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Laurel E. Wilson (1947-) Papers
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Research files of Wilson, Professor Emerita and former curator of the Missouri Historic Costume and Textile Collection-University of Missouri-Columbia, concerning the history of the Kansas City Garment Industry.

BIOGRAPHY:

Laurel E. Wilson earned a B.S. from Montana State University and a PhD from North Carolina University-Greensboro. Her main areas of interest include the history dress worn in the American West and Missouri's contributions to the apparel industry during the 19th and 20th centuries. She is a Professor Emerita in the Department of Textile and Apparel Management, University of Missouri-Columbia.

PROVENANCE:

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DESCRIPTION:

The collection contains two manuscripts written by Laurel E. Wilson, concerning the Kansas City Garment Industry. The bulk of the collection consists of research files, primarily photocopies of documents. Also included are a few publications and brochures.

INVENTORY:

BOX 001

- Folder 1. Correspondence: letter to Laurel Wilson from ITAA (International Textile and Apparel Association) 2008
- Folder 2. Correspondence: David Boutros, Sybil Kahn, Gabriel Goldstein, Ann Brownfield 2007, 2008.

Articles: Jewish Emigrants to American, resettlement of refugees from Nazism 1936-1945
- Folder 3. Garment industry history Project of Greater Kansas City, bibliography 2007, articles, proposal ca. 2004
- Folder 4. Kansas City apparel companies, brands and people
- Folder 5. Manuscript: Wilson, L. (In Press). "Kansas City's Garment Industry." *A Perfect Fit: Jewry in the Garment Trades*. Gabriel Goldstein, Ed., Texas Tech University Press.
- Folder 6. Manuscript: "One Big Family: Jews in the Kansas City Garment Industry", Laurel E. Wilson. (Attached handwritten notes)
- Folder 7. "Kansas City Made" The Rise and Fall of the Kansas City Garment Industry. Jackson County Historical Society Educational Forum. April 18, 1996, outline. "Kansas City Made: The Garment Industry Era, 1915-1975", outline.
- Folder 8. "History of Selected Garment Industry", Steve Higinbotham.
- Folder 9. "The Garment Workers", talk for Kansas City Labor History Tour, October 17, 24, 1992- Judy Ancel, Institute for Labor Studies.
- Folder 10. "Petticoat Lane" by Dory DeAngelo; Garment History Museum brochure; National Bellas Hess Co., Inc., certificate 1932.
- Folder 11. Sara DeSaix / Gay Gibson; Gernes Garment Co.

- Folder 12. Morris Feingold and family history ca. 1903, unknown author
- Folder 13. H.T. Poindexter, articles, 1932
- Folder 14. David L. Reid, biography (president of Design Resources, Inc.) 1965-2006
- Folder 15. Early Jewish settlers in Leavenworth, Kansas
- Folder 16. "American System of Dressmaking" by Miss Pearl Merwin, 1907, various pages, American College of Dressmaking, Kansas City, Missouri.
- Folder 17. Little known industries (garment related), Kansas City Star, 1926-1929
- Folder 18. "Kansas City for the Manufacture of Afternoon and Street Dresses" Chamber of Commerce, January 1930.
- Folder 19. "Directory of the Kansas City market: apparel, textiles, and related lines", 1937
- Folder 20. "Made in Kansas City. . .honestly" ca. late 1944
- Folder 21. "The Garment Industry of Greater Kansas City", Frances I. Gaw, November 28, 1945.
- Folder 22. Kansas City Shippers, Inc. 1948-
- Folder 23. Articles: "The Industrial Trend", November 5, 1921; "New York Looks Abroad", *Foreign Affairs*, April 1941; The Cities of America-Kansas City, by George Sessions Perry, *Saturday Evening Post*, August 25, 1945; "Two Promising Extensions of Industrial Research", *Saturday Evening Post*, December 30, 1944; "A Tale of Two Cities and the Open Shop", *Current Opinions*, August 1920.
- Folder 24. Articles: *Swing*, 1947; "They're from Missouri", *Glamour*, 1946; John Taylor Dry Goods fashion catalogue, 1896; "fashion Topix"
- Folder 25. Articles: miscellaneous newspaper, 1933, 1943, 1980
- Folder 26. Articles: Lee Company; Nell Donnelly Reed (Nelly Don)
- Folder 27. Articles: *Women's Wear Daily*, Western Division, September 1920; April 1921.
- Folder 28. Speech: "Foreign Trade Possibilities for Kansas City and This Trade Territory", J.C. Nichols, May 24, 1939. National Bellas Hess vs. Dept. of Revenue -State of Illinois, 1967.
- Folder 29. Collection Inventory Documents: Ellen "Nell" Quinlan Donnelly Reed (K0444); United Garment Workers Local 47 (K0458), SHSMO-KC
- Folder 30. "The Kansas City Centennial, 1950" coversheet; Country Club District, Trans World Airlines

- Folder 31. Articles: "I just did what came naturally- Nell Donnelly Reed", *Kansas City 50 & Better*, May, June 2006.
- Folder 32. Articles: King Louie America, 2009; "Counter Cultural", *Modern Uniforms*, June 1, 2005
- Folder 33. "Kansas City Progress and Importance", May 1886
- Folder 34. Kansas City Directories 1860-1884
- Folder 35. Kansas City Directories 1887-1900
- Folder 36. "The Kansas Citian", August 15, 1916 (census information)
- Folder 37. "The Economic Base of Greater Kansas City", Terrell, Zimmer, 1949
- Folder 38. "Kansas City Missouri: Its History and Its People" 1808-1908. Carrie Westlake Whitney, 1908, various pages
- Folder 39. Historical Statistics of the United States Millennial Edition online, 1899-1999; K.C. Library info on garment district; Kansas City Fashion Week, 2007.
- Folder 40. State of Missouri, Bureau of Labor Statistics, 1894, 1912, 1923; Census 1910
- Folder 41. 1959 and 1960 Annual Survey of Manufacturers, U.S. Department of Commerce
- Folder 42. 1965 and 1964 Annual Survey of Manufacturers, U.S. Department of Commerce
- Folder 43. 1970 Annual Survey of Manufacturers, U.S. Department of Commerce
- Folder 44. 1976 Annual Survey of Manufacturers, U.S. Department of Commerce
- Folder 45. 1980 and 1981 Annual Survey of Manufacturers, U.S. Department of Commerce
- Folder 46. "The Shtetl by the Highway: The East European City in New York's Landsmanshaft Press, 1921-39 by Rebecca Kobrin
- Folder 47. Reviews: "A Time for Searching: Entering the Mainstream, 1920-1945", Henry L. Feingold; "A Time for Healing: American Jewry since World War II", Edward S. Shapiro; "A Time for Gathering: The Second Migration, 1820-1880: by Hasia R. Diner; "A Time for Building: The Third Migration, 1880-1920" by Gerald Sorin
- Folder 48. "The Ready-Made Menswear Industry of Rochester, New York, 1848-1900" by Bernard Smith
- Folder 49. Publication: "A Perfect Fit; the Garment Industry and American Jewry, 1860-1960", Yeshiva University museum, exhibition catalogue, December 4, 2005

- Folder 50. "A Perfect fit", exhibition walkthrough
- Folder 51. "Annual Style issue", *K C Magazine*, March 2007
- Folder 52. Publication: *American History: lee Jeans 101, 1911-2000*
- Folder 53. Publication: *Forty Nine T*, catalogue, photographs, garment tags
- Folder 54. Catalogues: *Nat Nast*, ca. 2001-2002
- Folder 55. Catalogues: *DRI Duck*, spring 2008; *American Identity 2007*
- Folder 56. Brochures: Jackson County Historical Society; The Heritage League of Greater Kansas City; Garment District Museum; "The Establishment in Kansas City-An Historical View", Richard P. Coleman, Ph.D., October 16, 2006