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**LYLE KENNEDY PAPERS**

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**Introduction**

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The Lyle Kennedy Papers consists of research papers, maps, books, newspaper clippings, notes, photographs, and slides related to Kennedy's studies of Kansas City history.

Lyle Kennedy was born in 1903. As a child, Kennedy spent much of his time with an uncle in Westport, Kennedy had been interested in the history of that area. In 1922, after graduating from Harrisonville High School, he moved to Kansas City where he practiced engineering from 1933 until 1943. Later, he worked as a business manager of the Conservatory of Music. Kennedy served as academic advisor, and dean of men, then dean of students, and in 1959 became associate dean during the merger of the Conservatory with the University of Missouri System.

From the time of his retirement in 1969 until his death in 1983, Lyle Kennedy was the historian for the Westport Historical Society. His extensive research covers the 19th and 20th century history of the Kansas City area.

**Donor Information**

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