

Jackson County Genealogical Society Collection (AC73)

Introduction:

The Jackson County Genealogical Society Collection consists of 4 years from Central High School.

Descriptive Summary:

Creator: Central High School

Title: Jackson County Genealogical Society Collection

Date Range: 1974- 1981

Size: 0.417 linear feet (1 box)

Collection Number: AC73

Related Collections

AC07 Sumner High School Collection

AC09 Lincoln High School Collection

AC71 Central High School Yearbooks Collection

AC72 High School Yearbooks Collection

Donor Information:

Donated by Jackson County Genealogical Society, August 2023.

Citation Note:

Jackson County Genealogical Collection (73), Black Archives of Mid-America, Kansas City, Missouri.

Administrative Information:

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Historical Sketch:

Central High School

Central High School dates as far back as 1867, making it the oldest school in KCMO. The school board rented rooms on the bottom floor of its first location, the Stark Building at 11th and Locust since the board did not own any school buildings until after the Civil War. The board bought the building outright in 1868. In 1882, the Stark Building was torn down and a new school building was erected on the property. Then, in 1915, the school moved to a new location at Linwood and Indiana. Central's student demographic, originally a White-only school, changed after *Brown v. The Board of Education* in 1955, becoming predominantly Black. In the '90s, the school moved to Indiana and 33rd St. The school's name was changed to Central Academy of Excellence in 2012. Ten years later, Central became one of ten schools the Kansas City Public Schools proposed be closed. However, the proposed closure was cancelled in 2023.

Scope and Content Note:

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Collection Inventory

- f. 1 1974 Masterpeice
- f. 2 1978 Masterpeice
- f. 3 1979 Centralian
- f. 4 1981 Centralian

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