

Richard N. Wakefield papers
(2011.011)
Date Span: 1960-1968

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

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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)
1963-1965	WDAF fallout shelter project
1966	Lake Quivira Country Clubhouse remodeling project
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 2011.011.001-.057 (cataloged separately)--and several blueprints--are associated with the projects.

Mr. Wakefield was a resident of Mission. His address in 1966 was 7800 West 60th Terrace.

Additional papers of Richard Wakefield's architectural projects comprise another archival collection-2010.015.

SERIES DESCRIPTIONS

SERIES 1: ARCHITECTURAL PROJECTS; 1963-1968

Papers are present for several Johnson County projects, a WDAF fallout shelter, Leawood; Lake Quivira Country Clubhouse remodeling, Lake Quivira; and the Louisburg Square Shopping Center, Overland Park. The Price Shopping Center/Louisburg Square Shopping Center includes a group of files relating to the tenants of that development.

The proposed fallout shelter for the WDAF transmitter station was located at 83rd and Mission Road, a location now within the city of Leawood.

SERIES 2: PRINTED MATTER; 1960-1967

Printed matter includes of material relating to the construction of fallout shelters printed by the federal government, a booklet advertising Louisburg Square. A separate folder holds archival copies of newspaper articles found in the architectural projects files.

SERIES 3: OVERSIZED MATTER; 1965-1967

Oversized matter includes blueprints from the *Louisburg Square Shopping Center* project.

FOLDER TITLE LIST

Series 1: Architectural projects; 1963-1968

WDAF fallout shelter, Leawood; job 6318; 1963-1966

Proposed; 1963-1966

Construction file; 1963-1965

Specifications and Instructions to Bidders; March 1964

Lake Quivira Country Clubhouse remodel, Lake Quivira; job 6607; 1966

Price Shopping Center/Louisburg Square Shopping Center, 87th and Grant, Overland Park; job 6640; 1966-1968

Part 1; 1966-1967

Part 2; 1966-1967

Part 3; 1966-1967

Report: Foundation Soil Investigation

Tenant: Cleaner—Don Daniels; 1968

Tenant: Restaurant—William M. Dover; 1968

Tenant: Liquor store—Cliff R. Waters; 1968

Tenant: Milgram Food Store; 1968
Tenant: Barber shop—Tom Shoots; 1968
Tenant: Beauty shop—Charles Brownfield; 1968
Tenant: Sports apparel shop—Peggy Drummond; 1968
Tenant: Donut shop—Paul Murowski; 1968
Tenant: Pizza Place—C. H. Bruns; 1968
Tenant: Laundromat—Bill Cadwell; 1968

Series 2: Printed Matter; 1960-1967

Booklet; Fallout Shelter Surveys: Guide for Architects and Engineers; May 1960
Booklet; Design and Review of Structures for Protection from Fallout Gamma Radiation; October 1961
Booklet; Technical memoranda: Office of Civil Defense; 1962-1963
Booklet; Louisburg Square; ca. 1967
Envelope; Shawnee Mission postmark; September 27, 1966
Envelopes; photo developing, Katz Drug Store; 1964-1967
Envelope; Louisburg Square; ca. 1967
Envelope; Richard N. Wakefield, architect; ca. 1967
Invitation; Milgram Food Stores; November 9, 1966
Newspaper clippings; 1963-1967
Notice; Ordinance regulating swimming pools; City of Overland Park; May 1962

Series 3: Oversized Matter; 19

Folder

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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.