

**Richard N. Wakefield papers
(2010.015)
Date Span: 1954-1983**

The papers of Richard N. Wakefield, a long-time Kansas City architect, document a number of architectural projects undertaken by him in Johnson County. The main series consists of project files for which there are related drawings and blueprints.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Source: Richard N. Wakefield III, Laura Wakefield Kaufman, and Rebecca J. Cheatham

Size: 1 linear foot plus oversized material

Access: Open

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ADMINISTRATIVE SKETCH

1929	Richard Wakefield born in Kansas City, MO
1947 ca.	Graduated from Paseo High School
1948 ca.	Attended University of Kansas
1950 ca.	Served two years in Army during Korean War
1953 ca.	Joined his father's architectural firm
By 1957	Office location—8127 Wornall Road, Kansas City, MO
1957-1960	St. Michaels and All Angels Episcopal Church project
1958	Dedication of the parish house for St. Michaels and All Angels Episcopal Church (April 12)
1967-1968	Louisburg Square Shopping Center project
1970	Wycliff West Shopping Center project
2010	Died at age 80

COLLECTION DESCRIPTION

The papers of Richard Wakefield document several architectural projects in Johnson County. The donors of the collection are relatives of Mr. Wakefield. The first series, representing the bulk of the papers, consists of architectural project files. The projects are chronologically sequenced. Photographs and slides 2010.015.001-.067 (cataloged separately)--and an assortment of blueprints and drawings--are associated with the projects. Oversized material, primarily drawings and blueprints, is awaiting processing.

Additional papers of Richard Wakefield's architectural projects comprise another archival collection-2011.011.

SERIES DESCRIPTIONS

SERIES 1: ARCHITECTURAL PROJECTS; 1957-1976

Papers are present for several Johnson County projects, primarily St. Michaels and All Angels Episcopal Church, Mission; and the Wycliff West Shopping Center, Overland Park.

SERIES 2: PRINTED MATTER; 1954-1965

Printed matter includes material relating to St. Michaels Episcopal church. A separate folder holds archival copies of newspaper articles found in the architectural projects files.

SERIES 3: OVERSIZED MATTER; 1960-1975

Oversized matter includes blueprints and drawings from the St. Michaels and All Angels Episcopal Church, Louisburg Square Shopping Center, and Wycliff West Shopping Center projects.

FOLDER TITLE LIST

Series 1: Architectural projects; 1956-1983

St. Michaels and All Angels Episcopal Church, Mission; Job 5813

Bids and proposals; 1960

Cost estimates; 1959-1960

Design File; 1959-1960

Financial Records; 1960-1961

Main building: Preliminary file; 1958-1959

Parish house: Preliminary file; 1954-1958

Parish house: Construction file; job 5516; 1957-1959

Structural Calculations; 1960

Tower and carillon; 1983

Ponderosa restaurant site, Overland Park; 1973

Wycliff West Shopping Center, Overland Park; 1970-1976

Wycliff West Shopping Center; job 7005; 1970

Standard Oil service station; job 7007; 1970

Dick Savage; 1976

Unnamed commercial building, Overland Park; 1976

Series 2: Printed Matter; 1954-1965

Newspaper clippings; 1954-1958

Newsletters; St. Michaels and All Angels Episcopal Church; 1954, 1958

Programs; St. Michaels and All Angels Episcopal Church; 1958; 1965

Series 3: Oversized Matter; 1960-1975

Folder

St. Michaels and All Angels Episcopal Church
Wycliff West Shopping Center, Overland Park

Blueprints and drawings; Louisburg Square Shopping Center, 1967-1968 [Wakefield project #227]

Blueprints and drawings; Louisburg Square Shopping Center, 1967-1968 [Wakefield project #229]

Container Inventory

Box 1

Series 1, Folder 1 through Series 1, Folder 6

Box 2

Series 1, Folder 7 through Series 2, Folder 3

Box 3

Blueprints and drawings; Louisburg Square Shopping Center, 1967-1968 [Wakefield project #227]

Blueprints and drawings; Louisburg Square Shopping Center, 1967-1968 [Wakefield project #229]

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Richard N. Wakefield, Jr., 80, passed away on Monday, April 19, 2010 at Shawnee Mission Hospital. Celebration of his life will be held with a Memorial Service at D.W. Newcomer's Sons Chapel, 8201 Metcalf, Overland Park, on Saturday, May 15, 10 a.m. Visitation with the family will follow immediately after. Dick was born August 24, 1929 in Kansas City, Mo. After achieving Eagle Scout status and graduating from Paseo High School, where he made lifelong friends (potluck group), Dick attended the University of Kansas for Architectural Engineering, and began a 58 year marriage to Pat. During the Korean War, he served two years active duty in the U.S. 5th Army - Combat Engineers while stationed at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo. His professional life started in his father's architectural firm, managing design and building projects; eventually assuming ownership. Dick's interests included golf; love of out-of-doors, dogs, and traveling with his wife throughout the U.S. He enjoyed studying history (Civil War, Lewis and Clark Expedition). Fulfilling a lifelong dream, for his 80th birthday, Dick traveled the Lewis and Clark Trail from Missouri River to Pacific Ocean accompanied by his three children along the way. Preceded in death by his wife, Patricia J. Wakefield; parents, Richard N. Wakefield Sr. and Elizabeth C. Wakefield. Survived by children; Laura W. Kaufman, Rebecca J. Cheatham, Richard N. Wakefield III; 7 grandchildren; and sister, Carolyn Simmons. Any memorial contributions (in lieu of flowers), may be made to the Salvation Army, 3637 Broadway, K.C., MO 64111 or City Union Mission 1100 E. 11th St., K.C., MO 64106. Share a memory, sign an online guestbook, or express your condolences at www.overlandparkchapel.com.