

Robert and Sue Wheeler Collection (AC104)

Introduction:

The Robert and Sue Wheeler Collection contains documents, publications, yearbooks, and a VHS tape donated by Robert and Sue Wheeler.

Descriptive Summary:

Creator: Robert and Sue Wheeler

Title: Robert and Sue Wheeler Collection

Date Range: 1928-2005

Size: 0.834 linear feet (2 boxes)

Collection Number: AC104

Donor Information:

Robert and Sue Wheeler, August 2020

Citation Note:

Robert and Sue Wheeler Collection (AC104), Black Archives of Mid-America, Kansas City, Missouri

Related Collections:

AC09 Lincoln High School Collection

AC76 St. Stephen Baptist Church Collection

AC81 Freedom, Inc. Collection

AC102 Lincoln University Collection

Administrative Information:

Reproduction Restrictions: Unrestricted

Access Restrictions: Unrestricted

Biographical Sketch:*Robert R. Wheeler*

Robert Wheeler, born in Kansas City, KS, was a veteran and longtime educator in KC. Wheeler received his Bachelor of Science degree at Lincoln University, and graduated in 1948; afterwards he attended Columbia University in New York. Wheeler spent many years working for the US Department of Education before returning to Kansas City where he became a counselor at Manual High School, vice principal at Central High School, principal at Lincoln High School, assistant superintendent, and finally he was superintendent of the Center School District from 1977 to 1982.

Sue E. Wheeler

Sue E. (Anderson) Wheeler, born March 24, 1931, in Kansas City, Missouri and grew up in the Washington-Wheatley neighborhood and attended Lincoln High School. Sue became the first in her family to attend college. She received her Bachelor of Science Education degree and minor in History in 1952 from Lincoln University, and her Master of Arts Education at the University of Missouri Kansas City in 1978. Sue was also a member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha (AKA) sorority, and a deacon at St. Paul Presbyterian Church, member of the PTA, and NAACP. She primarily taught first-graders.

Robert and Sue married in 1955. Robert died in 2008. Sue died in 2021. They are both buried in Leavenworth National Cemetery.

Scope and Content Note:**Series 1: Correspondence**

This series contains two letters written by Robert Wheeler.

Series 2: Biographies

This series contains two small life stories of famous women from KC.

Series 3: Periodical

This series contains one copy of the Boule Journal by Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity.

Series 4: Lincoln High School

This series contains yearbooks and ephemeral documents related to Lincoln High School. Yearbooks are very fragile. Handle with extreme care.

Series 5: Lincoln University

This series contains publications by Lincoln University, including alumni directories.

Series 6: Directories

This series contains two alumni directories.

Series 7: St. Stephen Baptist Church

This series contains the 1973 published history of St. Stephen Baptist Church.

Series 8: Audio Visual

This series contains a VHS tape produced by Freedom, Inc.

Collection Inventory:**Series 1: Correspondence**

f. 1 Correspondence

Series 2: Biographies

f. 2 Biographies

Series 3: Periodical

f. 3 Boulé Journal, 1968

Series 4: Lincoln High School

f. 4 “New Directions in Public Education: A Mandate for Change”

f. 5 Lincoln High School 45th Reunion, 1993

f. 6 Lincoln High/ R.T. Coles 12th Reunion, 2010

- f. 7 Lincolnian, 1928
- f. 8 Lincoln, 1948 (2 copies)

Series 5: Lincoln University

- f. 9 *The Soldier's Dream Continued: A Pictorial History of Lincoln University of Missouri*
- f. 10 Lincoln University of Missouri Alumni Directory, 1988
- f. 11 Lincoln University of Missouri Alumni Directory, 2005

Series 6: Directories

- f. 12 UMKC College of Arts and Sciences, Conservatory of Music, School of Education Alumni Directory, 1992
- f. 13 Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated International Membership Directory, 2004

Series 7: St. Stephen Baptist Church

- f. 14 *Symbol of God's Grace: Seventy Years History St. Stephen Baptist Church*

Series 8: Audio Visual

- f. 15 "Special Election presented by Freedom, Inc. November 2, 1999 Time: 8:07" [VHS Tape]

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Sources:

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