



Bea Firestone Flam Collection (K0662)

Collection Number: K0662

Collection Title: Bea Firestone Flam Collection

Dates: 1959-2008

Creator: Flam, Bea

Abstract: The Bea Firestone Flam Collection contains a group photograph, a set of negatives, and Mrs. Flam's obituary.

Collection Size: 0.05 cubic foot
(2 folders, one oversize photograph)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

Restrictions on Access: Collection is open for research. This collection is available at [The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Kansas City](#). If you would like more information, please contact us at kansascity@shsmo.org. Collections may be viewed at any research center.

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Preferred Citation: [Specific item; box number; folder number] *Bea Firestone Flam Collection* (K0662); The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Kansas City [after first mention may be abbreviated to SHSMO-Kansas City].

Donor Information: The records were donated to the State Historical Society of Missouri by David Firestone on November 10, 2008 (Accession No. KA1659).

Notes: Collection is associated with the Jewish Community Archives of Greater Kansas City. Folder three is located in an oversize flat box.

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Historical Note:

Bea Blumenthal was born in Koblenz, Germany, in 1932 to Milan Blumenthal and Clementine Hertz. The family immigrated to the United States in 1937 and eventually settled in Kansas City, Missouri, in 1949. She married Milton Firestone and in 1963, the couple took control of *The Kansas City Jewish Chronicle* in 1963 and held it until 1981. Through their newspaper, the Firestones were able to advocate for stronger Jewish institutions in the Greater Kansas City Area, especially education. In 1966, the Firestones' paper was instrumental in the founding of the Hebrew Academy of Greater Kansas City, now known as the Hyman Brand Hebrew Academy. After her husband's death in 1955, Bea sold *The Chronicle* and married D.J. Wasserstrom while continuing to be active in public affairs. In 2002, Mr. Wasserstrom passed away and Bea married Paul Flam. Bea was active in Beth Shalom Sisterhood, Congregation Ohev Shalom, Hadassah, Jewish Women International, and the Jewish Community Center. Bea died of respiratory failure on October 17, 2008.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into three folders.

Scope and Content Note:

The collection features two pictorial items and Bea's obituary in *The Kansas City Jewish Chronicle* on October 24, 2008. The pictorial items include an oversize photograph of the 26th Annual Convention of B'nai B'rith Women, District #2, Kansas City, Missouri in June 1959 and two group photograph negatives with no description.

Container List:

Box 001	f. 1	Obituary, 2008
	f. 2	Negatives, no date
Box 002	f. 3	Photograph, 1959

Index:

Index Term	Folder	Image
Jewish Community Archives of Greater Kansas City	1-3	Yes
Jews--Missouri--Kansas City	3	Yes
Jewish women--United States--Societies and clubs	3	Yes
Kansas City (Mo.)	1-3	Yes
Kansas City (Mo.)--Newspapers	1	