

RESEARCH DESIGN - WARD PARKWAY SURVEY

I. Objectives of the Identification Activities:

- A. To conduct an intensive survey of Ward Parkway from the 5500 block through Meyer Circle.
- B. To provide an interpretation of the history of the area, including important patterns in housing styles, socio/economic trends and important individuals associated with surveyed properties.
- C. To gather information to determine which properties in the area are significant.

II. Methods Used to Obtain the Information:

Both archival research and field survey will be utilized to obtain information about the survey area.

A. Field Survey

1. Maps

A mylar map with street names and individual structures keyed to enable identification for survey forms will be prepared.

2. Photography

An individual photograph of each structure is made using a 35 mm camera with professional black and white film. Contact sheets will be keyed by street number and exposure number and then identified as such on the individual inventory sheets.

3. Site Visits

An on-site analysis of architecture will be conducted in order to fully assess present condition and physical status.

B. Archival Research (includes location of source).

1. Water permits and building permits located in City Hall, 414 E. 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri.
2. Landmark's Commission historic files, located in City Hall, Kansas City, Missouri.

3. Western Contractor (a construction trade journal); newspaper clippings and local histories; city and social directories. These sources are located at the Missouri Valley Room, Kansas City Public Library, 311 E. 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri.
4. Blue prints/elevations from the Western Historical Manuscript Collection, University of Missouri-Kansas City, 5100 Rockhill Road.

C. Site Plan

Drawing of site plan map for each architectural entity on Historic Inventory form.

D. Assemblage

Data put in final form. The known history of a building is summarized. An architectural description is written and the sources of information are provided. In addition, address, architect (when applicable), date, number of stories, building style, etc. is provided.

III. Expected Results

It is suspected that the majority of residences identified in the survey are architect designed and were either built on speculation or for the J.C. Nichols Company of Kansas City or by prominent individuals. In addition, the surveyed area will undoubtedly include a wide range of high-style architecture.