

K Martin C. Nielsen (1875-1960) Architectural Collection, ca. 1940s-1950s
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INTRODUCTION

The collection contains forty-nine architectural drawings, in the Gothic Revival styles of architecture, primarily of residences in Kansas City, Kansas, built by Martin C. Nielsen, a local builder. Plans were drawn by various architects in the surrounding area with a few dated between 1940 and 1942. The collection also contains specifications for residences, general condition for residences, description of building materials, and some miscellaneous items pertaining to Martin Nielsen.

DONOR INFORMATION

The collection was donated to the State Historical Society of Missouri by Karen Nielsen on September 10, 1997 (Accession No. KA0968).

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Martin C. Nielsen was born in 1875 in Kalvsund, Denmark, today a small city in Sweden. He immigrated to the United States in 1875 at the age of 28 on the *Indirekte* on March 16, 1903. His destination was Kansas City, Kansas. It is not known why he choose to come to the Kansas City area. By 1910, he was living in the 5th Ward of Kansas City, Kansas, and married to a woman named Christina. By 1929, he was living at 2024 Orville Ave. in Kansas City, Kansas, with the occupation of contractor. He remains listed in the Kansas City area city directories as a contractor until 1954 when his occupation was no longer given. He died in November 1960 and is buried at Mt. Hope Cemetery in Kansas City, Kansas.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection consists of forty-nine architectural drawings of residences in Kansas City, Kansas, built by Martin C. Nielsen, a local builder. The plans for these drawings were designed by various local architects, however, the vast majority of the drawings are not signed or dated. Five of the forty-nine architectural drawings are dated between 1940 and 1942. Drawings are signed by: Martin C. Neilsen, Eric Johnson, Geo. Martin, Lawrence M. Jones, Robert E. Earnheart, and engineer E. J. Reddert. The buildings are primarily of the Gothic Revival style of architecture.

The collection also consists of specifications for residences, general conditions for residences, description of materials used, and miscellaneous items.

The collection has been arranged into the following five series:

Specifications for Residences

The specifications are for a dwelling at Seminary Heights, the residences of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Hansen, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Zahn, W. C. Neustrom, and Mr. and Mrs. Dave Krasner. These specifications are all undated.

General Conditions

The general conditions contain three unidentifiable ancillary project costs for residences. The location and date of these residences are not identified. The fourth general condition pertains to Dorothy NoveGradac's residence, the date and location are unknown.

Description of Materials

Contains two Federal Housing Administration descriptions of materials for the Dave Krasner home located in Kansas City, Kansas, dated July 27, 1946, and another for a home located at 1305 N. 37th St., city, state, and date are not specified. The third pertains to M. Martin Neilson located in Brenner Heights, Kansas, the date is unknown.

Miscellaneous

Items include a business card for Martin C. Nielsen, a scrap of correspondence from Mrs. Neustrom, and several sketches drawn by Martin Nielsen. The detailing sketches are dated to 1900. This series also contains a constitution of the construction professions and industries of Kansas.

Architectural Drawings

Drawings include forty-nine general residence plans, mostly in the Gothic Style of architecture. These are of residences in Kansas City, Kansas, built by Martin C. Nielsen, a local builder. The vast majority of which are undated and provide no location for the residence. A few drawings date between 1940 and 1942.

PREFERRED CITATION

Specific item; box number; folder number; *Martin C. Nielsen (1875-1960) Architectural Collection ca. 1940s-ca. 1950s (K0415)*; The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Kansas City [after first mention may be abbreviated to SHSMO-KC].

INVENTORY

BOX 001

- f. 1 Specifications for Residences
 - W. C. Neustrom, Seaman Heights, n.d.
 - Seminary Heights, Kansas City, Kansas, n.d.
 - Labor and materials to be used in constructing a residence for

- Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Hansen, unknown location n.d.
 Mr. and Mrs. Fred Zahn, 1006 N. Washington Blvd., Kansas City, Kansas, n.d.
 Heating specifications Mr. and Mrs. Dave Krasner, Kansas City, Kansas, n.d. See Roll 46.
- f. 2 General Conditions
 Dorothy NoveGradac, unknown location, n.d.
 Unidentified, n.d.
 Unidentified, n.d.
 Unidentified, n.d.
- f. 3 Description of Materials
 Air Conditioning Est., M. Martin Neilson, Brenner Heights, Kansas, July 10, 1909
 Federal Housing Administration, description of material Dave Krasner, Kansas City, Kansas, July 27, 1946. See Roll 46.
 Federal Housing Administration description of materials, 1305 N. 37th St., n.d.
- f. 4-5 Miscellaneous
- f. 4 Constitution of the construction professions and industries of Kansas, blank form, n.d.
- f. 5 Business card, n.d.
 Materials ticket from Buckley Printing Company, 1905 N. 10th St., Kansas City, Kansas, n.d.
 Note to Mr. Nielson from Mrs. Neustrom, n.d.
 Two sheets decorative detailing sketches, Martin Nielsen, November 12, 1900
 Two sheets unidentified building sketches, n.d.

BOX 002X3*Architectural Drawings*

- Roll 1 General residence plan, no. 137, unidentified architect, unknown location, n.d.
- Roll 2 General residence plan, no. 166, unidentified architect, unknown location, n.d.
- Roll 3 General residence plan, no. 167, unidentified architect, unknown location, n.d.
- Roll 4 General residence plan, no. 179, unidentified architect, unknown location, n.d.
- Roll 5 General residence plan, no. 213, unidentified architect, Kansas City, Kansas, n.d.
- Roll 6 General residence plan, no. 660, unidentified architect, unknown location, n.d.
- Roll 7 General residence plan, no. 687, first floor and basement, unidentified architect, unknown location, Kansas, n.d.
- Roll 8 General residence plan, no. 844, unidentified architect, unknown

- location , n.d.
- Roll 9 General residence plan, no. 846, unidentified architect, unknown location, n.d.
- Roll 10 General residence plan, no. 930, unidentified architect, unknown location, n.d.
- Roll 11 General residence plan, no. 970, unidentified architect, unknown location , n.d.
- Roll 12 General residence plan, asymmetrical front façade with French doors, unidentified architect, unknown location, n.d.
- Roll 13 General residence plan, Craftsman Bungalow like front facade, unidentified architect, unknown location, n.d.
- Roll 14 General residence plan, dual pitched gable end, unidentified architect, unknown location, n.d.
- Roll 15 General residence plan, dual side chimneys, sash windows, unidentified architect, unknown location, n.d.
- Roll 16 General residence plan, central chimney flanked by a dormer on either side, unidentified architect, unknown location, n.d.
- Roll 17 General residence plan, floor plan, Brenner Heights, Comfortmaker Air Conditioners, Mr. Martin Neilson, unknown location, n.d.
- Roll 18 General residence plan, front facing gable with garage and side entrance, unidentified architect, unknown location, n.d.
- Roll 19 General residence plan, front facing gable with vertical siding, unidentified architect, unknown location, n.d.
- Roll 20 General residence plan, Gothic Revival with paramiddle roof and rounded entry way, unidentified architect, unknown location, n.d.
- Roll 21 General residence plan, one-story steeply pitched entry way, 2024 Orville, Martin Nielsen, Kansas City, Kansas, n.d.
- Roll 22 General residence plan, Gothic Revival with slopping side porch, unidentified architect, unknown location, n.d.
- Roll 23 General residence plan, Gothic Revival with chimney-entrance lean too and garage, unidentified architect, unknown location, n.d.
- Roll 24 General residence plan, Gothic Revival entrance with irregular roof line, and steeply pitched entry way, unidentified architect, unknown location, n.d.
- Roll 25 General residence plan, Victorian Revival with rounded entry way and tripartite window, unidentified architect, unknown location, n.d.
- Roll 26 General residence plan, Greenfield Housing Corporation, plan "B", unidentified architect, unknown location, n.d.
- Roll 27 General residence plan, lot no. 1, Everett Heights, Eric Johnson, unknown location, n.d.
- Roll 28 General residence plan, lot no. 2, Everett Heights, Eric Johnson, Kansas City, Kansas, n.d.
- Roll 29 General residence plan, one-story with pediment porch, McIntype Heights, Eric Johnson, unknown location, n.d.
- Roll 30 General residence plan, one-story, sash windows pushed up to roof

- line, off center door and chimney, 10th St. and West Ave., unidentified architect, unknown location, n.d.
- Roll 31 General residence plan, miscellaneous floor plans, various unidentified residences, unidentified architect, unknown location, n.d.
- Roll 32 General residence plan, off-center door and steeply pitched roof, two-story, unidentified architect, unknown location, n.d.
- Roll 33 General residence plan, one-story with sash windows, brick gable entry way and chimney, unidentified architect, unknown location, n.d.
- Roll 34 General residence plan, one-story, sash window with end and century chimney, unidentified architect, unknown location, n.d.
- Roll 35 General residence plan, one-story with triangular pediment entrance, flanked by chimney, unidentified architect, unknown location, n.d.
- Roll 36 General residence plan, one-story with gable entry way, unidentified architect, unknown location, n.d.
- Roll 37 General residence plan, pyramiddle roof with rounded entry way, unidentified architect, unknown location, n.d.
- Roll 38 General residence plan, sash widows, dual gable with right side entry way, unidentified architect, unknown location, n.d.
- Roll 39 General residence plan, two-story, projecting bay window, irregular roof line, unidentified architect, unknown location, n.d.
- Roll 40 House for Mr. Glen Farris, unidentified architect, unknown location, n.d.
- Roll 41 House for Mr. and Mrs. Neustrom, unidentified architect, unknown location, n.d.
- Roll 42 Plan of a residence for Mr. and Mrs. John C. Sillin, plan no. 58, Seamon Heights, unidentified architect, Kansas City, Kansas, n.d.
- Roll 43 Residence for Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Boyce, Joyce and Gibbs Rd., unidentified architect, Kansas City, Kansas, n.d.
- Roll 44 Residence for Earl J. Roddert, Sandusky Ave., engineer E. J. Reddert, Kansas City, n.d.
- Roll 45 Heating plan, Jones residence, no. 2878, unidentified architect, Kansas City, Kansas, September 19, 1940
- Roll 46 Residence for Mr. and Mrs. Dave Krasner, unidentified architect, Kansas City, Kansas, April 22, 1941
- Roll 47 Residence for Mr. and Mrs. Cannady, Geo. Martin, Kansas City, Kansas, July 23, 1941
- Roll 48 General residence plan, no. SW 42, 3108 Peery Ave., Lawrence M. Jones, Kansas City, Missouri, February 4, 1942
- Roll 49 General residence plan, no. 212, duplex for Central Baptist Seminary, Robert E. Earnheart, unknown location, February 23, 1942

SUBJECTS

Architecture, Domestic

Architecture—Missouri—Kansas City

Architecture—Kansas—Kansas City

Dwellings—Residences—Missouri—Kansas City

Neighborhoods—Missouri—Kansas City

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