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\*\*FINDINGS\*\* This collection brings to life Kansas City's "cowtown" legacy. Blueprints and drawings attest to the constant building, rebuilding, repair, expansion, and modernization of the stockyards facilities.

Correspondence among multiple organizations chronicles local, state, and national efforts to control the flooding of the nearby Kansas and Missouri rivers during the 20th century. Blueprints of adjacent meat packing plants show evidence of racial discrimination of the time, denoting separate – and unequal – worker facilities.

**DESCRIPTION** In 2008, hastily saved from the trash collector, the Kansas City Stockyards Collection came to the Kansas City Public Library's Missouri Valley Special Collections. The rushed donor transaction came without warning and did not allow for rehousing the collection. Staff and space limitations delayed processing of this significant archival collection until 2013, when the Library allocated additional processing space and a generous private gift allowed the hiring of an archivist to begin a preliminary inventory of the materials. Later, a CLIR grant enabled the library to process this large, unarranged collection of oversized blueprints, maps, architectural drawings, land abstracts, photos, and correspondence.





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been one of our nation's most important, expansive, and enduring commercial endeavors. Stockyards facilities were major businesses in virtually all Midwest cities. The Kansas City Stockyards Collection, long hidden away and unseen, is one of the largest known assemblages of records from this significant industry and documents important social and economic themes in our nation's history.

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