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Kenneth Krakauer (1918-2001) Papers

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ca. 1890s-2000

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Research and writing relating to the history of golf in Kansas City by civic leader Krakauer, the author of the book, "When Golf Came to Kansas City."

BIOGRAPHY:

Born September 10, 1918, Kenneth Krakauer was the son of Julian and Bernice Krakauer and the great-grandson of Bernhard Ganz, who, along with Herman Ganz, were the first permanent Jewish settlers in Kansas City. He attended Faxon, Border Star and Southwest High Schools and graduated from the University of Missouri of School of Journalism in 1938. Krakauer was elected to Kappa Tau Alpha honorary society for journalism, was captain of the golf team, and president of the his fraternity, Zeta Beta Tau. During World War II he served in the Signal Corps and the U.S. Army Air Corps. He was navigator on a B-24 bomber in the European Theater, flew 27 missions, and was awarded the Air Medal with Five Oak Leaf Clusters.

a lifelong resident of Kansas City, Krakauer loved the city and its history and enjoyed researching and writing about it. As a civic leader he was instrumental in shaping the progress and development of the Kansas City. Krakauer was the owner and President of Adler's, a chain of women's specialty stores, founded in 1894, by his grandfather, Bernhard Adler. He served as President of the Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce 1963-1964; President of Magnetic Imaging, Inc.; and Chairman of the Committee for County Progress, 1966-1968, an organization founded to reform Jackson County politics and government. He also was Chairman of Community Studies, Inc.; President of the Missouri Seniors Golf Association 1993-1994; Secretary of the Kansas City Crime Commission; Vice President of Menorah Medical Center, of which he was also a director for 42 years; and a Vice-President of Oakwood Country Club, a club director, and its historian. He was Chairman and Co-founder of the Kansas City Chapter of the American Jewish Committee; Co-Chairman of the Kansas City chapter of the National Conference of Christians and Jews; and served as

director of the Barstow School, Visiting Nurses Association, Blue Cross and Blue Shield, UMKC University Associates, Jewish Family Services, and the Jewish Community Relations Bureau.

Krakauer was Vice President of the Kansas City Golf Foundation; Director of the Missouri Golf Association; Director and Historian of the Kansas City Golf Association; and on the Board of the Junior Golf Foundation of Greater Kansas City. As an expression of his interest and love of both history and golf, in 1986 he authored and published the book, *When Golf Came to Kansas City*, which won the National Golf Foundation's Eckhoff Award. Additionally he authored articles in *Golf Digest* and *Golf Journal* and was editor of *TeeTime*, the Kansas City Golf Association newsletter.

Kenneth Krakauer died June 16, 2001, after a brief illness.

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DESCRIPTION:

The papers contain Ken Krakauer in-depth research into the history of golf and Kansas City that resulted in his book, *When Golf Came to Kansas City*. Included are photocopies of news articles and other items, and notes and writings by Krakauer.

INVENTORY:

BOX 001*NEW CLUBS SINCE 1988*

- Folder 1. Adams Point
- Folder 2. Colbert Hills (Manhattan)
- Folder 3. Deer Creek
- Folder 4. Eagle Bend (Lawrence)
- Folder 5. Hallbrook
- Folder 6. Falcon Ridge
- Folder 7. Hidden Valley
- Folder 8. Heritage Park
- Folder 9. New Hodge Park
- Folder 10. Iron Horse
- Folder 11. Leawood Mission Valley/Lion's Gate (Nicklaus)
- Folder 12. Loch Lloyd
- Folder 13. National Golf Club (Tom Watson)
- Folder 14. Old Kinderhook (Camdenton, MO)
- Folder 15. Prairie Highlands (Olathe)
- Folder 16. Sand Hills, NE
- Folder 17. Shadow Glen
- Folder 18. Shiloh Springs
- Folder 19. Sycamore Ridge (Colbert)
- Folder 20. Tiffany Greens
- Folder 21. Never Developed:
 - New Independence Municipal
 - Hunt Club – Worlds of Fun
 - Woodland Hills
 - Tiffany Park
 - Highland Hills
 - Staley Farm Project
 - Lenexa – North Star and Club Corp. of America
 - Raymore – Divots Property, Ltd.
 - Prairie National Estates – Leavenworth County
 - New Clubs – General

BOX 002*DEFUNCT CLUBS*

- Folder 1. Armour Fields
- Folder 2. Automobile or Motor Club – South Ridge
- Folder 3. Belle Air
- Folder 4. Bonnie Wee Dodson Course
- Folder 5. Cave Spring
- Folder 6. Chevy Chase
- Folder 7. Community Golf Links
- Folder 8. Crestwood/Lake of the Forest
- Folder 9. Eastwood Hills
- Folder 10. Fairfax Hills
- Folder 11. Hutchinson Country Club
- Folder 12. Independence – Witte Grove/Gates Park/Gate City
- Folder 13. Hagerwood Golf Club
- Folder 14. Ivanhoe
- Folder 15. Lakeside (KCK)
- Folder 16. Linda Vista
- Folder 17. Log Cabin Club
- Folder 18. Lakewood/Wood Hill Country Club
- Folder 19. J.J. Lynn – Lynnhaven
- Folder 20. Meadow Lake
- Folder 21. Metro Golf Club
- Folder 22. Old Homestead
- Folder 23. Old Mission
- Folder 24. St. Andrew's
- Folder 25. Snapdragon
- Folder 26. Olathe/Pleasanton/Ottawa/Garnett/Baldwin/Paola
- Folder 27. Tapawingo
- Folder 28. Westheight Manor
- Folder 29. Winnwood
- Folder 30. Wyandotte Country Club
- Folder 31. Kansas City Driving Club (Park Association)

BIOGRAPHICAL FILES OF GOLFERS. MAY INCLUDE CLIPPINGS AND ARTICLES, NOTES, CORRESPONDENCE

- Folder 32. Seaver, Everett
- Folder 33. Burns, Miriam
- Folder 34. Colbert, Jim
- Folder 35. Hill, Opal
- Folder 36. McSpaden, Jug
- Folder 37. Mills, Buster
- Folder 38. Pernice, Tom
- Folder 39. Clark, Tom
- Folder 40. Dagleish, Jim (also Evanston and Hillcrest)
- Folder 41. Smith, Horton
- Folder 42. Girls and Women
- Folder 43. Ballew, Carey
- Folder 44. Adams, Ted
- Folder 45. Gibson, Duke
- Folder 46. Dodson, Leonard
- Folder 47. Other Professionals
- Folder 48. Smith, Maurice and Seniors Golf Association

REGIONAL HISTORY BY STATE

- Folder 49. Texas
- Folder 50. Kansas
- Folder 51. Colorado
- Folder 52. Illinois
- Folder 53. Missouri
- Folder 54. Oklahoma
- Folder 55. Iowa
- Folder 56. Nebraska/Alex Findlay

BOX 003

Kansas City Golf Association - Folders may include clippings, printed and published materials, Tee Time newsletters, correspondence, bylaws, reports, meeting agendas, and other administrative materials, 1900-1992

BOX 004

Kansas City Golf Association - Folders may include clippings, printed and published materials, Tee Time newsletters, correspondence, bylaws, reports, meeting agendas, and other administrative materials, 1993-1998

BOX 005

- Folder 1. Kansas City Golf Foundation – includes correspondence, bylaws, clippings, minutes, financial, 1993-1995
- Folder 2. Kansas City Golf Foundation, 1990-1992
- Folder 3. Kansas City Golf Foundation, 1994-1995
- Folder 4. Early Years of Professional Golf in KC – PGA, 1917-present
- Folder 5. Midwest Section – PGA, 1987-1998
- Folder 6. Midwest Section – PGA, 1987 (white binder)
- Folder 7. PGA Senior Tour, 1990
- Folder 8. General golf - clippings, 1990
- Folder 9. Kansas City Senior Golf Association, 1955-1998
- Folder 10. Trans-Mississippi Golf Association, 1908-1989
- Folder 11. United States Golf Association
- Folder 12. Kansas Golf Association, ca. 1983-1990
- Folder 13. Heart of America Golf Association (copies from microfilm), 1937
- Folder 14. Missouri Seniors Golf Association, ca. 1955-1994

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- Folder 1. Missouri Golf Association
- Folder 2. Western Golf Association – Evans Scholars Foundation, 1989
- Folder 3. General golf – clippings, 1987
- Folder 4. “Current Articles”, 1980s
- Folder 5. Clippings – Kansas City players, amateur and USGA, 1988
- Folder 6. Clippings – Amateur and open events, 1987

ARTICLES BY KRAKAUER/RESEARCH FOR FUTURE ARTICLES

- Folder 7. Sports articles by Kenneth Krakauer for the *Southwest Trail*, student publication of Southwest High School, 1934-1935
- Folder 8. Published articles by Krakauer, articles about Krakauer and *When Golf Came to Kansas City*
- Folder 9. Articles about Chi Chi Rodriguez, 1980s

- Folder 10. PR/Marketing information, 1980s
- Folder 11. Miscellaneous notes
- Folder 12. Francis Ouimet suspension (1916)
- Folder 13. Research and articles, including:
KC Country Club Caddy Strike, 1900
Caddy Strikes of 1932
Bias in country club membership
- Folder 14. Speech material
- Folder 15. Articles:
German Golf 1936
George Ade – Chicago, 1897
Gambling
PGA 1969
The Depression and Golf
- Folder 16. US Open – Chicago Tribune articles, 1990

BOX 007

- Folder 1. Kansas City Country Club history. Also includes general KC golf history and Hyde Park Golf Country Club, ca. 1892-1999.
- Folder 2. Tom Watson – clippings and articles, including KCCC resignation.
- Folder 3. Mission Hills Country Club history
- Folder 4. Elm Ridge/Shawnee Heights/Shawnee/Hoffdale/Tomahawk Hills history

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- Folder 1. Blue Hills Country Club history
- Folder 2. Milburn Country Club history
- Folder 3. Swope Park Golf Course history
- Folder 4. Fairmount/Hodge/Evanston/Stilwell Golf Club history
- Folder 5. Hillcrest Country Club/Wolf Rimann history

CLUBS STILL OPERATING:

- Folder 6. Alvamar
- Folder 7. Blue Springs Country Club
- Folder 8. Bent Oak
- Folder 9. Brookridge
- Folder 10. Chapel Ridge
- Folder 11. Clay Crest
- Folder 12. The Club of the Country (formerly Rabbit Creek)

- Folder 13. Crackerneck
- Folder 14. Dub's Dread
- Folder 15. Eagle's Landing (formerly Belton Golf Club)
- Folder 16. Excelsior Springs Golf Club
- Folder 17. Ft. Leavenworth Golf Club
- Folder 18. Happy Hollow
- Folder 19. Hickory Hills, Springfield
- Folder 20. Harrisonville Golf Club
- Folder 21. *Kansas City Golf Magazine*, 1994-1998 (incomplete)

BOX 009*CLUBS STILL OPERATING:*

- Folder 1. Indian Hills
- Folder 2. KC Indoor Golf School
- Folder 3. Kansas Courses – miscellaneous
- Folder 4. Lakewood Oaks
- Folder 5. Lakeside Hills, Olathe
- Folder 6. Leavenworth
- Folder 7. Lawrence Country Club
- Folder 8. Leawood South
- Folder 9. Liberty Hills
- Folder 10. Longview
- Folder 11. Meadowbrook
- Folder 12. National Golf Course (formerly Windbrook/River Park)
- Folder 13. Oak Country Club, DeSoto
- Folder 14. Overland Park
- Folder 15. Paradise Point
- Folder 16. Paola Country Club
- Folder 17. Pleasant Hill Golf Club
- Folder 18. Quivira
- Folder 19. Painted Hills/Victory Hills
- Folder 20. Royal Meadows/Stayton Meadows
- Folder 21. Rockwood
- Folder 22. St. Joseph

- Folder 23. Shirkey Golf Club
- Folder 24. Shawnee Golf Club, Topeka
- Folder 25. Kenneth Smith Golf Course
- Folder 26. Sunflower Hills
- Folder 27. Southview
- Folder 28. Teetering Rocks
- Folder 29. Tomahawk Hills
- Folder 30. Topeka Country Club
- Folder 31. Twin Pines, Harrisonville
- Folder 32. Unity
- Folder 33. Wolf Creek
- Folder 34. Miscellaneous loose historical material
- Folder 35. Magazine: *Where to Golf in Kansas City*, 1981, 1982, 1983
- Folder 36. Magazine: Missouri Fairways and Greens, Sept. 10, 1996
Article: "Twixt Heaven and Hell: Living in the Realm of Golf" by Warren Maus, Kansas City Magazine, August 1998
Article: "The Kansas City Tee Party" by Frederic Hron, Ingram's, June 1990
- Folder 37. Missouri Golf – magazine of the MO Golf Association, Summer, Fall, Annual 1991
- Folder 38. Magazines:
Golfin' in the Ozarks, July 1999
Kansas Golf, Winter 1990-91, Summer 1991
Utah Golf, Fall 1990
Golf Mid America, Aug/Sept 1987
PGA Midwest, 1992 annual issue
- Folder 39. *The Kansas City Golfer*, 1988-1993
- Folder 40. Programs - Children's Mercy Hospital Golf Classic, 1980, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1999
- Folder 41. Midwest Golf News, October 1991, November 1991, May 1992