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George Edward Hicks (1919-2013) Papers

[Native Sons Archives]

1983-2003

2 cubic feet, 4 oversize items

Research and other papers created and collected by Hicks, a local historian. Includes newspaper and magazines articles, correspondence, flyers, a project manual, booklets, photographs, maps, and a grant proposal related to the Pioneer Park Committee of the Westport Historical Society, and to other projects of the Native Sons and Daughters of Greater Kansas City.

BIOGRAPHY:

As president of the Russell-Majors-Waddell National Historic Association and as a member of the Native Sons of Kansas City, George Hicks is involved in historic preservation throughout the Greater Kansas City Area.

In 1983, a Pioneer Park was proposed to honor the city of Westport and its importance in the development of the West. Westport was on the California, Oregon and Santa Fe Trails, and wagon trains were formed and supplied there. It was annexed by Kansas City in 1897.

A statue of artist Thomas Hart Benton was suggested by the Benton Foundation, but the Westport Historical Society wanted a monument representing John Calvin McCoy, founder of Westport; Jim Bridger, frontiersman; and Alexander Majors, a Westport businessman who helped found the Pony Express. The Historical Society's proposal won and the statue was funded by donations by individuals and money from the city. It was erected at Westport Road and Broadway in 1987.

PROVENANCE:

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DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION:

This collection contains newspaper articles (some photocopies), magazines, correspondence, flyers, a project manual, booklets, photographs, painting reproduction images, a certificate, trail maps, and a grant proposal to develop the Pioneer Park in Westport.

INVENTORY:

BOX 001

- Folder 1. Pioneer Park Committee records clippings, 1984-1987
- Folder 2. Pioneer Park Committee records promotional materials, correspondence 1983-1987
- Folder 3. Pioneer Park Committee records grant, agenda, etc., 1984, 1985, 1987

Video Tape- Pioneer Park dedication, October 10, 1987 (0485kc)

BOX 002 (KA1535)

- Folder 2.1 Boone Cemetery Project, 1989-2001
- Folder 2.2 Daniel Morgan Boone Memorial Park materials, 1989-2001
- Folder 2.3 Daniel Morgan Boone Memorial Park materials, 1989-2003

- Folder 2.4 Brochures-Museums/Archives, 1980-2000
- Folder 2.5 Certificate- from Santa Fe Trail to KCMO Neighborhood Tourist Development Fund Committee, August 29, 2000
- Folder 2.6 Correspondence, 1984-2000
- Folder 2.7 Correspondence with Neighborhood and Community Services Department, 1998
- Folder 2.8 Fort Osage, 1975-1980
- Folder 2.8.1 *The Independent*, May 12, 1984
- Folder 2.9 *Kansas City: A Visual History*, presented by the Native Sons of Kansas City, 1991
- Folder 2.10 *The Kansas City Genealogist*, Fall 2002
- Folder 2.11 Kansas City movie proposals, 2000
- Folder 2.12 Kansas City timeline, ca. 1950
- Folder 2.13 Landmarks Commission booklet, 1975
- Folder 2.14 Local history- articles, 1804-2001
- Folder 2.15 Local historical sites- newsletters/articles, 1934-2003
- Folder 2.16 Alexander Majors house, 1927-1973
- Folder 2.17 Alexander Majors house, 1984
- Folder 2.18 Native Sons, 1992-2003
- Folder 2.19 Newspapers, 1960-1984
- Folder 2.20 Newspapers, April-May 1984
- Folder 2.21 Newspapers- *The Squire's Other Paper*, May 3, 1984
- Folder 2.22 Newspapers- *The Squire's Other Paper*, May 10, 1984
- Folder 2.23 Newspapers, 1995-1997
- Folder 2.24 Painting reproduction images of Kansas City levee looking west from Grand Avenue in 1875 by L. Edward Fisher
- Folder 2.25 Pioneer Park, 1986-1989
- Folder 2.26 Pioneer Park project manual, 1987
- Folder 2.27 *Star Magazine* (Steamboat Arabia article), February 18, 2001
- Folder 2.28 Town of Kansas, 1997-1998
- Folder 2.29 Westport Landing marker, 1999-2003
- Folder 2.30 Photographs- farms
- Folder 2.31 Photographs- Liberty Memorial, 2001

- Folder 2.32 Photographs- miscellaneous historic landmarks
- Folder 2.33 Photographs- Pioneer Park
- Folder 2.34 Photographs- Schumacher Park
- Folder 2.35 Photographs- western photos
- Folder 2.36 Photographs- Westport

OVERSIZE:

Cox, Jack C. *Kansas City... The Way We Were*. Kansas City, Missouri: Wilborn and Associates, Photographers, 1981.

Painting reproduction images of Kansas City levee looking west from Grand Avenue in 1875 by L. Edward Fisher

Three Trails West maps

Photograph of unidentified wood and stone houses