Sylvia Minkin Shopmaker Oral History Transcription
(K1213)

Collection Number: K1213

Collection Title: Sylvia Minkin Shopmaker Oral History Transcription

Dates: 1985

Creator: Kranitz, Lilian

Abstract: This collection includes a transcription of an oral history interview conducted by Lililann Kranitz with Sylvia Minkin Shopmaker, focusing on her life, her family history, and the Jewish community of Kansas City.

Collection Size: 0.02 cubic foot
(1 folder)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

Restrictions on Access: Collection is open for research. This collection is available at The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Kansas City. If you would like more information, please contact us at kansascity@shsмо.org. Collections may be viewed at any research center.

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Donor Information: The oral history transcription was donated to the University of Missouri by Rodney T. Minkin on December 23, 2005 (Accession No. KA1417).

Related Materials: Additional materials related to the Sylvia Minkin Shopmaker Oral History Collection can be found in the following collections:

Minkin Family History Collection (K0775)
Notes: This collection is associated with the Jewish Community Archives of Greater Kansas City.

Processed by: Processed by Whitney Heinzmann and intern, Natalie Wolf, July 2019

Historical Note:

Sylvia Shopmaker, aunt of the donor, was the youngest of Philip and Esther Bessie Minkin’s five children and their only daughter. Her parents were born in Minsk, Russia, and immigrated to the United States in July 1904. Sylvia was born in Kansas City, Missouri, on January 8, 1912. Her family attended Congregation Beth Shalom when she was a girl. She received her education from Faxon Elementary School, Westport High School, and the Junior College of Kansas City. She married Leonard Shopmaker (April 27 1909-December 26, 1981) on February 23, 1936, and the couple had two daughters, Sandra and Nancy. She lived much of her adult life in Kansas City, Kansas before her death on April 3, 1996.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into one folder.

Scope and Content Note:

This collection includes the transcription of an oral history with Sylvia Minkin Shopmaker conducted by Lilian Kranitz at Shopkeeper’s home on June 30 and July 4, 1985. Shopmaker discusses the history of her life and her family, including her parents’ immigration from Russia and her family’s involvement in the Jewish community of Kansas City.

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