

Finding Aid for the Milton Kinsey Papers

Descriptive Summary

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Creator: Milton Kinsey.

Title: Milton Kinsey Papers.

Dates: 1915-61.

Quantity: 4.0 linear feet.

Language: English.

Biographical Note

Milton Kinsey was born on December 3, 1896. He was educated at Wisconsin University and Washington University Schools of Engineering. Kinsey was a member of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, becoming a lieutenant of engineers before leaving after 3 years of service. Between 1920 and 1924, Kinsey worked for the St. Louis-San Francisco Railroad. He was also employed as an Assistant Engineer with the United Railways Company of St. Louis during the same years. In 1935, Kinsey joined C.E. Smith and Co., Consulting Engineers, first as an Assistant Engineer and later as a partner. As a part of this company, Kinsey provided consultation with various utility cases before public commissions, representing the City of St. Louis, municipalities, small companies, and railroads. In 1936, Kinsey formed a partnership with Robert M. Boyles, and from 1936 to 1941, Boyles and Kinsey, Consulting Engineers represented the City of St. Louis and other municipalities in public utility rate and valuation matters. Kinsey became Chief Engineer of the Missouri Public Service Commission in 1941, and in this position he had general administrative and supervisory charge of the Engineering Department and was responsible for the determination of policies and planning of departmental activities regarding the inventory, appraisal and valuation of all privately owned public utilities in Missouri.

During World War II, Kinsey was commissioned as Captain, Allied Military Government, and after the war he accepted the position of Director of Public Utilities for the City of St. Louis. With this job, he was in charge of the operation and maintenance of the city water department, street lighting system, municipal bridge, city-owned power plants, and the municipal airport. From 1944 to 1949, Kinsey served as President of the Board of Public Service of the City of St. Louis

before returning to private consulting, forming with H.C. Brockhoff the firm of Kinsey and Brockhoff, Consulting Engineers. Kinsey died in 1980.

Scope and Content Notes

This modest collection details the early personal development and subsequent professional activities of Milton Kinsey, a graduate of Washington University's School of Engineering. The collection is particularly strong in chronicling St. Louis city and transportation planning. The material is arranged alphabetically by subject.

Administrative Information

Source of Collection

This material was donated to the University Archives by Milton Kinsey in 1969.

Accruals

There are no accruals.

Processing Information

Compiled by Sarah Pabarcus in January 2006.

Restrictions

Access Restrictions

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Personal Development (US Army Corp of Engineers [Maps of France, both Travel and Field of Engagement]) (x3 folders)

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Personal Development (US Army Corp of Engineers [Photographs from Training in Minnesota])

St. Louis (Airport Development), 1942

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St. Louis (Airport Development), 1960

St. Louis (Airports [Lambert Field], n.d.)

St. Louis (Airports [Lambert Field], 1942-1944

St. Louis (Airports [Parks Metro Airport], 1951)

St. Louis (Airports [Tesson Ferry], 1943)

St. Louis (Board of Public Service [Natural Gas, Court Case], [1933]) (x2 folders)

02 St. Louis (Board of Public Service [Natural Gas, Distribution Study]), 1938-1939

St. Louis (Board of Public Service [Natural Gas, History]), 1937 (x4 folders)

St. Louis (Board of Public Service [Natural Gas, Marketing]), 1939

St. Louis (Board of Public Service [Peoples Motor Bus Co.]), 1924-1932

St. Louis (Board of Public Service [St. Louis Chain of Rocks Pumping Plant])

St. Louis (Board of Public Service [New Pumping Station for the Proposed Water Works Addition at Chain of Rocks], 1945)

St. Louis (Board of Public Service [Proposed Revisions and Additions to the Water System of the City of St. Louis], 1946)

St. Louis (Board of Public Service [Highways and Traffic Pattern Studies]), 1915-1950 (x2 folders)

St. Louis (Board of Public Service [Industrial Development], 1950's and 60's)

St. Louis (Board of Public Service [Industrial Site Selection Manuals], 1948-1961) (x2 folders)

St. Louis (Board of Public Service [Jefferson National Expansion Memorial]), 1948

St. Louis (Board of Public Service [Metropolitan Development Plans]), 1945-1948

St. Louis (Board of Public Service [Metropolitan Development Plans]), 1954-1957

St. Louis (Board of Public Service [Expressway Plan], 1951)

St. Louis (Board of Public Service [Metropolitan Development Guide], 1958)

03 St. Louis (Board of Public Service [Municipal Free Bridge Booklet]), 1922

St. Louis (Board of Public Service [Municipal Free Bridge Booklets]), 1911-1920

St. Louis (Board of Public Service [Municipal Free Bridge Booklets]), 1920-1927

St. Louis (Board of Public Service [Municipal Free Bridge Contractual Agreements]), 1918

St. Louis (Board of Public Service [Municipal Free Bridge Plans and Notes])

St. Louis (Board of Public Service [Public Recreation Area Studies]), 1917-1944

St. Louis (St. Louis (Board of Public Service [Railroad Transportation Booklets]), 1924-1950

St. Louis (Board of Public Service [Rapid Transit Booklets]), 1920-1924) (x6 folders)

St. Louis (Board of Public Service [United Railways and Streetcar Development]) (x2 folders)

St. Louis Bridges, 1948-1949

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St. Louis City Airport Commission (Correspondence/Memos, 1951)

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St. Louis City Airport Commission (White House Visit, 1946)

St. Louis City Zoning Books, 1907-1919

St. Louis Downtown Sport Stadium Study, 1959

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St. Louis Glasconade River Hydro Plant, 1933-1937 (x3 folders)

St. Louis Riverfront Improvement Program, 1917

St. Louis Riverfront Reclamation Development, 1926-1934
(x2 folders)

St. Louis Street Plans and Reports, 1947-1948

St. Louis Streetcars, n.d.