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Introduction

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The papers of James L. Soward includes notes, photographs, oral interviews, and other related research materials for the book, *Hospital Hill: An Illustrated Account of Public Healthcare Institutions in Kansas City, Missouri*, published by the Truman Medical Center Charitable Foundation in 1995.

Biographical Statement

James L. Soward was born in Nevada, Missouri, on August 13, 1932, to Byron Soward and Gertrude Gorham. He was a Korean War Naval veteran, serving from 1951 to 1955 with Carrier Air Group 17, USS Wasp. Upon returning to Missouri, he earned a B.S. in Marketing from the University of Missouri in 1956. He continued his graduate studies at the Kansas City University until 1957. Professionally, he worked as a salesman in various product lines, insurance sales, then in operations management, public relations, and finally as the executive management. Beginning in 1969, he worked with the School of Medicine at the University of Missouri-Kansas City where he remained until his retirement as a consultant to the school in 1995.

An accomplished writer, James Soward authored the historical biography entitled, *Hospital Hill: An Illustrated Account of Public Healthcare Institutions in Kansas City, Missouri*, which was published by the Truman Medical Center Charitable Foundation in 1995.

A gentleman of considerable intelligence and talent, James Soward was a member of the Mid-America Chapter of MENSA since 1976.

James Soward passed away on May 27, 2005.

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