

K Robert Valentine Jones (1872-1949) Architectural Records, 1908-1909
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INTRODUCTION

The records contain a survey of blocks 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 26, and 27 of residences in the Squier Park District in Kansas City, Missouri. This district encompasses Virginia Avenue, Manheim Road, 39th Street, and Tracy Avenue. The residential buildings were surveyed for Robert Valentine Jones, the redeveloper of the area between 1908 and 1909. Additional surveys were done for Edward O. Faith, A. J. Bandy, and Miss M. M. Smith.

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HISTORICAL SKETCH

The Squier Park District encompasses 16 blocks bounded by the streets of Armour Boulevard to the north, 39th Street to the south, Troost Avenue to the west, and The Paseo to the east. Since the development was constructed along Kansas City's transportation lines, Squier Park is considered to be an early streetcar suburb.

Robert Valentine Jones was a successful residential developer on the East Coast. He met and married Cora Squier, the daughter of James J. Squier, while she was attending school. They married on June 25, 1902, and returned to Missouri in 1908 where Jones established a real estate and mortgage company called Manheim Realty and Investment in Kansas City, Missouri. Through this company, Jones was able to further develop his late father-in-law's land speculations into a new subdivision between 37th and 39th Streets in Kansas City, Missouri. He began with a survey of blocks 6, 7, and 8 of Squier Park.

Jones' vision for the neighborhood centered on a street layout that responded to the topography of the land verses the usual rigid, orthogonal city grid that was the typical layout for any new subdivision. Construction of the residences began in earnest between 1908 and remained steady into the 1920s. Many of these residences were fashioned with the latest luxuries and amenities of the time. Many of the residences were built in the high architectural styles of the day by prominent area architects, such as: Louis Curtiss, John McKecknie, Nelle E. Peters, Selby Kerfiss, and Smith, Rea, and Lovitt.

Robert Valentine Jones died on May 16, 1949, and is buried next to his wife, Cora, at the Alta Mesa Memorial Park in Palo Alto, California.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The records for this collection consist of 30 architectural drawings of residences for a survey of blocks 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 26, and 27 located in the Squier Park District in Kansas City, Missouri. This district encompasses Virginia Avenue, Manheim Road, 39th Street, and Tracy Avenue. The residential buildings were surveyed for Robert Valentine Jones, the redeveloper of the area between 1908 and 1909. Additional surveys were done for Edward O. Faith, A. J. Bandy, and Miss M. M. Smith.

The architect for the buildings and the surveyor of the properties is not identified. They are arranged chronologically by the processor, beginning in 1908 and ending in 1909.

PREFERRED CITATION

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INVENTORY

Roll 1	Squier Manor, lot 3 block 6
Location	Virginia Ave., Kansas City, Missouri
Architect	Unknown
Date	n.d.
Notes	for R. V. Jones
Roll 2	Squier Place, lot 2, resurvey of blocks 6, 7, and 8
Location	Virginia Ave., Kansas City, Missouri
Architect	Unknown
Date	n.d.
Notes	for R. V. Jones
Roll 3	South elevation, resurvey of blocks 6, 7, and 8
Location	39 th and Virginia Ave., Kansas City, Missouri
Architect	Unknown
Date	August 11, 1908
Notes	for R. V. Jones
Roll 4	Squier Place, house on lot no. 20
Location	Virginia Ave., Kansas City, Missouri
Architect	Unknown
Date	August 26, 1908
Notes	for R. V. Jones

Roll 5 Lot 21, resurvey of blocks 6, 7, and 8
Location Virginia Ave., Kansas City, Missouri
Architect Unknown
Date September 5, 1908
Job/Plan No. 405
Notes for R. V. Jones

Roll 6 Squier Place, lot 22, resurvey of blocks 6, 7, and 8
Location 3910 Virginia Ave., Kansas City, Missouri
Architect Unknown
Date September 17, 1908
Job/Plan No. 406
Notes for R. V. Jones

Roll 7 Squier Manor, lot no. 7
Location 1309 Manheim Rd., Kansas City, Missouri
Architect Unknown
Date September 21, 1908
Job/Plan No. 407
Notes for Edward O. Faith

Roll 8 Squier Place, lot 16, resurvey of blocks 6, 7, and 8
Location Virginia Ave., Kansas City, Missouri
Architect Unknown
Date September 26, 1908
Job/Plan No. 409
Notes for A. J. Bandy

Roll 9 Squier Place, lot no. 24, resurvey of blocks 6, 7, and 8
Location 3916 Virginia Ave., Kansas City, Missouri
Architect Unknown
Date October 10, 1908
Job/Plan No. 412
Notes for R. V. Jones

Roll 10 Squier Place, lot no. 13, resurvey of blocks 6, 7, and 8
Location 3917 Virginia Ave., Kansas City, Missouri
Architect Unknown
Date October 10, 1908
Job/Plan No. 413
Notes for R. V. Jones

Roll 11 Squier Manor, lot no. 8 of block 4
Location 1312 39th St., Kansas City, Missouri
Architect Unknown
Date October 16, 1908

Job/Plan No. 411
Notes for R. V. Jones

Roll 12 Squier Place, lot no. 30, resurvey of blocks 6, 7, and 8
Location 3921 Tracy Ave., Kansas City, Missouri
Architect Unknown
Date October 16, 1908
Job/Plan No. 416
Notes for Miss M. M. Smith

Roll 13 Squier Place, lot 11, resurvey of blocks 6, 7, and 8
Location 3923 Virginia Ave., Kansas City, Missouri
Architect Unknown
Date October 23, 1908
Job/Plan No. 414
Notes for R. V. Jones

Roll 14 Squier Place, lot 14, resurvey of blocks 6, 7, and 8
Location 3915 Virginia Ave., Kansas City, Missouri
Architect Unknown
Date October 26, 1908
Job/Plan No. 415
Notes for R. V. Jones

Roll 15 Squier Place, lot no. 8
Location 1210 E. 39th St., Kansas City, Missouri
Architect Unknown
Date December 2, 1908
Job/Plan No. 418
Notes for R. V. Jones

Roll 16 Lot no. 9, north 10 of lot 10 Troost Park Annx.
Location 3733 Tracy Ave., Kansas City, Missouri
Architect Unknown
Date December 18, 1908
Job/Plan No. 419
Notes for R. V. Jones

Roll 17 Squier Manor, lot 14, block 2, working section plan
Location Kansas City, Missouri
Architect Unknown
Date December 28, 1908
Job/Plan No. 203

Roll 18 Squier Place, lot no. 24, resurvey of blocks 6, 7, and 8
Location 3918 Virginia Ave., Kansas City, Missouri

Architect Unknown
Date January 2, 1909
Job/Plan No. 422
Notes for R. V. Jones

Roll 19 Detail plan no. 418
Location 3731 Tracy Ave., Kansas City, Missouri
Architect Unknown
Date February 8, 1909
Job/Plan No. 424
Notes for R. V. Jones

Roll 20 Lot 18, details for sheet no. 408, mantel in living room, resurvey of blocks
6, 7, and 8
Location 3901 Virginia Ave., Kansas City, Missouri
Architect Unknown
Date February 12, 1909

Roll 21 Squier Manor, lot 7
Location 1310 Manheim Rd., Kansas City, Missouri
Architect Unknown
Date March 22, 1909
Job/Plan No. 420
Notes for Edward O. Faith

Roll 22 Squier Place, lot 26, resurvey of blocks 6, 7, and 8
Location 3922 Virginia Ave., Kansas City, Missouri
Architect Unknown
Date March 30, 1909
Job/Plan No. 428
Notes for R. V. Jones

Roll 23 Details for stone and brick for plan no. 426
Location 3801 Tracy Ave., Kansas City, Missouri
Architect Unknown
Date April 14, 1909
Job/Plan No. 431

Roll 24 Squier Place, lot no. 27
Location 3924 Virginia Ave., Kansas City, Missouri
Architect Unknown
Date April 6, 1909
Job/Plan No. 429
Notes for R. V. Jones

Roll 25 Squier Manor, lot 14, block 5

Location 3820 Virginia Ave., Kansas City, Missouri
Architect Unknown
Date April 15, 1909
Job/Plan No. 430
Notes for R. V. Jones

Roll 26 North 37.5 feet of lot 28
Location Troost Hill, 3929 Virginia Ave., Kansas City, Missouri
Architect Unknown
Date April 16, 1909
Job/Plan No. 432
Notes for R. V. Jones

Roll 27 Detail mantel and bookcases
Location 1200 Manheim Rd., Kansas City, Missouri
Architect Unknown
Date May 5, 1909

Roll 28 South 25 feet of lot 27 and north 125 feet of lot 26
Location Troost Hill, 3933 Manheim Rd., Kansas City, Missouri
Architect Unknown
Date May 20, 1909
Job/Plan No. 437
Notes for R. V. Jones

Roll 29 Squier Place, lot 10, resurvey of blocks 6, 7, and 8
Location 3925 Virginia Ave., Kansas City, Missouri
Architect Unknown
Date May 17, 1909
Job/Plan No. 435
Notes for R. V. Jones

Roll 30 South 25 feet of lot 27 and north 12.5 feet of 26
Location Troost Hill
Architect Unknown
Date May 20, 1909
Job/Plan No. 438
Notes 3933 Manheim Rd., Kansas City, Missouri

SUBJECTS

Architecture—Missouri—Kansas City
Dwellings—Residences—Missouri—Kansas City
Historic districts—Missouri—Kansas City
Neighborhoods—Missouri—Kansas City

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