

Sumner High School Photograph (AC28)

Introduction

The collection contains one photograph showing the 1949 graduating class of Sumner High School in Kansas City, Kansas.

Descriptive Summary

Creator: Williams Photo Studio
Title: Sumner High School Photograph
Dates: 1949
Size: 1 photograph, 1 box.
Collection Number: AC28

Donor Information

Donated by Erik K. Stafford, 03/15/2014.

Citation Note

Sumner High School Photograph (AC28), Black Archives of Mid-America, Kansas City, Missouri.

Administrative Information

Reproduction Restrictions: Unrestricted.
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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 collection consists of one panoramic photograph showing the 1949 graduating class of Sumner High School outside of the building. The photograph was taken by Williams Photo Studio. The back of the photograph is signed.

The original photograph has been withdrawn to Oversize Box 1. Access to the original photograph requires permission from the collection librarian due to preservation concerns. A digital copy of the photograph is available for viewing in the reading room.

Collection Inventory

f. 1 Sumner High School photograph, 1949 (withdrawn to Oversize Box 1)

Processed by Michael Sweeney, Collection Librarian, August 2014.