

Sumner High School Collection (AC7)

Introduction

The Sumner High School Collection documents the activities of faculty and students at Sumner High School and its successor organization Sumner Academy in Kansas City, Kansas, from 1927 to 1986.

Descriptive Summary

Creator: Sumner High School
Title: Sumner High School Collection
Dates: 1927-1986
Size: 2 linear feet, 5 boxes
Collection Number: AC7

Donor Information

Donated by Sumner Academy, date unknown.

Citation Note

Sumner High School Collection (AC7), Black Archives of Mid-America, Kansas City, Missouri.

Administrative Information

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Historical Sketch

Sumner High School opened in September 1906 at 9th and Washington Boulevard in Kansas City, Kansas, under the leadership of J. E. Patterson. The school, named for noted abolitionist Senator Charles S. Sumner, was the result of 1905 state legislation authorizing segregated high schools in Kansas City, Kansas. The new Sumner High School building, funded through a Works Project Administration grant, opened in January 1940 at 1610 N. 8th Street.

Sumner High School closed in 1978 as students were assigned to other schools as part of court-ordered desegregation. The school reopened as Sumner Academy of Arts and Science for the 1978/1979 academic year. Sumner Academy continues to serve students in Kansas City, Kansas.

Scope and Content Note

The Sumner High School Collection primarily consists of yearbooks. The collection includes yearbooks for the following years: 1927; 1940; 1950; 1956; 1961; 1965-1966;

1970; 1972-1974; 1976-1977. In addition, the collection includes yearbooks for Sumner Academy for the following years: 1981; 1986. The collection also includes a commencement program for 1932 and song books created during the 1941/1942 academic year.

Collection Inventory

- f. 1 Sumnerian, 1927
- f. 2 Sumnerian, 1927
- f. 3 Sumnerian, 1940
- f. 4 Sumnerian, 1940
- f. 5 Sumnerian, 1950 (two copies)
- f. 6 Sumnerian, 1956 (two copies)
- f. 7 Sumnerian, 1961 (two copies)
- f. 8 Sumnerian, 1965 (two copies)
- f. 9 Sumnerian, 1966 (two copies)
- f. 10 Sumnerian, 1970
- f. 11 Sumnerian, 1972 (four copies)
- f. 12 Sumnerian, 1973 (two copies)
- f. 13 Sumnerian, 1974
- f. 14 Sumnerian, 1974
- f. 15 Sumner High School, 1976 (four copies)
- f. 16 Yearly Sumner, 1977 (two copies)
- f. 17 Sumner Academy, 1981 (two copies)
- f. 18 Sumner Academy, 1986 (two copies)
- f. 19 Commencement program, 1932
- f. 20 Songs We Love, 1941-1942 (two copies)

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