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K0289

Kivett and Myers Records

1945-1993

Ten cubic feet, oversize materials

*Records and drawings by the premier Kansas City architectural firm of Kivett and Myers. Newspaper clippings, printed materials and photographs generated for promotional and informational purposes. Also clippings, articles, and personal correspondence about Clarence Kivett, his wife Margaret, and their activities in Kansas City's professional, civic, and Jewish communities.*

### BIOGRAPHY:

Clarence Kivett (1905-1996) was born Clarence Kivovitch in St. Paul, Minnesota, on October 18, 1905, and his family moved to Kansas City when he was one year old. He received a B.S. in Architecture from the University of Kansas in 1928, changed his name, and began working for the Kansas City firm of Madorie and Bihl. He then went to work for Hoit, Price, and Barnes, but left in 1931 due to the work slowdown caused by the Depression. Kivett maintained his own office for several years, and in 1945, started the firm of Kivett and Myers, Architects and Planners with Ralph E. Myers (1917-2007). Myers was born on November 30, 1917, and received a B.S. in Architecture from the University of Illinois in 1940.

During its glory years from 1945-1975, Kivett & Myers was the leading architectural design firm in Kansas City and won 30 of the 73 design awards given by the local chapter of the American Institute of Architects (AIA). However, facing increasing competition from other architectural firms and losing its monopoly on design in Kansas City, Kivett and Myers merged with Howard Needles Tammen and Bergendoff in 1975. Nonetheless, its legacy continues to be felt with 40 of the 46 AIA chapter awards given to Kivett & Myers alumni from 1975-1993.

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**DESCRIPTION:**

This collection contains materials which document individual structures that the architectural firm of Kivett and Myers designed from the 1950s through the 1970s. The records chiefly consist of newspaper clippings and printed materials generated by Kivett and Myers for promotional and informational purposes. Interspersed are clippings, articles, and a small amount of personal correspondence about Clarence Kivett, his wife Margaret, and their activities in Kansas City's professional, civic, and Jewish communities.

See Howard, Needles, Tammen, and Bergendoff (HNTB) Records (K0268) for additional architectural drawings from the Kivett and Myers firm.

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*Sachs, David H. Space for Architecture: The Practice of Kivett & Myers, 1993*
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K&M brochure

- Schedule of 6th Sculpture Conference, 1970  
Committee of 101 salute to professional football, 1970  
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- Folder 4:23. KU School of Engineering and Architecture - programs, correspondence, Alumni Magazine (March 1963), 1951-1963
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*Remainder of box contains published and printed materials concerning Kivett, K&M, or individual structures designed by them*

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Docent handbooks - Nelson Atkins Museum of Art (Margaret Kivett), ca. 1967-1968
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- Folder5:16. KCI/Airport design
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- Folder5:18. Stadiums, Convention Centers and Arenas; Hotels
- Folder5:19. Postal Service Facilities, ca. 1971
- Folder5:20. "Application to Serve as General Consultant for the Tehran International Airport Project," 1972
- Folder5:21. US Govt. Architect-Engineer Questionnaire, Standard Form 251, 1974, 1975

**Box 006***PRINTED MATERIALS*

- Kivett and Myers promotional books - hardcover
- Kivett and Myers promotional books - white paper cover
- "Expanded Medical Education in KS - Growth in programs and physical plant, Kansas City," vol. 4, 1972
- Phase 2 Report - Narrative and Plans - UMKC Medical School, 1971
- Folder - Index to Schematic Design Plans - Enid Jackson Kemper Center for the Performing Arts (includes budgets), 1974
- The New Munich Airport - black binder and green book
- The Modern Builder - features Southwestern Bell Building, September 1973
- KCPL Annual Report - features Crosstown distribution station, 1969
- Educational Facilities (K&M/HNTB)
- Paper prints of individual structures (2 folders)
- Brochures - various structures and types of structures
- Portfolio - Airports
- Portfolio - Environmental Engineering
- Portfolio - Architecture
- Portfolio - Architecture and design

Arthur Young Tax Forum - seminar packet, 1978  
Photographs

**Box 007**

*Photographs*

Belton High School  
Missouri Bar  
Arrow Rock Country Club  
Anderson Furniture Co.  
American Airlines Ticket Office - Chicago  
Allied Mutual Insurance Co.  
Kansas City Civic Center  
Coregidor, Bataan Memorial Competition  
Churches - misc.  
Command and General Staff College  
Cumonow residence  
Doctors' Motel #2 - North Kansas City  
Doctors' Motel - St. Petersburg, Florida  
Douglass Elementary School  
Dreyfuss - Dallas - 2nd and 4th floors, 1962  
Duff and Repp  
Empire State Bank  
First National Bank - Kansas City  
Great Lakes Pipeline Co.  
Hare and Hare  
Home for Jewish Aged  
Interstate Bakeries  
State Office Building  
43rd and Indiana  
King and Weeks Schools  
Jackson County Public Library  
Jacobson Memorial Gates

Jahn Supermarket  
KCI publicity, 1962-1969  
Common Situs Picketing Bill, 1977  
Doctors' Motel - publicity  
Scarritt Building  
Gas Service Co.

**Box 008**

Clarence Kivett - itinerary and miscellaneous information re: March 31-May 5,  
1973  
Clarence Kivett - Associated Builders and Contractors Association

*Photographs*

Missouri National Guard - Jefferson City  
Montrose Hotel  
National Bellas Hess  
Oakwood Country Club  
Old Security Life Insurance Co.  
One West Armour  
Owens-Corning - fiberglass  
Patch's Restaurant  
Peck's, ca. 1970  
Pennsylvania Avenue Church  
Percy Kent Bag Co.  
Professional Building  
Petticoat Lane - proposed elevated mall  
Purity Bakery  
Quality Hill - 1 negative of model  
Queen of the Holy Rosary  
Quirk and Tobin Funeral Home  
Richards-Gebauer - Officers Club  
River Club  
Robinson residence  
FDR Memorial Competition

Rotary Boys Camp  
S7RC  
Santa Fe Trail Elementary School  
Seqoyah Elementary  
Shepard Elementary  
Sheraton - Des Moines  
Stenzel residence  
Ray Starr - Mayo Furniture Co., Tulsa  
Standard Milling Co.  
Shane, Myron - Hav-a-Car  
Shoppers Center  
Schutte Lumber Co.  
St. Ann's  
Statler-Hilton - Cleveland  
Stinson, Mag, Thompson, McEvers and Fizzell  
Stern, Slegman, Prins  
Starlight Motel  
Stratford Engineering Co.  
Sugar Creek City Hall  
Misc. temples  
Job information sheets, 1970s

**Box 009**

Mounted photos of completed and proposed projects  
Midwest Architect - Preservation Issue, December 1972  
Metroplan - Regional Plan of Metro Planning Commission, 1971  
Small photos (unmounted) of completed and proposed projects  
Negatives  
Project Photos  
State School for Retarded Children, KCMO Proposal

**Box 010 (KA1620)**

Folder 10.1 Special awards to Kivett & Myers from AIA KC Chapter, 1954-1961

*HNTB. Diversity by Design: Celebrating Seventy-Five Years of Howard Needles Tammen & Bergendoff, 1914-1989.*

Plaque- AIA KC Chapter, award to Kivett & Myers for excellence in design of the Student Nurse Residence Research Hospital & Medical Center, presented on October 28, 1966

Plaque- AIA KC Chapter design awards program merit award for excellence in design to Kivett and Myers for the Grand Avenue Bank, presented on October 22, 1976

Plaque- AIA KC Chapter medal award to Kivett & Myers & McCallum for outstanding design on the Missouri State School, Higginsville, presented in April 1957

Plaque- AIA KC Chapter medal award to Kivett & Myers for outstanding design of Office and Warehouse for Gerson Jewelry, presented on November 1, 1961

Plaque- picture of The Federal Reserve Bank corner facade with notes, ca. 1960s

Plaque- AIA KC Chapter, Allied Arts & Craftmanship award (2 copies)

Plaque- AIA KC Chapter medal award to Kivett & Myers & McCallum for outstanding design of the Parke-Davis offices and warehouse, presented on April 21, 1959

## **OVERSIZE**

Architectural drawings - KCI - 7 bound books, 14x20

Poster - invitation to Executive Secretaries, Inc. to K&M Firm Night, June 21, 1972

## **Flat Box 001**

Architectural drawings (mylars) - additions and alterations to Home for Jewish Aged and Geriatric Center, 1965

Schematic Design Reports - Sports Complex, March 18, 1968

Seating plan - Arrowhead Stadium

Program - Gala Brillante - opening of Alameda Plaza, May 26, 1972

## **Flat Box 002**

Preliminary designs - Pontiac Stadium, 1972

Drawings - Phase I of Munich Airport, 1971