

**S0658 Bush Sr., James T.  
Real Estate Records, 1909-1966  
102 Folders, One Oversize**

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Attorney Margaret Bush Wilson donated the James T. Bush Sr., Real Estate Records to the Western Historical Manuscript Collection at the University of Missouri-St. Louis on August 31, 2000.

James T. Bush Sr. was born on July 17, 1879 in McKinney, Texas. Mr. Bush came from a family consisting of four boys and three girls. He attended the city schools in McKinney for four years. Through the auspices of the State Senator, Bush entered Prairie View State Normal and Industrial College located in Prairie View, Texas. Bush completed his education with a teacher's license in 1900. He aspired to attend the University of Michigan Law School.

Instead he spent nineteen years in the railway mail service rising to clerk in charge and then went into the real estate business in the early 1920's. The highlight of his tenure in the Railway Mail Service was the significant part he played in founding the National Alliance of Railway Mail Clerks, later changed to the National Alliance of Postal Employees. Mr. Bush wrote the first constitution for the organization and served as an officer for many years. African Americans were excluded from the white organization of postal employees. The Alliance was founded in 1913 to thwart the efforts of President Woodrow Wilson's appointee Postmaster Albert S. Burleson, to put all the African Americans railway clerks on a separate run. This organization is still active and serving its members.

Mr. Bush was also instrumental in the founding and organization of the Real Estate Brokers Association of St. Louis in 1946. He spearheaded the Shelley vs. Kraemer case, the landmark United States Supreme Court case that ceased the practice of racial restrictive covenants.

**SCOPE AND CONTENT**

James T. Bush Sr. Real Estate Records, document real estate holdings in St. Louis City from 1909 to 1966. Mr. Bush maintained records pertaining to the St. Louis' landlord investment properties. This includes copies of sales contracts; certificates of title; and deeds of trust; business ledgers; tenant leases; and historical information about the investors and real estate businesses.

The collection documents locations where St. Louis African Americans historically resided. The real estate records are divided into four series: 1) Closing statements, sales contracts, correspondence and monthly statements, 1930-1961; 2) Property land lords and investors, 1927-1957; 3) Real estate records, 1909-1966; 4) Oversize real estate business ledgers.

**SERIES DESCRIPTION**

**SERIES ONE - CLOSING STATEMENTS, CORRESPONDENCE, MONTHLY STATEMENTS, 1930-1961, FOLDERS 1-4**

Arranged alphabetically. Contains closing statement records, business correspondence,

appraisals, and monthly statements of the landlords and tenants.

**SERIES TWO - PROPERTY LAND LORDS INVESTORS, 1927-1957, FOLDERS 5-38**

Arranged alphabetically. Contains names of the landlord's, investors, location of properties, tenants who were residing at their property location, copies of certificate of title, deeds of trust, and other important documentation pertaining to the investors real estate businesses.

**SERIES THREE - REAL ESTATE RECORDS, 1909-1966, FOLDERS 39-101**

Arranged alphabetically. Contains names of historical streets and addresses in St. Louis City, where doctors, lawyers, educators, politicians, and newspaper publishers resided. Historical documentation of real estate records.

**SERIES FOUR- OVERSIZE REAL ESTATE BUSINESS LEDGERS, FOLDER 102**

Contains historical ledgers of landlord and tenants.

**FOLDER LIST**

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9. BoBo, John W., 1952-1953
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11. Bromshwig, H.H., 1938-1947
12. Brown, Russell, 1946-1957
13. Fields, Edward, 1946-1951
14. Folds, A. D., 1940-1951
15. Harper, Dr. E.L., 1945
16. Harris, George, 1947-1948
17. Herriot, Dr. Charles E., 1947-1949
18. Kaiser, Bertha, 1944
19. Kemp, Louise, 1947-1950
20. LaCour, Olivia, 1944-1945
21. Lewis, Tressie, 1938-1947
22. Loving, Franklin, 1942-1948
23. Lowenstien, Dr. H.M. , 1945-1946
24. Marshall, Thomas & Goldie, 1943-1952
25. Massey, Dr. E. O. Sr., 1944-1945
26. McDaniels, Sara, 1945-1951

27. Milton, James, 1944-1950
28. Moore, Sarah, 1940-1952
29. O'Brien, Dorothy, 1937-1953
30. Pruitt, Brady, 1943-1948
31. Reams, Henry T., 1944-1947
32. Rent Statements, 1955
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43. 3737 Cook, 1934-1948
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58. 4222 Easton, 1926-1946
59. 4245 Garfield, 1945
60. 4712 Hammett, 1934-1951
61. 4912 Highland, 1933-1952
62. 1427 Hills Terrace
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65. 4206 Labadie, 1942-1951
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68. 4260 Labadie, 1946-1948
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70. 4276 Labadie, 1944-1948
71. 4278 Labadie, 1945-1946

72. 3301 Lawton, 1934-1953
73. 4206 Lexington, 1952-1953
74. 4209 Maffitt, 1947-1948
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