a concrete railroad bridge, the illness of Kessler's mother and Brinkley Park. Of interest is a letter regarding the enlargement of the Overton Park Zoo (19 May), notes for design of fence for grazing animals in the zoo, letter regarding the comfort station and music pavilion in Court Square, Confederate Park, and a small sketch and map of park system with proposed sites. A brochure from Robert Galloway's Evergreen Subdivision and street guide, "Paul's Map of Memphis," in OVERSIZE. 118 pages

Folder 4

Memphis, Tennessee, City Plan Commission, 1920: Correspondence Commission Secretary C.C. Pashby and Chairman Wassell Randolph. 6 pages

Folder 5

Memphis, Tennessee, H.P. Johnson residence, 1909: Correspondence with Vice-President of Union Sand and Material Co. H.P. Johnson. 4 pages

Folder 6

Memphis, Tennessee, C. Hunter Raine residence, 1906: Correspondence with President of The Mercantile Bank of Memphis C.H. Raine, Contracting Engineer H.W. Brennan, telegrams, Henry

Wright and Park Chief Engineer and Superintendent F.G. Knight. Includes a recapitulation and estimate (21 June) and one small sketch. 29 pages

Folder 7

Memphis, Tennessee, C.N. Wisner property, 1909: Correspondence with Wisner. 2 pages

Folder 8

Memphis, Tennessee, United Daughters of the Confederacy, Mary Chatham Chapter #474, 1908-1909: Correspondence with Board Superintendent Philip W. Thomas, Chapter Chairwoman Mrs. Harry Miller regarding improvements to lamp posts and plaques in Forrest Park and a bid from Earl H. Israel of the J.L. Mott Iron Works of St. Louis (23 December 1908). One sketch of lamps and memorial plaques in OVERSIZE. 44 pages

Folder 9

Jackson, Tennessee, no date: Picture of the "Electro-Chalybeate Artesian Well" in OVERSIZE. 1 page

Texas

Folder 10

Dallas, Texas, J.S. Armstrong property, 1906-1907: Correspondence with Hugh E. Prather and Capt. Sidney Smith regarding development of 1400 acres purchased by the president of Armstrong Packing Co. for park purposes. 3 pages

Folder 11

Dallas, Texas, August A. Busch property, 1917-1920: Correspondence with Anheuser-Busch Brewing Association President A.A. Busch, Adolphus Busch, Kansas City Park Superintendent W.H. Dunn and J.S. Kendall and C. Maillot of Kendall & Maillot of Dallas regarding his property on Pacific Ave. and the removal tracks in order to build a "high-class retail street." 24 pages

Folder 12

Dallas, Texas, City Plan, 1910; 1912: Correspondence with Secretary of Dallas Chamber of Commerce J.R. Babcock, Mayor S.J. Hay, Vice-President and General Manager of *The Dallas News* George B. Dealey, telegrams, James H. Fuertes of New York, Alex Sanger of Sanger Brothers, Henry D. Lindsley, Superintendent of Parks Robert Tietse, President of *The Dallas News* A.H. Belo and Jas. A. Dorsey. References to the placement of City Hall, Swiss St. Playground, Union Station and "the bubble cup drinking fountain in lieu of the public drinking cup." 53 pages

Folder 13

Dallas, Texas, Col. W.E. Hughes property, December 1910: Correspondence with Real Estate Broker William G. Scariff regarding development of 400 acres of Hughes property in Oak Lawn. 4 pages

Folder 14

El Paso, Texas, City Plan, 1922: Includes "List of Men Interested in El Paso City Planning," a signed contract between the city of El Paso and Kessler for a report and recommendation for a city plan (11 May) and a city ordinance detailing the establishment of a City Plan Commission. 31 pages

Folder 15

El Paso, Texas, El Paso Development Co., April 1922: Correspondence with H.E. Cantrell[?] regarding

development of 3500 acres near Kern Place. 1 page

Folder 16

Ft. Worth, Texas, City Plan, 1908-1910; 1912-1913: Correspondence with Librarian of Ft. Worth Carnegie Public Library Mrs. Charles (Jennie) Scheuber, Chalmers W. Hutchinson, Editor-in-Chief of *The Fort Worth Telegram* and Secretary of Park Commission Albert W. Grant, Henry Wright, Kansas City Assistant Postmaster E. Mont. Reily with a letter of introduction and list of people for Kessler, Glen Walker and Park Department Superintendent and Engineer George E. Vinnedge. Of interest is a letter from Jennie Scheuber with suggestions for improving the congestion problem in the vicinity of City Hall (4 March 1909), plant list for Carnegie Public Library (1909 March 18), letter regarding the construction of a boulevard 80 feet wide (4 June 1909), a postcard with Kessler's sketch of proposed Court House Park (9 January 1913) and one small sketch of Glenwood Park. 83 pages

Folder 17

Paris, Texas, Mrs. R.F. Scott residence, 1909: Correspondence with Mrs. Scott. 8 pages

Folder 18

San Antonio, Texas, City Plan, 1912: Correspondence with John P. Withers and General Manager of the G. Bedell Moore Estate J.H. Savage. 3 pages

Folder 19

San Antonio, Texas, "Riverside Subdivision," 1909: Correspondence with C.S. and J.G Fowler. 6 pages

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San Marcos, Texas, San Marcos Baptist Academy, November 1908: Correspondence with W.R. Lowery of Clinton, Mississippi, and J.M Carroll. 7 pages

Folder 21

Sherman, Texas, Chamber of Commerce, March 1917: Correspondence with J.E. Surratt. 2 pages

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Texarkana, Texas, Chamber of Commerce, May 1920: Correspondence between Secretary of Texarkana Chamber of Commerce M.E. Melton and the Dallas Chamber of Commerce. 1 page

Folder 23

Waco, Texas, Cameron Park, 1910: Letters with Park Board Chairman W.C. Lawson, Kansas City Engineer R.C. Barnett, Alex Sanger of Dallas and Sam Sanger of Waco. Includes one map. 8 pages

Utah

Folder 24

Ogden, Utah, Ogden City Improvement League, 1907: Correspondence with John S. Lewis. 3 pages

Washington

Folder 25

Kelso, Washington, The Long-Bell Lumber Company, January 1923: Correspondence with Kansas City Architect Herbert Hare, Chief Engineer Wesley Vandercook and Vice-President and General Western Manager S.M. Morris regarding the subdivision of small tracts of land for intensified farming. One

blueprint and one sketch in OVERSIZE. 5 pages

Canada

Folder 26

Toronto, Ontario, Civic Improvement Committee, 1909; 1911: Correspondence with Committee Secretary R.J. Dilworth and St. Louis Mayor Frederick H. Kreismann. 10 pages

Folder 27

Montreal, Quebec, Prince Rupert City, 1908-1909: Correspondence with Vice-President and General Manager of Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Frank W. Morse and sole agent for The Grand Trunk Pacific Town and Development Company, Ltd. David H. Hays. 4 pages

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Victoria, British Columbia, Subdivision, 1907: Correspondence with Real Estate Brokers Oldfield, Kirby and Gardner of Winnipeg, Manitoba, and St. Louis Park Commissioner Robert Aull. 5 pages

China

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Shanghai, Shanghai Baptist College, 1912: Correspondence with J.T. Proctor of Kansas City. 6 pages

Greece

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Athens, oiling roads, 1908: Correspondence with Athens Mayor S. Mercuri, American Consul General George Horton and Kansas City Chemist Walter M. Cross. 5 pages

Box 22

Alphabetical Correspondence Files, A-C

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Academy of Science, St. Louis, 1910; 1912: Correspondence with Academy President Dr. William Trelease. Includes Kessler's notice of his membership (15 March 1910) and a booklet listing members and history. 24 pages

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Harvey A. Alspach, November 1914: Correspondence with the landscape architect formerly of Sacramento, California, with reference to Sid Hare of Kansas City. 1 page

Folder 3

America at Work, June 1920: Correspondence with the St. Louis magazine. 1 page

Folder 4

American Academy of Engineers, 1909-1911; 1917: Correspondence with J.A.L. Waddell of Kansas City, Chas. Warren Hunt of New York and Corydon T. Purdy. Includes copy of Waddell's "Address Delivered to the General Committee of Organization of the Proposed American Academy of Engineers" (10 December 1910) and a confidential copy of the academy's proposed constitution. 54 pages

Folder 5

The American Architect, December 1909: Correspondence with Editor and General Manager E.J. Rosencrans of New York. 1 page

Folder 6

The American Association of Park Superintendents, August 1911: Program from the 13th annual convention in Kansas City. 4 pages

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American Association of Railroad Gardeners, August 1910: Correspondence with Secretary & Treasurer J.S. Butterfield of Lee's Summit, Missouri. 1 page

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The American City, October 1920: Correspondence with editor Robert Warren, New York. 1 page

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American Civic Association, 1907-1910; 1916; 1918: Correspondence with Association Secretary Richard B. Waltrous of Washington, D.C., President J. Horace McFarland of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, Vice President of Parks and Public Reservations Henry A. Barker of Providence, Rhode Island, Secretary Clinton Rogers Woodruff of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Missouri Governor Hebert S. Hadley, Louis F. Budenz, Albert von Hoffmann and John Gundlach of St. Louis and J.C. Nichols and Albert E. Hutchings of Kansas City. Reference made to the Grand Canyon National Monument and Niagara Falls. Includes report by Kessler of cities "undertaking comprehensive city planning" (6 October 1910) and brief biography of Kessler's work to date. 73 pages

Folder 10

The American Institute of Architects, December 1908: Correspondence with Glenn Brown. Includes copy of "Professional Practice of Architects and Schedule of Proper Minimum Charges." 2 pages

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American Legion, Kansas City, March 1921: Correspondence with City Central Executive Committee Chairman J.B. Nourse. 2 pages

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American Legion, St. Louis, October 1921: Correspondence regarding tickets. 1 page

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American Sash & Door Co., April 1912: Correspondence with V.E. Simms, Kansas City. 2 pages

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American Society of Civil Engineers, May 1922: Correspondence with Society President John V. Hanna, Kansas City. 3 pages

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American Society of Engineering Contractors, 1912; 1918: Correspondence with Contractor George F. Smith and Secretary for Fruin-Colnon Contracting Co. A.P. Greensfelder of St. Louis. 4 pages

Folder 16

The American Society of Psychical Research, September 1916: Correspondence from New York. 1 page

Folder 17

The Amphion Club, 1906: Correspondence with President Murray Carleton of St. Louis. 3 pages

Folder 18

John S. Ankeney, 1920: Correspondence with Ankeney of the University of Missouri, requesting information on an article he is preparing for the State Historical Society of Missouri titled "A Century of Missouri Art." 11 pages

Folder 19

Ararat Temple, 1913; 1917; 1919: Correspondence with Recorder H.H. Noland of Kansas City and includes notice of the death of Noble Ethelbert F. Allen. 4 pages

Folder 20

The Architectural Record, May 1908: Copy of an article, "Some Business Buildings in St. Louis," by William Herbert; includes pictures of the Wright, Liggett and Frisco Buildings. 6 pages

Folder 21

K.B. Armour, February 1900: Letters of introduction for Kessler from Armour Packing Co. of Kansas City to the President of C.M. & St. P. Railway A.J. Earling, Vice-President of A.T. & S.F. Railway Paul Morton, General Manager of C.B. & Q. Railroad W.C. Brown, all from Chicago, Illinois, and the General Manager of H. & St. J. Railroad Howard Elliot of St. Louis. 4 pages

Folder 22

Armourdale Foundry Company, June, no year: Correspondence with Gus P. Marty, Kansas City. 1 page

Folder 23

Art Commission, Kansas City, 1906-1907: Correspondence with Mayor H.M. Beardsley, Louis H. Owen and Commission Secretary Mrs. M.H. Weeks. 5 pages

Folder 24

L.R. Ash, 1914; 1921-1922: Correspondence with the consulting engineer of the firm of Waddell & Harrington and later Harrington, Howard & Ash Consulting Engineers of Kansas City with reference to the Arroyo-Seco Bridge at Pasadena, Mr. Romfh of the City Planning Board of Miami, Florida, and the Long-Bell development and proposed sewer system at Kelso, Washington. 9 pages

Folder 25

C.R. Ashbee, [circa 1923]: Flyer detailing a lecture series for the civic advisor and governate for the city of Jerusalem as well as a letter. 4 pages

Folder 26

Henry D. Ashley, 1898; 1904; 1911; 1919: Letters of introduction for Kessler to W.D. Kimball and John H. Tweedy of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Reference to the "Wornall property south of Brush Creek" and Norledge Ave., Kansas City. Includes Kessler's business card. 7 pages

Folder 27

Edward M. Ashton, 1918-1919: Correspondence with the secretary of Ashton-Jenkins Co. of Salt Lake City, Utah, regarding city planning activities. 3 pages

Folder 28

Association of American Portland Cement Manufacturers, March 1909: Correspondence with the Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, magazine. 2 pages

Folder 29

Millard C. Bahr, February 1920: Correspondence with a student of landscape gardening at the University of Missouri who is compiling a list of all shrubs native to Missouri. 2 pages

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Joseph K. Barnett, December 1912: Correspondence with Barnett of Chicago, Illinois. 4 pages

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R.C. Barnett, 1908; 1914: Correspondence with references to Denver, Colorado, and Wyoming. 3 pages

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Barrett Manufacturing Company, September 1908: Correspondence with the Kansas City manager. 1 page

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F.W. Barteldes, 189-: Correspondence with Barteldes of Kansas Seed House in Lawrence, Kansas. 1 page

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Eugene Benoist, October 1919: Correspondence with the Treasurer of Mercantile Trust Co. regarding a banquet in honor of Cardinal Mercier. 1 page

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Karl Bitter, [circa 1915]: Invitation to a memorial service for the New York sculptor. 1 page

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Black & Veatch, Kansas City, June 1919: Correspondence with reference to Neodesha, Kansas. 1 page

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Board of Education, St. Louis, Missouri, 1915: Correspondence with Superintendent of Instruction Ben Blewett regarding an application from Kessler's secretary Jessie L. Ramsey. 3 pages

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Board of Fire and Water Commissioners, Kansas City, May 1913: Correspondence with President John Donnelly. 1 page

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Board of Public Service, St. Louis, Missouri, March 1915: Correspondence with E.R. Kinsey. 1 page

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Don A. Bogen, March 1923: Correspondence with Bogen of Green Bay, WI. 1 page

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Boy Scouts of America, Troop #9, October 1920: Correspondence with Jas. H. Glauber of Colonial Laundry Co. in St. Louis. 1 page

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Bradbury Marble Company, February 1915: Correspondence with Vice President William Jessop of St. Louis. 2 pages

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Robert Brookings, June 1909: Correspondence with Brookings of St. Louis. 1 page

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J.W. Brown, March 1919: Correspondence with Brown of Kansas City. 2 pages

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Walter Brown, April 1893: Correspondence with Brown of Mexico City. 2 pages

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R.E. Brugman, March 1908: Correspondence with R.E. Brugman of Little Rock, Arkansas. 3 pages

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John A. Bryan, 1914; 1919-1920: Correspondence from Bryan requesting employment. 7 pages

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Buder Memorial Square Association, January 1913: Correspondence with Dr. J.R. Wall, St. Louis. 3 pages

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W.A. Bunker, April 1907: Correspondence with Bunker of Kansas City. 2 pages

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O.B. Burrell, 1908: Correspondence with Burrell, a graduate student from Massachusetts Agricultural College in Amherst. 2 pages

Folder 51

August A. Busch, 1918-1919; 1921-1923; no date: Correspondence with the president of Anheuser-Busch Brewing Association referring to slides of Grant's Farm. 13 pages

Folder 52

The Business Men's League of St. Louis, Missouri, 1914; 1916: Correspondence with William Llewellyn Saunders, Elliot H. Goodwin, President Sam D. Capen and Chairman of the League's City Plan Committee John H. Gundlach. Includes a list of Missouri senators and representatives and a list of league members appointed to the City Plan Committee. 11 pages

Folder 53

Ralph R. Caldwell, March 1911: Correspondence with the attorney from Cincinnati, Ohio. 1 page

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Elenore K. Canny, 1914-1915: Correspondence with the playground supervisor for the Kansas City Board of Park Commissioners. 7 pages

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S.T. Carnes, November 1906: Correspondence with Carnes of Memphis, Tennessee. 1 page

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Samuel M. Carter, December 1908: Correspondence with Carter of Cincinnati, Ohio. 1 page

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Central Christian Advocate, February 1919: Correspondence with Editor Claudius B. Spencer of Kansas City with reference to the Liberty Memorial. 3 pages

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Century Boat Club, April 1914: Correspondence with Edward L. Preetorius of St. Louis. 1 page

Folder 59

Chamber of Commerce, Kansas City, Missouri, 1917; 1919-1920; 1922-1923: Correspondence with Industrial Commissioners G.H. Forsee and E.W. Mentel about the City Plan Commission and Conference on City Planning, H.H. Mathonet with a proposal for a civic center and Assistant Industrial Commissioner J.E. Burke about the Brotherhood of American Yeomen. Includes an invitation to the 9th annual City Planning Conference with a program of events and speakers, a brochure, "Industrial and Railroad Map of Greater Kansas City" and a 1920 proposal for the Civic Center. 43 pages

Folder 60

Chamber of Commerce, St. Louis, Missouri, 1917-1919; 1921: Correspondence with Presidents J. Lionberger Davis, Jackson Johnson and W. Frank Carter, Vice President Richard S. Hawes, Secretary Paul V. Bunn, Assistant General Secretary W.B. Weisenberger, Municipal Development Committee President A.P. Greensfelder and Charles H. Diel. Includes pamphlet explaining Missouri Income Tax Law of 1917 and Form of Protest (23 February 1917), letter appointing Kessler to the Municipal Development Committee with a copy of Article IV explaining the formation of committees (28 February 1921), the Municipal Development Committee's annual report for 1920 (14 March 1921) and a notice of election with a list of candidates and a copy of Article VI explaining elections (10 October 1921). 40 pages

Folder 61

Chamber of Commerce, Wichita Falls, Texas, March 1921: Chamber of Commerce official publication "The Better City" with an article, "What a City Plan Means to the Average Man" that references Kessler and Kansas City. 8 pages

Folder 62

W.H. Chambers, November 1909: Correspondence with Chambers of San Antonio, Texas, regarding the establishment of a "Civic Improvement Art League" started by local sculptor Pompeo Coppini. 2 pages

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W.C. Champe, March 1917: Correspondence with City Hall reporter for the *Kansas City Star*. 2 pages

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Cleve Chapman, April 1918: Correspondence with Chapman of Kansas City. 4 pages

Folder 65

W.H. Chapman, 1902; 1909: Correspondence with Chapman of Chapman & Dewey Lumber Co. of Kansas City and a report titled, "A Single Illustration of the Inability of Lumber Manufacturers to Market Low Grade Lumber at Present Tariff Rates of Freight." 5 pages

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Robert Lee Charmley, October 1911: Invitation to Charmley's marriage to Lucile Elizabeth Lyon, niece of Daniel Burns Dyer, in Kansas City. 1 page

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Chautauqua Association, September 1906: Correspondence with David H. Harts, Jr., Lincoln, Illinois. 2 pages

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P.S. Child, March 1917: Correspondence with president of A.J. Child & Sons Wholesale Supplies. 2 pages

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Herbert C. Chivers, April 1904: Correspondence with the St. Louis architect. 1 page

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The Citizens City Plan Committee, 1917: Correspondence with Chairman Luther Ely Smith and Membership Committee Chairman B.W. Moser of St. Louis. 3 pages

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Citizens' National Guard Committee, August 1916: Correspondence with Chairman M.L. Wilkinson and Treasurer Edwards Whitaker. 1 page

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The City Club, Kansas City, Missouri, 1914: Correspondence with Sid J. Hare and S. Herbert Hare regarding an address by Ernest DeVigne. 2 pages

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The City Club, St. Louis, Missouri, March 1911: Correspondence with Treasurer C.J. Kehoe. 1 page

Folder 74

The City Parks Association of Philadelphia, 1904-1905; 1908: Correspondence with Secretary Andrew Wright Crawford. Association formerly known as Organizations Allied for the Acquisition of a Comprehensive Park System. 8 pages

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W.R. Clarke, November 1908: Correspondence with the vice-president of the United States Trust Co., Kansas City, regarding "Saints' Rest" at Salt Lake. 1 page

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Clayton Road Neighborhood Association, January 1914: Correspondence with Will S. Barron. 1 page

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Collier's, 1906: Correspondence with Samuel E. Moffett of New York. 3 pages

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The Columbia Missouri Herald, September 1905: Correspondence about Walter Williams. 1 page

Folder 79

The Commercial Club of Kansas City, Missouri, 1905; 1912-1913; 1915-1916: Correspondence with Secretary E.M. Clendening, Industrial Commissioner G.H. Forsee and St. Paul Association of Commerce Secretary J.H. Beek, requesting information on Kansas City's boulevard system. Reference to the Secretary of the Board of Trade Carl J. Baer of Little Rock, Arkansas. The Commercial Club became the Chamber of Commerce in 1917. 12 pages

Folder 80

The Commercial Club of St. Louis, Missouri, 1908-1909; 1917: Correspondence with J. Collins Thompson of Francis, Bro. & Co., Club Secretaries A.L. Shapleigh and George N. Simmons and Walter B. Stevens. Includes a dinner invitation. 10 pages

Folder 81

The Conventions Bureau, May 1914: Correspondence with Secretary and Manager Justin A. Runyan with reference to the National Conference on City Planning in Toronto for June 1914. 2 pages

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Corps of Engineers, U.S.A., September 1908: Correspondence with Major J.J. Morrow regarding Senate document #458 concerning improvement of the Valley of Rock Creek in Washington, D.C. 2 pages

Folder 83

C.C. Couper, 1891: Correspondence with Couper of Couper's Marble Works, Norfolk, Virginia. 7 pages

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Fletcher Cowherd, 1914: Correspondence with the president of Fletcher Cowherd Real Estate and Mortgage Co. of Kansas City. 2 pages

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C.H. Cranneman, December 1910: Correspondence with Cranneman of St. Louis. 1 page

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Crescent Lumber Company, June 1906: Letter with Theo. C. Sherwood of Kansas City. 2 pages

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John T. Crisp, April 1892: Correspondence with Crisp of Independence, Missouri. 1 page

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Annie Donnelly, April 1912: Correspondence with Kessler's son's nurse in St. Louis. 1 page

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J.F. Downing, December 1919: Letter of introduction from the president of the New England Bank of

Kansas City, Missouri, for R.M. Gage. 1 page

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W.H. Dunn, 1905; 1907-1908; 1913-1916; no date: Correspondence with the consulting landscape architect of Dunn & McKee of Kansas City and president of the United States Civil Service Commission John A. McIlhenny regarding Dunn's application for land appraiser with the Interstate Commerce Commission. Reference to the Royal Arcanum Lodge. Of interest is letter from Dunn announcing his resignation as park superintendent to set up his own office (25 October 1913) and letter asking Kessler for his endorsement for Dunn's old position with the Board of Park Commissioners (29 April 1916). 30 pages

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W.S. Eames, 1906: Correspondence with Eames of St. Louis. 3 pages

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Paul C. Edwards, 1921: Correspondence with Edwards of Dallas, Texas, congratulating Kessler on his honorary degree from the University of Missouri. 2 pages

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Engineers' Club of Cincinnati, April 1909: Correspondence with President F.M. Crocker. 4 pages

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The Engineers' Club of Kansas City, 1919; 1920; 1922: Correspondence with Assistant Secretary J.W. Peters, President John Prince, Secretary and Treasurer William Bugg, Chief Engineer for the Kansas City Terminal Railway Co. and member of the Traffic and Transit Committee John V. Hanna and Committee Secretary A.C. Everham. 15 pages

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E. Russell Field, 1921: Correspondence with the business manager of The Principia School in St. Louis with reference to Clifford Straubel. 4 pages

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R.C. Fields, June 1918: Correspondence with the superintendent of Mt. Washington Cemetery in Kansas City regarding Fields' application to the Quartermaster's Dept. for work overseas. 3 pages

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The Fine Arts Institute of Kansas City, 1912-1913: Correspondence with George R. Barse and Thomas Tryon. 11 pages

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C.W. Fish, 1917: Correspondence with Fish of Excelsior Springs, Missouri, with reference to The Elms and the Excelsior Springs Golf Club. 4 pages

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F.W. Fleming, no date: postcard from Paris, France (in French). 2 pages

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Floridonia Land-Home Co., 1913: Correspondence with Robert S. Stone regarding a development in the Peace River Valley in De Soto County, Florida. Includes a brochure for the company. 25 pages

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J.B. Forbis, February 1919: Correspondence with the real estate investor from Kansas City about attaching a war memorial to the arts center. 7 pages

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Major John R. Fordyce, 1918: Correspondence with constructing quartermaster, St. Louis. 2 pages

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W.S. Franklin, May 1916: Correspondence with Franklin of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, about public swimming pools. Includes two diagrams and report, "A New Type of Artificial Swimming Pool." 9 pages

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W.R. Fraser, April 1912: Correspondence with Fraser of St. Louis. 2 pages

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Gallup Map & Supply Co., 1921: Correspondence with President F.E. Gallup of Kansas City with reference to Indianapolis, Oklahoma City, and Wichita Falls, Texas. Includes two samples of their reproduction work. 25 pages

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The Garden City Sand Co., May 1909: Correspondence with manager of the "Stonekote" Department S.W. Curtiss of Chicago, Illinois. 1 page

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Robert Garrett, 1910: Correspondence with Garrett of Baltimore, Maryland. 2 pages

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Charles C. George, April 1909: Correspondence with the president of George and Co. Investment Securities of Omaha, Nebraska. 1 page

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Rudolph Gessenbier, November 1909: Correspondence with Gessenbier of St. Louis. 3 pages

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Cass Gilbert, February 1919: Correspondence with the architect from New York regarding Gilbert's title of Chevalier de la Legion d'Honneur from the French government. 2 pages

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Gray-Adams Engraving Co., March 1922: Correspondence with W.I. Fertig of St. Louis. 2 pages

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Judge Edgar Guinotte, March 1906: Correspondence with the probate court judge for Jackson County, Missouri, regarding the widow of William Heimerdinger, Jennie. 1 page

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John H. Gundlach, 1911; 1914; 1916-1917; 1919; 1921: Correspondence with the real estate developer from St. Louis with reference to Mr. Mawson of England, Hans Hackel, editor of *The Westliche Post*, the necessity for the districting of lands in St. Louis, the City Plan Conference in Kansas City, Union Station and city planning in Dallas. 12 pages

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E.T. Gunter, February 1908: Correspondence with Gunter of Kansas City with reference to the book *Garden Making* by Professor L.H. Bailey of Cornell University. 2 pages

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James Gurney, 1904-1906: Letters with the superintendent of Tower Grove Park, St. Louis. 3 pages

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R.J. Haight, 1900; 1909: Letter of introduction for Kessler from the publisher of *Park & Cemetery* to the president of Oak Woods Cemetery in Chicago, Frederick Farwell. 3 pages

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W.J. Hallack, 1901-1902: Correspondence with the president of Pawnee Lake and Irrigation Co. of Macatawa, Michigan, and Civil Engineer Stephen A. Mitchell of Kansas City with reference to a canal from the Arkansas River to Pawnee Lake. 6 pages

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Charles Hamilton, 1910: Correspondence with the mayor of Kirkwood, Missouri. 2 pages

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William Happ, July 1914: Letter with real estate and insurance agent from South Bend, Indiana. 1 page

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Herbert Hare, 1917; 1921-1923: Correspondence with the landscape architect and city planner from Kansas City with reference to Chancellor Lindley and the University of Kansas. Of interest is a New Year's greeting card from Hare & Hare, 1923, and a postcard depicting a home in Mission Hills (2 February 1923). 23 pages

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H.L. Harmon, 1905-1906: Correspondence with Harmon of Kansas City. 5 pages

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T. Chalkley Hatton, 1908-1909: Correspondence with the consulting engineer from Wilmington, Delaware, regarding the Imperial Road Co. 3 pages

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J. Haycroft, September 1894: Correspondence with the civil engineer from Sydney, Australia. 2 pages

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J.J. Heim, 1922: Correspondence with the president of Heim Brewing Co. of Kansas City regarding Consulting Engineer Baxter L. Brown. 2 pages

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Arthur H. Helder, 1911; 1914: Correspondence with the landscape architect from Kansas City and former secretary for the Board of Park Commissioners of Kansas City, Kansas. 5 pages

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Philip F. Helmer, 1918-1919; 1922: Correspondence with the second lieutenant from Kelso, Washington, requesting work after his tour of duty. 9 pages

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C.E. Helvie, September 1901: Correspondence from Helvie in San Juan, Puerto Rico, informing Kessler of a position as president of the Board of Public Works. 2 pages

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Ira G. Hendrick, 1907; 1909; 1912: Correspondence with the consulting engineer from Kansas City, the Harbor and Wharf Commissioner for St. Louis Joseph P. White and the President of Board of Public Service for Cincinnati John R. Bender with reference to viaducts in Cincinnati, Ohio, and Dallas, Texas, and oiling roads. 15 pages

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W.R. Hodges, July 1905: Correspondence with Hodges of St. Louis. 1 page

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William Holden, 1917-1918: Correspondence with Holden of the St. Louis Department of Streets and Sewers with reference to Albuquerque, New Mexico, Santa Barbara, California, and Pittsburgh, Kansas. 3 pages

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E.E. Howard, February 1922: Correspondence with the consulting engineer with Harrington, Howard & Ash of Kansas City regarding former City Engineer for Rosedale, Kansas, Raymond Russell. 1 page

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Franklin Hudson, 1907; 1911; no year: Correspondence with the president of Franklin Hudson Publishing Co. of Kansas City with reference to the Parking Commission in New Orleans, and the Jamestown Exposition. 6 pages

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Humane Society of Missouri, no date: Certificate of membership for Kessler. 1 page

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Howard E. Huselton, April 1921: Correspondence about the Santa Monica Highlands program. 1 page

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Oliver C. Hutchinson, [1908]: Correspondence with Hutchinson from the University Club of Kansas City, Missouri. 2 pages

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C.H. Huttig, November 1905: Payroll for work done at his residence. (These documents are not in with the project files because it is not certain if Huttig lived in St. Louis or Kansas City.) 3 pages

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Institutional Church, May 1906: Correspondence with Pastor Chas. W. Moore, Kansas City. 2 pages

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Iowa State College of Agriculture and Mechanical Arts, 1921-1922: Correspondence with Assistant Professor of Landscape Architecture E.A. Piester regarding restricted residential subdivisions in St. Louis and Acting Head of Dept. of Horticulture and Forestry H.W. Richey regarding Horace F. Major of the University of Missouri. 3 pages

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Iowa State Highway Commission, May 1908: Correspondence with Highway Engineer Thomas H. McDonald. 1 page

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Jamestown Exposition Company, May 1904: Correspondence with Director D. Lowenberg of Norfolk, Virginia. 2 pages

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L.P. Jensen, 1922; no date: Correspondence with Jensen, Missouri Botanical Garden, in reference to Philip Helmer and a book containing Jensen's "Preliminary Report and Plans for the Improvement of the City of Altus, Oklahoma." 2 pages

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S.P. Jermaine, 1907-1908: Correspondence with Jermaine of Woolson Spice Co., Toledo, Ohio, and D. J. Haff of Kansas City regarding taxation laws for the Kansas City park system. Includes House Bill #750, "Providing means whereby a board of park commissioners may be established in each city of the state of Ohio." 14 pages

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Bryson Jones, 1915: Correspondence with Jones of Kansas City. 2 pages

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Wilber B. Jones, 1914-1915: Attorney Jones wants to establish a central parkway in St. Louis and asks Kansas City real estate operators to list increases in land value due to boulevard and parkway establishment and/or improvement. Correspondents include R.L. Winter, A.A. Whipple, John G. Groves, J.W. Lyman & Co., C.C. Craver, H.R. Ennis and Thomas T. Crittenden, Jr. 28 pages

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Kamp Man Maker, May 1917: Correspondence with Camp Director C.R. Little, Bourbon, Missouri. 2 pages

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Kansas City Art Institute, 1922: Correspondence with Director H.M. Kurtzworth. Includes a list of lectures for October-December. 4 pages

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Kansas City Club, 1893-1894: Correspondence with J.R. Treat and C.R. Rockwell. 3 pages

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The Kansas City Journal, 1893; 1902; 1912-1913; 1921-1922: Correspondence with the Circulation Department. 15 pages

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Kansas City Nurseries, 1913; 1916; 1919: Correspondence with Proprietor George H. Johnston and

includes a list of their nursery stock. 9 pages

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Kansas City Photographic Supply Co., January 1914: Correspondence with E.M. Merwin. 1 page

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Kansas City Provident Association, 1892; 1894: Letters with N.W. Casey and George Page. 6 pages

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Kansas City Real Estate Exchange, January 1910: Correspondence with the vice president of Rieger-Moore Realty Co., Joshua A. Moore. 2 pages

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Kansas City Rotary Club, January 1919: Correspondence with Chairman of the Entertainment Committee Ralph E. Morrison. 6 pages

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The Kansas City Star, 1905-1907; 1917; 1920; 1922; no date: Correspondence with Henry Schott, Ralph Stout, Dillon, Librarian Myrtle Hale and the Circulation Department. 11 pages

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Richard D. Kathrens, December 1922: Correspondence with Kathrens of Kansas City. 1 page

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P.S. Kaull, February 1919: Correspondence with vice president of Warren Brothers Co., St. Louis, introducing former city engineer for Rosedale, Kansas, Raymond G. Russell. Includes follow-up letter from Russell. 3 pages

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Frederick W. Kelsey, 1911; 1915: Correspondence with president of F.W. Kelsey Nursery Co. 3 pages

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C.H. Kessler, 1892; 1907: Correspondence with Kessler (no apparent relation), Kansas City. 5 pages

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Henry W. Kiel, May 1917: Correspondence with the St. Louis mayor and includes an invitation from the French Commission in honor of General Joffre and Monsieur Viviani. 2 pages

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E.A. King, May 1908: Correspondence with King of St. Joseph, Missouri. 1 page

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Kiwanis Club of Birmingham, Alabama, March 1923: Correspondence with M.P. Phillips with note referring to Kessler's death. 3 pages

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Charles W. Knapp, April 1909: Correspondence with Knapp of *The St. Louis Republic*. 1 page

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Knife and Fork Club, August 1901: Correspondence with Secretary Fred N. Tufts, Kansas City. 1 page

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O.H. Koch, April 1914: Correspondence with the civil engineer of Koch & Fowler in Dallas, Texas, with reference to Secretary of the Young Men's Business League John Gaffney and G.H Turner both from Palestine, Texas. 5 pages

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R. Kriete, August 1906: Letter (in German), with the naturalist and taxidermist, Kansas City. 1 page

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Samuel C. Lancaster, 1906-1907; 1919: Correspondence with Engineer Lancaster regarding Jackson, Tennessee, the U.S. Department of Agriculture and Portland, Oregon. 8 pages

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Thad B. Landon, June 1920: Correspondence with Landon of Sherman & Landon, Kansas City. 1 page

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Landscape Architects Association, 1909: Correspondence with Samuel Parsons, New York. 2 pages

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Landscape Architecture, February 1916: Correspondence with Editor/Publisher Charles Downing Lay of New York, Kansas City Park Engineer Fred Gabelman and Thomas T. Crittenden, Jr., of the Kansas City Bait and Fly Casting Club regarding the casting and wading pool in Gillham Road. 10 pages

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H.P. Langworthy, May 1907: Correspondence with cashier of Gulf Pipe Line Co., Tulsa, Oklahoma. 2 pages

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Gardiner Lathrop, 1900: Letters of introduction to H.U. Mudge and J.W. Gleed, Topeka, Kansas. 2 pages

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George Law, February 1916: Correspondence with Law of Kansas City. 2 pages

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J.L. Laxton, April 1911: Correspondence with Laxton of St. Louis. 1 page

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League of American Municipalities, April 1910: Correspondence with Secretary and Treasurer John McVicker of Des Moines, Iowa. 1 page

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Cusil Lechtman, March 1914: Correspondence with Lechtman of Lechtman Printing Co. from Kansas City. 1 page

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Franz Leuwer, February 1914: Correspondence with Leuwer of Bremen, Germany. 1 page

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Georges Benoit-Levy, 1909-1910: Correspondence with Benoit-Levy of the French Garden City Association, Paris. 2 pages

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Ben J. Lubschez, February 1914: Correspondence with Lubschez of Kansas City. 1 page

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Ira Lufkin, 1893: Correspondence with Lufkin of Compania Limitada del Ferrocarril Central Mexicano Departamento de Contrabilidad. 7 pages

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O.C. Lynch, February 1906: Correspondence with superintendent of Public Schools, Tipton, Missouri. 2 pages

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John H. McCarthy Monument Co., 1917: Correspondence with McCarty of St. Louis. 3 pages

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B.L. McClain, May 1915: Correspondence with McClain, Westport High School, Kansas City. 2 pages

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Judge McFarland, February 1901: Correspondence about doing work for his "Commission." 1 page

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Alex Maitland, March 1904: Correspondence with Maitland of Richmond, Missouri. 3 pages

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Horace F. Major, 1911; 1914; 1916: Correspondence with the assistant professor of landscape gardening at the University of Missouri, referring to the Olmsted Brothers and the Panama-California Exposition, San Diego, California. 7 pages

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A.N. Marquis & Co., October 1911: Correspondence with Chicago company about D.J. Haff. 2 pages

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Masonic Temple, Orient Chapter No. 102, Royal Arch Masons, 1902; 1919; 1922: Correspondence with Secretary J.H. Frame, Recorder Thomas A. Milburn and Attorney Thomas J. Thornhill of Kansas City. Includes pamphlet with list of members for 1902 and reference to the Mason's Relief Committee. 16 pages

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Thomas Massimiliano, September 1894: Correspondence with the engineer from Catanzaro, Italy. 2 pages

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John Lawrence Mauran, 1909; 1911; 1914: Correspondence with the architect of Mauran, Russell & Garden in St. Louis in reference to the "Round Table" and George W. Perkins of J. Pierpont Morgan & Co. regarding the "Palisades development." 10 pages

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Cornelia F. Maury, June 1913: Correspondence with Miss Maury of St. Louis. 4 pages

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Fred Medart Manufacturing Company, November 1917: Correspondence with the St. Louis manufacturers of playground equipment. 3 pages

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The Mercantile Club, 1908; 1916: Correspondence with Treasurer J.H. Farish, President Judge Henry S. Caulfield and President of Third National Bank T. Wright of St. Louis. 6 pages

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Merriam Athletic Club, August 1914: Correspondence with W.A. Talbot and A.E. Fraser of Kansas City. 1 page

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Mrs. Emmet Merritt, September 1909: Correspondence with Merritt, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York. 1 page

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Metropolitan Parks Association, May 1907: Correspondence with Association Secretary Miss Genevieve Brandt, Kansas City Park Superintendent W.H. Dunn and Secretary of the St. Louis Civic League Mayo Fesler. 4 pages

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Metropolitan Park Commission, February 1910: Correspondence with Henry A. Barker of Providence, Rhode Island, regarding eminent domain. 6 pages

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Metropolitan Police Force, October 1920: Invitation to parade, review and inspection in St. Louis. 2 pages

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Chas. Meyer, March 1905: Correspondence with Meyer Brothers Drug Co. owner, St. Louis. 1 page

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William C. Michaels, 1902; 1906; 1915; 1917; 1920-1921; 1923: Correspondence with the attorney and J.C. Nichols with reference Micheal's home in the Sunset Hills/Country Club District and to Judge C.E. Moss and Michael's candidacy for the county counselorship (19 November 1906). 19 pages

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Michel Plant & Bulb Company, April 1905: Correspondence with the St. Louis nursery. 2 pages

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Charles D. Mill, July 1914: Correspondence with Mill of Kansas City. 1 page

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A.E. Miller, July 1912: Correspondence with Miller of Utica, New York. 1 page

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Mission Hills Country Club, 1914: Correspondence with Secretary V.K. Tuggle, Kansas City. 3 pages

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Missouri Forestry Association, 1921-1923: Correspondence with Frederick Dunlap, Columbia, Missouri. Includes invitation to organization of the association, the association's constitution, a pamphlet with "Missouri's Forestry Needs" and a proposed forestry bill with an act "to provide for the practice of forestry and to maintain and increase the yield of forests in the state of Missouri." 16 pages

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The Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railway of Texas, April [1917]: Correspondence with District Passenger Agent R.B. Courtney with copy of an article from *The Dallas News* detailing the National City Plan Conference in Kansas City in 1917. 1 page

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Missouri State Fair, 1906: Correspondence with Secretary J.R. Rippey of Sedalia, Missouri, and includes an invitation to the "Sixth Annual Exhibition of the Missouri State Fair." 2 pages

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Missouri State Horticultural Society, 1890-1892; 1897: Correspondence with President J.C. Evans and Secretary L.A. Goodman of Westport, Missouri. Includes program for the 33rd annual meeting, Clinton, Missouri, December 1890. 10 pages

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E.O. Moffatt, 1909-1910: Correspondence with the president of the Moffatt Commission Co. of Kansas City with reference to Swope Park, park bonds and a "Tuxedo Park" pamphlet. 3 pages

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Chas. H. Moore, January 1910: Correspondence with vice president of National Bank of Commerce, Kansas City, regarding Indian Agent William B. Freer, Cheyenne & Arapaho Agency, Darlington, Oklahoma. 2 pages

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J. Merrick Moore, February 1912: Correspondence with attorney from Little Rock, Arkansas. 1 page

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Robert Moore, 1903: Correspondence with the civil engineer from St. Louis with reference to the west bluffs from 8th St. north to 6th St. 2 pages

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The J.L. Mott Iron Works, 1912: Correspondence with selling agent J.T. Limbert, Kansas City. 1 page

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Mount Hope Cemetery Association, October 1909: Correspondence with Assistant Secretary T.H. Little of Chicago, Illinois, and Julius Pitzman of St. Louis regarding M.G. Kern. 3 pages

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Municipal Art League, 1911-1912: Correspondence with Secretary and Manager Robert Porter Bringhurst, St. Louis. 4 pages

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Municipal Journal and Engineer, 1907: Correspondence with Editor A. Prescott Folwell. 1 page

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Henry C. Muskopf, 1911: Correspondence with Landscape Architect and Engineer Muskopf of St. Louis. 1 page

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National Commission of Fine Arts, May 1922: Letter from James L. Greenleaf to Secretary of State Charles M. Hughes. 1 page

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National Council of the Fine Arts, 1909: Correspondence with Secretary J.R. Marshall of Washington, D.C., Architect and President of the American Institute of Architects Cass Gilbert of New York and Architect John Lawrence Mauran of St. Louis. Includes card stating the executive order by which President William H. Taft is appointing the council. 9 pages

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National Drainage Congress, 1913: Correspondence with Kansas City Mayor Henry L. Jost. 2 pages

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National Exposition of Industrial Art, 1920: Correspondence with Chairman Clark McAdams of St. Louis. 4 pages. (See also St. Louis Exposition of Industrial Arts and Crafts.)

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National Farm School and Vocational Institute, 1917: Correspondence with Director Rev. Father J.T. Tuohy of Riverside, Missouri. Includes booklet explaining the school. 10 pages

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National Federation of Outdoor Clubs/The Outdoor League of America, April 1922: Correspondence with Secretary Charles F. Hatfield of St. Louis. Includes an invitation to the first meeting, mission statement, Declaration of Purposes and Politics and a Proposed Constitution of The Outdoor League of America. 34 pages

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National Housing Association, January 1919: Correspondence with Secretary and Director Lawrence Veiller. 2 pages

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National Old Trails Road Association, 1921: Correspondence with President J.M. Lowe and Secretary of the Convention Bureau Frank M. Robinson. Includes copy of an act "To authorize the acquiring and holding of lands along and adjacent to public highways for the purpose of beautification and adornment," pamphlet detailing "An appeal to the Missouri Legislature," a program for the 9th annual convention in Kansas City, an Association Bulletin and a circular regarding American parks. Three maps in OVERSIZE. 49 pages

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National Safety Council, September 1921: Correspondence with St. Louis Safety Council President C.M. Talbert. Includes list of donors and booklet explaining what the council is and what it does. 22 pages

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National War Work Council of the Y.M.C.A., November 1917: Correspondence with Broker A.G. Douglass of St. Louis. 1 page

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New Constitution Association of Missouri, May 1921: Correspondence with Secretary W.M. Ledbetter of St. Louis. 1 page

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Francis E. Nettleton, 1914-1915; 1921-1922: Correspondence with Nettleton of the Kansas City Terminal Railway. Includes wedding invitation for Nettleton's daughter (4 November 1922). 8 pages

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A.R. Newton, September 1891: Correspondence with manager of Troost Park, Kansas City. 1 page

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J.C. Nichols, 1913-1923; no date: Correspondence with the president of J.C. Nichols Investment Co. References to the City Planning Conferences in Chicago, Illinois, in 1913, Kansas City in 1917 and St. Louis in 1918, the Kansas City Board of Park Commissioners and local projects, Highland Park in Dallas, the Country Club District, Vassie J. Ward and Ward Parkway. Correspondence includes Charles S. Lewis of Indianapolis, Indiana, George Fearn & Sons of Mobile, Alabama, Secretary of the National Conference on City Planning Flavel Shurtleff of Boston, Massachusetts, Attorney Jos. Howard of the Texas Law Co. and Erker Bros. Optical Co. of St. Louis, Val J. Rothschild of St. Paul, Minnesota, Edward M. Ashton and Glen Miller of Salt Lake City, Utah, Editor of the *National Real Estate Journal* Henry L. Freking of Indianapolis, Indiana, Vice-President of The Union National Bank Lee Clinton of Tulsa, Oklahoma, F.W. Freeborn of Fort Worth, Texas, Dr. Lindley at the University of Kansas in Lawrence, Dr. C.C. Nesselrode of Kansas City, Kansas, and H.W. Mitchell of Wichita Falls, Texas. Includes list of slides from the Secretary of the American Civic Association Richard B. Waltrous and the People's Gardens Association of Washington (19 April 1913), copy of the National City Planning Conference Tentative Program for Kansas City (27 March 1917), Kessler's list of invites (3 April 1917), reference to the "crystalizing" of a city plan commission and ordinance for Kansas City (22 September 1917) and a brochure for The Union National Bank of Tulsa, Oklahoma (16 January 1918). 179 pages

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The Noonday Club, St. Louis, Missouri, 1907; 1913: Correspondence with Hugh C. Ward of Kansas City and Secretary Clarkson Potter of St. Louis. 4 pages

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North Hills Country Club, May 1922: Correspondence with Sec. Peter B. Gibson, St. Louis. 1 page

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John Noyes, November 1920: Correspondence with the landscape architect for the Missouri Botanical Garden in St. Louis with reference to Fred Grosshart and Paul A. Kohl. 1 page

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B. Nugent & Brothers Dry Goods Co., June 1921: Correspondence with A. Robisen, St. Louis. 2 pages

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Zelia Nuttall, October 1922: Correspondence with Nuttall of Coyoacan, Mexico. Includes postcard with a picture of Casa Alvarado. 6 pages

Folder 22

J.S. O'Flaherty, 1902: Letter with chief engineer, Central Coal & Coke Co., Kansas City. 2 pages

Folder 23

O.E. Oberbeck, February 1909: Correspondence with Oberbeck of St. Louis. 3 pages

Folder 24

Office of Housing and Town Planning, November 1920: Correspondence with Town Planning Advisor Thomas Adams of Ottawa, Canada. 1 page

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Officer Reserve Corps, U.S. Army, April 1917: Correspondence regarding Kansas City's Park Engineer Fred Gabelman's application to the Reserve Corps. 1 page

Folder 26

Miss Millicent Olmstead, February 1907: Correspondence with Miss Olmstead of Painesville, Ohio. 3 pages

Folder 27

Edward T. Orear, 1915: Correspondence with Orear-Leslie Investment Co., Kansas City. 2 pages

Folder 28

Horace Ray Palmer, 1920: Correspondence and invitation to Palmer's wedding with Besse Willeda of Kansas City. 2 pages

Folder 29

Park Department Employee's Organization, January 1913: Invitation for Kessler to speak from E.A. Boland of the Forest Park Greenhouse in St. Louis. 2 pages

Folder 30

Edwin B. Parker, October 1920: Account of the death of Parker from Houston, Texas. 2 pages

Folder 31

Parks and Recreation, March 1923: Correspondence with the Minot, North Dakota, publication. 1 page

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Patriots and Pioneers Memorial Foundation, 1922: Correspondence with Organization and Program Chairman Joseph Meinrath of Kansas City. 15 pages

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Mrs. Everett W. Pattison, February 1908: Correspondence with Mrs. Pattison of St. Louis. 3 pages

Folder 34

R.O. Penniwell, September 1907: Correspondence with Penniwell, Classon Co., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. 3 pages

Folder 35

D.W.C. Perry, July 1898: Correspondence thanking Kessler for employing Perry. 1 page

Folder 36

George B. Perry, July 1909: Correspondence with Perry, National Arts Club of New York. 4 pages

Folder 37

W.C. Persons, June 1922: Correspondence with commercial photographer from St. Louis. 1 page

Folder 38

Phoenix Nursery Company, March 1905: Correspondence with the Bloomington, Illinois, nursery. 4 pages

Folder 39

Photographic and View Company, March 1922: Correspondence with W.E. Brandendurgh of Kansas City. Includes a list of lantern slides. 5 pages

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Daniel W. Pike, April 1915: Correspondence with the consulting engineer from Kansas City. 1 page

Folder 41

Pittsburgh Civic Commission, 1909: Correspondence with General Secretary Allen T. Burns. 3 pages

Folder 42

Playground and Recreation Association of America, 1915; 1917; 1923: Correspondence with Horace M. Swope, John H. Gundlach and George W. Simmons of St. Louis. 7 pages

Folder 43

Thomas E. Powe, February 1917: Correspondence with Powe of St. Louis. 1 page

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John A. Prescott, 1913: Correspondence with Kansas City broker about Philip W. Thomas. 1 page

Folder 45

Press Club of St. Louis, 1915: Correspondence with C.M. Baskett. Includes brief biography of Kessler and his work to date. 6 pages

Folder 46

Publicity Bureau, August 1903: Correspondence with Manager of Boston Office J.H. Ellsworth. 2 pages

Folder 47

Arthur W. Rehfeldt, April, no year: Correspondence with Rehfeldt of St. Louis. 1 page

Folder 48

O.C. Reiber, January 1919: Correspondence with Reiber Bird Reserve, West Webster, New York. 1 page

Folder 49

The Republican Publishing Co., April 1912: Correspondence with W.L. Tobey of Hamilton, Ohio, in reference to Ludlow Park. 1 page

Folder 50

Thomas S. Ridge, August 1905: Correspondence with Ridge of Kansas City. 1 page

Folder 51

Charles Mulford Robinson, 1905-1906: Correspondence with civic adviser, Rochester, New York. 2 pages

Folder 52

Brigadier General H.L. Rogers, 1917-1918: Correspondence with the chief quartermaster for the American Expeditionary Forces in France in reference to Camp Travis and Fort Sam Houston. 5 pages

Folder 53

Rookwood Pottery Co., 1908-1909: Correspondence with W.W. Taylor, Cincinnati, Ohio. 11 pages

Folder 54

B.D. Rowe, October 1906: Correspondence with Rowe of Kansas City. 1 page

Folder 55

Royal Arcanum, Grand Council of Missouri, April 1917: Correspondence with Grand Regent J.F. Hickey of St. Louis. 2 pages

Folder 56

Royal Arcanum, Westport Council No. 2041, 1913; 1917; 1920: Correspondence with Collector E.B. Silkwood of Kansas City. 6 pages

Folder 57

Rubber Tire Wheel Co., November 1906: Correspondence with the Kansas City company. 1 page

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Max F. Ruler, March 1906: Correspondence with attorney from St. Louis. 1 page

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L.M. Rumsey Manufacturing Company, February 1912: Correspondence with Vice-President and

General Manager H.S. Rumsey of St. Louis. 1 page

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Alphabetical Correspondence Files, S

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Saint Joseph Ad Club, 1910: Correspondence with the editor of *The Fruit-Grower*, Club President James M. Irvine and Secretary F.R. Rose. 6 pages

Folder 2

Saint Louis Art League, 1916-1917; 1920-1921: Correspondence with Chairman B.M. Duggan and Chairman of the Membership Committee H.M.E. Pasmazoglu. Includes mission statement and ticket for a dramatic reading. 9 pages

Folder 3

Saint Louis Artists' Guild, February 1920: Correspondence with the Exhibition Committee. 1 page

Folder 4

Saint Louis Association of Gardeners, September 1920: Correspondence with Missouri Botanical Garden's horticulturist G.H. Pring. 1 page

Folder 5

Saint Louis Convention & Publicity Bureau, 1917; 1919: Correspondence with Secretary and General Manager Charles F. Hatfield regarding the American Society of Landscape Architects. 3 pages

Folder 6

Saint Louis Exposition of Industrial Arts and Crafts, 1919: Correspondence with Exposition Committee Chairman George S. Johns and St. Louis Art League President Charles C. Allen. 4 pages

Folder 7

Saint Louis Pageant Choral Society, 1914; 1916-1917: Correspondence with Luther Ely Smith, Treasurer J.R. Williams and President John H. Gundlach. 5 pages

Folder 8

Saint Louis Public Library, April 1917: Copy of the *Municipal Library Reference Bulletin*. 2 pages

Folder 9

Saint Louis Republic, 1905: Correspondence with the St. Louis newspaper. 2 pages

Folder 10

Saint Louis Star Florist and Nursery Company, 1904-1905: Correspondence with Manager A.C. Dixon. Includes list of their nursery stock. 6 pages

Folder 11

Saint Peter's Church, 1911; 1913; 1919: Correspondence with J.E. Williams, Jr., and R.W. Upshaw of St. Louis. 4 pages

Folder 12

Saint Rita School for the Deaf, November 1920: Correspondence with Father Henry J. Waldhaus of Cincinnati, Ohio. 1 page

Folder 13

J. Sang, March 1908: Correspondence with Sang, Golden Rule Retailers, St. Paul, Minnesota. 2 pages

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Mrs. William C. Scarritt, December 1922: Correspondence with Mrs. Scarritt of Kansas City. 3 pages

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Richard Schermerhorn, Jr., 1909: Correspondence with landscape architect from New York. 2 pages

Folder 16

Chas. J. Schmelzer, 1920: Correspondence with the president and treasurer of Schmelzer Arms Co. in Kansas City. Includes circular about the Crystal Palace in London. 6 pages

Folder 17

Miss Jeanette Schoen, September 1919: Correspondence with Miss Schoen of Louisiana, Missouri. 1 page

Folder 18

Carl Scholz, February 1906: Correspondence with the Mining Department Manager for C.R.I. & P. Railway Co. of Chicago, Illinois. 1 page

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William Schray, May 1905: Correspondence with Schray of St. Louis. 1 page

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Dr. Louis W. Schreiber, October 1917: Correspondence with the St. Louis doctor. 2 pages

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John Scullin, December 1907: Correspondence with Scullin of St. Louis. 2 pages

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A. Seelig, October 1909: Correspondence with Seelig of St. Louis. 2 pages

Folder 23

Alfred Senn, December 1908: Correspondence with the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture forester from the Moose Creek Station in Helena, Montana. 3 pages

Folder 24

Frederick C. Sharon, 1921: Correspondence with F.C. Sharon Real Estate Co., Kansas City. 1 page

Folder 25

Walter M. Sharpley, December 1906: Correspondence with Sharpley. 1 page

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Miss Mae C. Shearwood, 1906: Correspondence with Miss Shearwood of Trenton, Missouri. 4 pages

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Henry Sheer, February 1908: Correspondence with Sheer of St. Louis. 1 page

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C.M. Shelley, March 1905: Letter to David R. Francis from Shelley of Birmingham, Alabama. 1 page

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Lawrence V. Sheridan, December 1918: Correspondence with Lt. Sheridan from Camp Sherman, Chillicothe, Ohio, and Ft. De Stains. 15 pages

Folder 30

Anton Shide, June 1892: Correspondence with Shide of Kansas City. 2 pages

Folder 31

C.A. Shockley, December 1912: Correspondence with the civil engineer from Kansas City. 2 pages

Folder 32

Louis W. Shouse, May 1914: Correspondence with the secretary and manager of Convention Hall in Kansas City regarding the Recreation Survey of Kansas City made by Field Secretary of the Playground and Recreation Association of America Rowland Haynes. 1 page

Folder 33

Shriners, September 1922: Correspondence with the Circus Executive Committee in Kansas City. 1 page

Folder 34

Henry A. Siebrecht and Henry A. Siebrecht, Jr., 1909: Correspondence with Siebrecht & Son Florists, New York, regarding M.C. Miller. 4 pages

Folder 35

H.D. Slater, 1909: Correspondence with the editor of the *El Paso Herald* (El Paso, Texas) referring to lantern slides of Kansas City. Includes invitation to a reception for President Taft and President Porfirio Diaz of Mexico. 17 pages

Folder 36

Bolton Smith, April 1906: Correspondence with president of Memphis Granite Brick Co. 2 pages

Folder 37

Luther Ely Smith, December 1920: Letter of introduction from the St. Louis Attorney of Smith & Percy to Kessler for Smith's friend Col. Samuel F. Crecelius of San Antonio, Texas. 2 pages

Folder 38

William J. Smith, March 1892: Correspondence with president of Kansas City Cable Railway Co. 2 pages

Folder 39

Robert M. Snyder, 1893: Correspondence with the broker from Kansas City. 2 pages

Folder 40

W.M. Spurlock, 1920: Correspondence with the owner of the Spurlock Real Estate Investment Company of Kansas City. 2 pages

Folder 41

Standard Sanitary Manufacturing Company, 1909; 1914: Correspondence with the Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, company regarding their magazine, *Modern Sanitation*. 3 pages

Folder 42

Star Photo Company, March 1905: Correspondence with photography company from St. Louis. 1 page

Folder 43

State Board of Charities and Corrections, July 1911: Correspondence with Secretary William T. Cross of Columbia, Missouri. 1 page

Folder 44

The State Historical Society of Missouri, 1920; 1922: Correspondence with Secretary Floyd C. Shoemaker of Columbia, Missouri. 2 pages

Folder 45

Spencer Janney Steinmetz, January 1908: Correspondence with Steinmetz of Brookline, Massachusetts. 1 page

Folder 46

W.D. Stem, July 1903: Correspondence with Stem Insurance and Investments, Ashland, Ohio. 1 page

Folder 47

Stevens & Nichols Real Estate, Loans, Rentals, April 1902: Correspondence with John Stevens and A.P. Nichols of Kansas City. 1 page

Folder 48

Walter B. Stevens, 1910-1911; 1914; 1920: Correspondence with City Planning Commission secretary, St. Louis, regarding Jamaica Estates, New York, and the *Centennial History of Missouri*. 15 pages

Folder 49

Stix, Baer & Fuller Dry Goods Co., December 1912: Correspondence regarding a credit application from H.C. Broadwell's wife, Ora. 2 pages

Folder 50

Harold W. Stoddard, February 1916: Correspondence with the president of Stoddard-Olmsted Co. (tree surgeons) of St. Louis with a list of their recent projects. 1 page

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A. Stoehr, March 1905: Correspondence with Stoehr of St. Louis. 1 page

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Sidney Story, 1907: Correspondence with Story of New Orleans. 2 pages

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Herman J. Stroeh, no date: Sketch of a bridge from Kansas City. 1 page

Folder 54

Studebaker Bros. Manufacturing Co., June 1904: Correspondence with Assistant Manager Robertson of Kansas City. 1 page

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J.J. Taylor, May 1920: Correspondence with Taylor c/o of the Muehlebach Hotel, Kansas City. 1 page

Folder 2

The Technological Society of Kansas City, 1906-1907: Correspondence with President Jean Robert Moechel and Secretary of the Programme Committee F.A. Sherrill. Includes schedule for the 1906-1907 session. 5 pages

Folder 3

Texas Federation of Women's Clubs, October 1909: Correspondence with Mrs. Bacon Saunders, Ft. Worth. Includes telegrams and a speech or report on city plans with a list of lantern slides. 19 pages

Folder 4

Texas Mayors' Association, 1910: Correspondence with President W.D. Davis and A.W. Grant of Ft. Worth. Includes invitation to the third annual convention in Tyler, Texas. 10 pages

Folder 5

Philip W. Thomas, 1912-1914; 1918: Correspondence with the landscape engineer of Evans & Thomas in Kansas City with reference to J.C. Nichols and Sunset Drive, Walter S. Dickey work, W.A. Pickering work, the nursery in Merriam, Kansas, and includes plant lists. 24 pages

Folder 6

Collins Thompson, 1909; 1911; 1920: Correspondence with Thompson, St. Louis, about the State Normal School, Bowling Green, Kentucky, and Sales Manager C.C. Clark, Jamaica Estates, New York. 11 pages

Folder 7

W.R. Thurmond, 1913: Correspondence with Thurmond of The Long-Bell Lumber Co., Kansas City, in reference to Capt. James A. Baker and Edwin B. Parker of Houston, Texas. 3 pages

Folder 8

Flavel B. Tiffany, June 1906: Correspondence with the doctor from Kansas City. 2 pages

Folder 9

Touche, Niven & Company, May 1917: Correspondence with the St. Louis company regarding a donation to help "the industrial blind." 1 page

Folder 10

J.C. Travilla, 1909; 1911: Correspondence with the St. Louis street commissioner. Includes a report from Nelson Cunliff on the cost of asphaltic treatment of part of Wells Drive. 3 pages

Folder 11

Dr. William Trelease, 1907-1908; 1911: Correspondence with the director of the Missouri Botanical Garden, St. Louis. 5 pages

Folder 12

Trinidad Asphalt Manufacturing Co., April 1913: Correspondence with Secretary and General Manager F.W. Terpening, St. Louis. 1 page

Folder 13

Thomas Tryon, 1912: Correspondence with the architect from New York with reference to George Barse, the Century Club and the Art Institute of Kansas City. 3 pages

Folder 14

F.W. Tuttle, 1892; 1904: Correspondence with the civil engineer from Tuttle & Pike of Kansas City, J.H. Hawthorne of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition's Missouri Commission and A.A. Whipple of Whipple-McMillan Realty Co. with reference to a map of Kansas City to be displayed in the Kansas City Casino Building. 14 pages

Folder 15

Union Electric Light and Power Company, 1914: Correspondence with the Employment Bureau regarding Bartlett G. Long. 3 pages

Folder 16

Union Mission Association, January 1918: Correspondence with President Mrs. M.B. Gott, St. Louis. 1 page

Folder 17

Unit Construction Company, April 1910: Correspondence with Secretary and Treasurer George Oliver Carpenter regarding a job application from R.C. Barnett. 3 pages

Folder 18

United Improvement Association, November 1908: Correspondence with Association Secretary Mortimer L. Berkowitz, St. Louis Park Commissioner Philip Scanlan and Kansas City Park Board Secretary F.P. Gossard. 6 pages

Folder 19

United Jewish Charities, 1907: Correspondence with Superintendent J. Billihopf, Kansas City. 2 pages

Folder 20

United States Department of Labor Information & Education Service, April 1919: Correspondence with

the Director of the Division of Public Works and Construction Development Paul C. Murphy regarding an "Own-Your-Own-Home" advertising campaign. 2 pages

Folder 21

U.S. Street Lighting Co., 1901-1902: Correspondence with E. B. Ludwig and W.J. Knepp of Kansas City, Chicago City Electrician Edward B. Ellicott and Superintendent Warder of the Lincoln Park Commission in Chicago, Illinois, regarding the use of a pressure gasoline lamp. 9 pages

Folder 22

University Club, Kansas City, Missouri, December 1892: Correspondence with Treasurer K.C. Flower. 1 page

Folder 23

The Valley Forge Gold Mining Company, 1902; 1904: Correspondence with Director James F. Halpin and General Manager H.B. Neff, Colorado Springs, Colorado. Of interest is Kessler's stock certificate for 7500 shares. 8 pages

Folder 24

Adriance Van Brunt, December 1912: Correspondence with the architect from Kansas City. 1 page

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Henry Van Brunt, April 1893: Correspondence with the architect from Kansas City. 1 page

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John Van Brunt, March 1913: Correspondence with the architect from Kansas City. 1 page

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Dr. Paul Vinyard, September 1917: Correspondence with the St. Louis doctor. 1 page

Folder 28

Julius Von Briesen, 1915: Correspondence with Von Briesen of Kansas City. 3 pages

Folder 29

Dr. Herman Von Schrenk, 1906; 1913: Correspondence with the pathologist in charge of the U.S.D.A. Mississippi Valley Laboratory at the Missouri Botanical Garden in St. Louis. Reference to the Mitchell-Crittenden Tie Co. in Texarkana, Arkansas, the Forestry Quarterly and "The Catalpa Craze" and a Letter of introduction for Von Schrenk to Henry D. Ashley of Kansas City. 11 pages

Folder 30

J.A.L. Waddell, 1910; 1915-1917; 1922: Correspondence with the consulting engineer of Waddell & Son, Kansas City. Includes correspondence with Engineers R.C. Barnett, N. Everett Waddell and Virgil H. Hewes in reference to the American Academy of Engineers, a reinforced concrete bridge over the Colorado River in Austin, Texas (25 December 1910), Dr. Charles A.R. Campbell of San Antonio, Texas, and Waddell's books *Bridge Engineering* and *Economics of Bridgework*. 27 pages

Folder 31

Festus J. Wade, February 1921: Correspondence with Wade of St. Louis regarding a fund to help the

poor and suffering in Ireland. Includes a list of supporters nationwide. 3 pages

Folder 32

Laura M. Walker, December 1919: Correspondence with Miss Walker of Kansas City. 2 pages

Folder 33

War Camp Community Service of Kansas City, November 1918: Telegrams regarding the soldier's and sailor's building on the Plaza. 3 pages

Folder 34

Cabot Ward, 1916; 1918: Correspondence with New York City Park Board president and major (Chief Intelligence Section), U.S. Expeditionary Forces in France. 4 pages

Folder 35

Vassie J. Ward (Mrs. A. Ross Hill), 1915; 1921-1922; no date: Correspondence, invitations and notes from the former Mrs. Hugh C. Ward. Of interest is a note about her engagement to Dr. Ross Hill of the University of Missouri, an invitation to meet Mr. & Mrs. Charles R. Kennedy, a card advertising Fidelity National Bank & Trust Co. and congratulations to Kessler for his honorary degree. 20 pages

Folder 36

R.H. Warder, 1902: Correspondence with Lincoln Park Commission Secretary, Chicago, Illinois. 3 pages

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F.A. Waugh, October 1909: Correspondence with the dean of Massachusetts Agricultural College. 1 page

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Roy Weirick, 1910: Correspondence with landscape architect, Department of Parks and Public Property, Des Moines, Iowa. 3 pages

Folder 39

W.T. Wellman, November 1912: Correspondence with Wellman of Kansas City. 1 page

Folder 40

The West at Work, 1917-1918: Letters with Editor/Publisher Paul W. Brown, St. Louis. 4 pages

Folder 41

West Presbyterian Church Men's Club, June 1907: Correspondence with Club President Josiah A. Parker of St. Louis. 1 page

Folder 42

Western Branch National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, 1907: Correspondence with Quartermaster Col. R.H. Hunt, Leavenworth, Kansas, requesting information on oiling roads. 6 pages

Folder 43

A.L. White, November 1907: Copy of an article from *The Evening Chronicle* (Spokane, Washington)

titled "To Build A Fine City: Chamber of Commerce Plans (for) Beautifying Streets of Spokane." 2 pages

Folder 44

George H. White, November 1910: Correspondence with White of Kansas City stating, "I have not the slightest doubt you will be employed to head to the Park system." 1 page

Folder 45

Whitelaw Brothers, August 1910: Correspondence with the importers, jobbers and commission merchants of St. Louis. 1 page

Folder 46

Miss Carol Whitmarsh, January 1922: Correspondence with student from Wellesley College (Massachusetts). 4 pages

Folder 47

Carrie Whitney, March 1907: Correspondence with Whitney of Kansas City about the S.J. Clarke Publishing Co. 1 page

Folder 48

J.C. Whitten, October 1906: Correspondence with Whitten, professor of horticulture, University of Missouri, Columbia, regarding Mr. Favor. 7 pages

Folder 49

Who's Who in America, Who's Who in the World, 1909; 1911: Correspondence with publishers A.N. Marquis & Co. of Chicago, Illinois, and Manager Robert Leslie Williams of London. Includes a brief biography of Kessler. 10 pages

Folder 50

Charles Wiggins, no date: Business card and rough sketch from St. Louis. 2 pages

Folder 51

Grace Willard, 1909; 1913: Correspondence with Miss Willard of Cincinnati, Ohio. 5 pages

Folder 52

E.D. Williams, January 1905: Correspondence with Williams of St. Louis. 2 pages

Folder 53

Verne O. Williams, 1913: Correspondence with Williams of Kansas City in reference to Kaley Park, South Bend, Indiana. 2 pages

Folder 54

W.S. Williams, October 1912: Correspondence with associate professor, School of Engineering, University of Missouri. 2 pages

Folder 55

Jos. C. Wirthman, July 1906: Correspondence with the prescription druggist from Kansas City. 1 page

Folder 56

John P. Withers, 1911; no date: Correspondence with Withers of Kansas City. 4 pages

Folder 57

J.C. Wolcott, 1906: Correspondence with Wolcott, Beers & Grant Stockyards, Kansas City. 2 pages

Folder 58

Mrs. Lee Woods, September 1912: Correspondence with Mrs. Woods of Sherman, Texas. 1 page

Folder 59

Robert P. Woods, 1921-1922: Correspondence with Kansas City, Clay County & St. Joseph Railway Co. Vice-President and General Manager. Includes Woods' paper, "Planning a City." 23 pages

Folder 60

The Wyandot Chautauqua Association, 1907: Correspondence with Chloe Matteson, Kansas City. 3 pages

Folder 61

H.P. Wright, April 1907: Correspondence with H.P. Wright Investment Company, Kansas City. 1 page

Folder 62

Henry Wright, 1909; 1912-1913: Correspondence with the landscape designer from St. Louis. Sketch of a new residence at 542 Linden Ave. in Clayton, Missouri (in OVERSIZE). 4 pages

Folder 63

Young Men's Christian Association, 1906-1907: Correspondence with Chairman of the Building Committee and Kansas City Mayor H.M. Beardsley. 4 pages

Folder 64

Max Zahner, 1891; 1893: Correspondence with "Vineyardist and Bee Keeper" from Shawnee, Kansas. Includes business card. 4 pages

Folder 65

George Julian Zolnay, 1909: Correspondence with University City Art Institute director. 2 pages

Box 28**Interoffice Correspondence: 1903-1908****Folder 1**

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September-December 1909. 118 pages

Box 30**Interoffice Correspondence: 1910-1922; no date****Folder 1**

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1911. 73 pages

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Folder 4

1916-1922, no date: 37 pages

Box 31**Office Correspondence: 1889-1923 [includes ledger 1894-1902]****Folder 1**

Ledger, 1894-1902: record book of expenses and receipts with details of work done by George E. Kessler, E.A. Sutermeister, F.G. Knight, H. Wright and A.N. Darrow. 150 pages (some blank)

Folder 2

Fidelity Building, Kansas City, 1911: Correspondence with Fidelity Trust Co. Vice-President George W. Fuller. 4 pages

Folder 3

Frank Adam Electric Co., 1917; 1921: Correspondence with the company's credit manager, N.J. Burton of St. Louis. 3 pages

Folder 4

Frisco Building, St. Louis, 1906; 1908-1909; 1911: Correspondence with Manager Isaac T. Cook and signed copy of the lease. 9 pages

Folder 5

Hotels, 1908; 1910; 1913; 1917; 1920-1921: Correspondence with the Denison Hotel in Indianapolis, Indiana, the Westmoreland Hotel in St. Louis, the Coates House, the Hotel Baltimore and the Hotel Muehlebach in Kansas City. Includes a bill from Hotel Muehlebach (12 May 1917). 19 pages

Folder 6

Lists, notes and sketches, no date: Order list for trees, schedule for construction of new parks, list of trees to be planted on streets and avenues in Roland Park and two unidentified sketches. 10 pages

Folder 7

Railroads, 1904-1906; 1912; 1919: Correspondence with the Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis Railway Co., the Pullman Co., the Missouri Pacific Railway Co., the Central Passenger Association, including a list of their redemption rules for mileage exchange, the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Co. and the American Railway Express. 11 pages

Folder 8

Receipts, 1889; 1892-1894; 1905; 1907; 1913; 1922-1923: Includes Mullett Bros. Photographic Material, Rigby-Ramsey Printing Co., The McCord & Nave Mercantile Co., Missouri Gazetteer and Business Directory, I.M. Russell, St. Louis Toilet Supply Co., and Keuffel & Esser Co. 17 pages

Folder 9

Security Building, St. Louis, 1912; 1919: Correspondence with Building Manager Porter Pickett. Includes a copy of the lease. 6 pages

Folder 10

Shipping, 1892-1894: Receipts from Adams Express Co. and Wells, Fargo & Co. Express. 22 pages

Folder 11

Telegraph Companies, 1917; 1921: Correspondence with Western Union Telegraph Co. and the Postal Telegraph-Cable Co. 5 pages

Folder 12

Telephone Companies, 1906-1907; 1912-1913; 1917; 1919; 1923: Correspondence with the Kansas City Home Telephone Co., the Missouri & Kansas Telephone Co., the Kinloch Telephone Co., the Gate City Directory Co. of Kansas City, the Kansas City Telephone Co. and Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. 16 pages

Folder 13

Third National Bank of St. Louis, 1907; 1909; 1911; 1919: Correspondence with the bank's cashier, J.R. Cooke. 4 pages

Box 32**Personal Files, 1889-1923**

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Banks, 1892-1894; 1906-1907; 1911; 1913-1914; 1916-1921: Correspondence and related financial documents with various financial institutions and individuals including John J. Mastin & Co., Thomas H. Mastin, John C. Tate, the New England National Bank, the Fidelity Trust Bank, the Title and Savings Trust Co. and the New England Safe Deposit Vaults Co. 48 pages

Folder 2

Correspondence (General), 1901; 1914; 1916; 1918; 1923: Correspondence with District Clerk H.W. Jones, Dallas, Texas, regarding naturalization papers for Edward E. Kessler, a program from the "Reunion of the 11th Indiana Infantry Zouaves" from Camp Robinson, a memorial of Artist Lathrop Ripley from Estes Park, Colorado, Mt. Washington Cemetery, Kansas City, regarding a deed to a lot and a form letter sent out to notify people of Kessler's death. 14 pages

Folder 3

Correspondence (in German), 1890-1891; 1893; 1913; no date: Correspondence and business receipts written in German and containing no translations. 27 pages

Folder 4

Estate of Clotilde Kessler, 1906; 1910-1912; 1917; 1920: Correspondence, including letters of condolence, with Kessler's sister Miss A.L. Kessler, American Storage & Moving Co., Teachenor-Bartberger Engraving Co., Charles Calloway, Attorney D.J. Haff, the Sanger Brothers of Dallas, Texas, President of the Mississippi Agricultural & Mechanical College J.C. Hardy, Secretary of the Missouri State Board of Health F.E. Miller, Attorney William C. Michaels, and the United States Mortgage & Trust Co. regarding shares in Mt. Washington Cemetery. Of interest is a list of Kessler's mother's goods to be shipped from the Globe Storage Co. of Kansas City to the Westmoreland Hotel in St. Louis (22 November 1910). 34 pages

Folder 5

Farm, Merriam, Kansas, 1889-1895; 1902; 1908; 1913-1914; 1916-1917; 1920-1922; no date: Correspondence and receipts with the South Missouri Lumber Co., Hall & Willis Hardware Co., Argentine Sand Co., Bollman Bros. Pianos & Organs, Central Coal & Coke Co., McClland, Stumpf & Peltzer Brick Manufacturing Co., J.R. Mercer Jewelry, Robert Fuchs Baking Co., Doggett Dry Goods Co., Mann & Bowser Groceries, C.A. Brockett Cement Co., A.P. Wasson Roofing, Bruce Lumber Co., Standard Oil Co., J.W. Merrill Lumber, President of Grand Avenue Railway Co. Walter H. Holmes, President of Phenix Stone and Lime Co. C.R. Hunt, Osborne & Pitrat Interior Decorators, M.M. Hannah of the Kansas City, Wyandotte & Northwestern Railroad, Bradbury Piano, T.G. Graham, Ft. Scott and Santa Fe Elevator, John J. White, Dr. D.C. Lane, Landscape Engineer Philip W. Thomas, Secretary L.M. Allyn, R.O. Larsen regarding a fence between their properties, J.R. Cunningham regarding a rock road, Kessler's Attorney William C. Michaels, Attorney John C. Stearns regarding drilling for oil and gas and Real Estate Agent Frank E. Lott. Of interest is a meeting notice to "All citizens having interests in or near Merriam, South Park, Rosedale, Shawnee and Lenexa regarding the construction of an electric railroad" (2 January 1894), a rental agreement between Kessler and A. Huffort (30 November 1895), a "Notice of Termination of Tenancy and Demand of Surrender of Possessions to William Sharpnack" (21 January 1922) and a sketch and notes including materials and measurements for an addition to the house. One advertisement for a "Trotting Stallion" named "Dunderburg" in OVERSIZE. 97 pages

Folder 6

Vanderbilt Place, Kansas City, Missouri, 1889; 1892-1895; 1907; 1912-1914; 1916; 1918; 1920-1923: Correspondence and receipts with Kansas City Mantle Co., Case & Dorks, Bradbury Pianos, the Household Fair, Brown Book & Stationery Co., the Columbus Buggy Co., Robert Keith Furniture & Carpet Co., Standard Oil Co., Henry Thilenius Saddles and Harness, Richards & Conover Hardware Co., The Zahner & Battell Manufacturing Co., D. Richmond Pumps, Hose & Supplies, H.A. Stevens Instrument Maker, Tailor Ed H. Howe, Browning, King & Co. Fine Clothing, Egelhoff Shoe Co., Jeweler F.W. Meyer, George H. Buecking Fine Groceries, A.W. Stevenson Fine Cigars, The McCord & Nave Mercantile Co., Creamery Package Manufacturing Co., City Treasurers Albert E. Holmes and Ben Jaudon, R.C. Barnett, Howard E. Huselton, P.H. Hovey & Son, Dr. D.C. Lane, Kessler's real estate broker, C.C. Craver, U.S. Sartin Real Estate Co., Ruby E. Pate, W.L. Morrison Investment Co., Kansas City Apartment Building Co., Emil J. Schutzel, G.F. Mosher Co., Lee Smith Realty Co., Attorney William C. Michaels, Board of Park Commissioners Secretary T.C. Harrington and Welsh Realty & Loan Co. Of interest is a petition from Elizabeth Gentry, Woman's Committee of the Council of National Defense, for construction of a boarding house on Kessler's property at Locust and 42nd (7 June 1920) and a copy of contract for the sale of four of Kessler's lots in Vanderbilt Place (16 February 1923). 74 pages

Folder 7

Vandeventer Place, St. Louis, Missouri, 1905-1906; 1909; 1911-1913; 1916-1922; no date: Correspondence and receipts with Missouri Tent & Awning Co., Kingshighway Apartments Co., Kanter Electric Co., William D. Robinson & Co. Roofers, W.B. Hawkins Contract Plastering, Wrought Iron Range Co., The Century Ornamental Glass Co., Bridge & Beach Manufacturing Co., Schaefer Plumbing Co., Exterminator W.D. Hussung, F. Churchill Whittmore Co. with home insurance, United House & Window Cleaning Co., Woker Plastering Co., Engelman-Jahns Painting Co., D.I. Bushnell & Co. Seeds, William Schray & Sons Florists, Forshaw Stove Repairs, Day Rubber Co., Ornamental Wire and Iron Co., Cozzens Heating & Construction Co., Treasurer of Vandeventer Parks Francis G. Eaton, H.M. Edmunds, J.F. Fortner, Secretary Eda Sutermeister, Napoleon Hill Cotton Co., Judge Franklin Ferriss, City Collector Edmond Koeln, Architect James P. Jamieson, Dorn Brothers, Humphrey Co., Rialto Decorating and Painting Co., Anderson's Family Laundry, Scruggs-Vandervoort-Barney, Polar Wave Ice & Fuel Co., John H. Gundlach regarding the use of Vandeventer Place as a subject in the publication "Beautiful St. Louis," Attorney and Vandeventer Place Treasurer Thomas M. Pierce and J.C. Nichols. Of interest is a letter to George Seibel for Kessler's first house payment (4 November 1905), notes on the sale of 51 Vandeventer Place to Kessler (16 April 1913), an itemized account of repairs (14 May 1913), a notice for the annual meeting of lot owners and the annual report of the Advisory Committee of Vandeventer Parks (17 January 1916) and a copy of a case brought by Vandeventer Place Treasurer Thomas M. Pierce and its residents against St. Louis Union & Trust Co. protesting the use of two "dwelling" residences as a hospital and boarding house (9 June 1922). 109 pages

Folder 8

Insurance, 1891-1893; 1905-1907; 1913-1915; 1917-1922: Correspondence with the Travelers Insurance Co., Underwriters Hunter, Ridge & Bryant, W.H. Markham & Co., the Fidelity and Causalty Co., Kansas City Life Insurance Co., the Employers Liability Assurance Corporation, Ltd., Brown, Mann & Barnum and the New England Mutual Life Insurance Co. 66 pages

Folder 9

Legal, 1901-1902; 1909; 1913: Correspondence with Attorneys Parker & Hamilton of Olathe, Kansas, about a land suit brought by Charles Bluejacket and William C. Michaels regarding Kessler's lawsuit

against the Central Kansas Fair Association and an unsigned power-of-attorney form. 56 pages

Folder 10

Medical, 1889; 1892-1893; 1895; 1910; 1912; 1917-1918: Receipts from Woodward, Faxon & Co. Wholesale Druggists, Dr. T.H. Hudson, Dr. S.C. Delap, Dr. D.J. McMillen, DDS, Optician Dr. Julius Baer, Haller & Beck Bonaventure Drug Store, Sacred Heart Sanitarium in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and Scarlet Oaks Sanatorium in Cincinnati, Ohio. 12 pages

Folder 11

Speeches, no date: One handwritten speech titled "Parks and Boulevards," and an interview Kessler gave on city planning that highlights Salt Lake City, Utah. 29 pages

Folder 12

Stocks, 1891-1893; 1900-1905; 1907-1908; no date: Correspondence and receipts with the Humboldt Mining Co., Johnson-Brinkman Commission Co., the Memphis Equipment Co., the Kansas Equipment Co., the South Missouri Lumber Co., an officer's and employee's bond from the Fidelity & Deposit Company of Maryland, the United States Trust Co., Mt. Washington Cemetery, the North America Rubber Culture Co., Central Protective Association Shawnee Lodge No. 152, United Oil, Gas & Brick Co., The Ajax Portland Cement Co. and Stock Broker Lathrop B. Bullene. Of interest are extracts from the publication "India Rubber World" titled "Exhaustion of 'Hevea' Rubber." One certificate of the North America Rubber Culture Co. in OVERSIZE. 75 pages

Folder 13

Taxes, 1905; 1908; 1912-1913; 1915-1918; 1922-1923: Correspondence with Attorney C.E. Small, Attorney William C. Micheals, R.C. Barnett, Kansas City Board of Park Commissioners Secretary T.C. Harrington, Kansas City Treasurer Ben Jaudon, Jackson County Collector J.Q. Watkins, County Treasurer in Olathe, Kansas, M.T. Meredith, Title and Savings Trust Co., Mercantile Trust Co., St. Louis City Collector Edmond Koeln and Accountants Edward R. Burt & Co. 30 pages

Box 33

Newspaper clippings

1902-1923; no date: Articles from papers nationwide but concentrated in St. Louis and Kansas City. 12 folders

Box 34

Newspaper clippings

1914-1923; no date: Articles from newspapers. 11 folders

Box 35

Oversize Inventory

The oversize inventory is organized by subject and listed with corresponding box and file location. Each oversize document, except for three unidentified items, is also listed in the inventory.

Blueprints: Bridge over River des Peres; Grant's Farm; Kansas River Watershed; The Paseo; proposed Kansas City Art Museum; Penn Valley Park Bath House; Kansas City Country Day School Survey; J.G. Babb residence; Longview Farm Lillypond; Anton Classon Harndale Addition; Kelso, Washington, the Long-Bell Lumber Co. Development; and U.S. Wind Engine & Pump Co. water tank.

Maps: Kansas City map of 1910; Mt. Washington Cemetery; University of Missouri; Excelsior Springs, Missouri; Omaha, Nebraska; map and street guide for Memphis, Tennessee; the National Old Trails Road Association Isothermal Map, Washington, D.C., to Los Angeles; the National Old Trails Road Association National Highway Map of Missouri; and the National Old Trails Road Association Grand Canyon Route Map.

Payroll: Louisiana Purchase Exposition, December 1905-January 1906; Louisiana Purchase Exposition, November 1905; Louisiana Purchase Exposition, August 1905; Louisiana Purchase Exposition, June 1905; Louisiana Purchase Exposition, May 1905; and St. Louis & San Francisco Railway for Merriam Park, Station Park and Farlington Forest, 1896.

Sketches: Forest Park Pavilion; Grant's Farm tennis courts; Jefferson Barracks proposed highway; Kingshighway; 47th Street, Kansas City; Kansas City Union Station; Swope Park; Liberty Memorial; Kansas City Country Day School; Charles D. Parker Memorial; Ward Parkway; University of Missouri; Philipse Manor; 28th & Messanie Streets, St. Joseph, Missouri; St. de Chantel Academy; Capitol Ave. Bridge, Indianapolis, Indiana; Miami University, Oxford, Ohio; Forrest Monument/Lamp Post Designs, Memphis; Kelso, Washington, the Long-Bell Lumber Co. Development; new residence at 542 Linden Ave., Clayton, Missouri; Henry Wright "Personal," unidentified; pencil on tracing paper of divided plots of land at the end of 53rd and 54th Streets, but the city is not identified.

Other: "Table Showing Typical Increase of Property Due to Boulevard Establishment," page 18; "Inventory Zoological Specimens," page 13; Prospectus (2) "General Realty & Mineral Water Co.;" *Excelsior Springs Daily Standard*; East St. Louis Park District Audit; *Civic Affairs Bulletin*, Memphis, Tennessee; Robert Galloway's Evergreen Subdivision brochure, Memphis, Tennessee; Electro-Chalybeate Artesian Well; *The Criterion*, October 1903; advertisement for a "Trotting Stallion"; North America Rubber Culture Co. certificate.