

## Sylvan Park Neighborhood Survey, ca. 1983

### Collection Summary

**Creator:** Sarah Foster Kelley

**Title:** Sylvan Park Neighborhood Survey

**Inclusive Dates:** ca.1983

**Summary/Abstract:** Deed research sheets and color Polaroid photographs, providing architectural and historical information about the Sylvan Park and West Nashville areas of Nashville, Tenn.

**Physical Description/Extent:** 1.6 cu. ft.

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### Biographical/Historical Sketch

Sarah Foster Kelley (1939-2002) was a Nashville native and seventh-generation descendant of Nashville founders James and Charlotte Robertson through their youngest daughter, Lavinia Beck Craighead. Kelley was born May 25, 1939, the fourth of five children born to Jesse Paul and Lavinia Hill Foster of West Nashville. Kelley studied and documented Robertson's life and descendants extensively. She worked to recreate the 1779 James Robertson log home and was long active in West Nashville community affairs and historical observances. She edited the West Nashville Digest and was a member of numerous historical and genealogical associations. The author of several genealogies and of eight published books, Kelley died July 16, 2002.

### Scope and Contents of the Collection

Deed research sheets and color Polaroid photographs, providing architectural and historical information about the Sylvan Park and West Nashville areas of Nashville, Tenn. A planned subdivision at the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, Sylvan Park was an integral part of the growing manufacturing town of West Nashville, located near the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis Railway, the Cumberland River, and Charlotte Pike. A number of the early residents in Sylvan Park worked in skilled trades for the railroad, mills, or other industries. Used by Sarah Foster Kelley as research for her book, *West Nashville, Its People and Environs*, each folder contains photograph(s) taken around 1983 of the building on the property as well as a documentation sheet with deed information for that address. In some cases, there may be properties lacking photographs or detailed descriptions.

Deed information sheets contain architectural descriptions, information on original and successive owners and other research notes.

Photographs taken around 1983 show front (street) views of most buildings and frequently include front views taken from an angle to the side. Most photographs are of bungalow-style houses built in the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries, although some reflect structural changes made over the years. Other buildings include churches, schools, and

civic buildings. Some business structures, primarily located on Charlotte Ave., are also included.

The primary focus of the survey is in the vicinity of Richland Park, bounded to the east by 42<sup>nd</sup> Ave., to the west by 54<sup>th</sup> Ave., to the north by Charlotte Ave., and to the south by Murphy Rd. Within this area, the survey includes the streets of Charlotte, Park, Elkins, Nevada, Dakota, Idaho, Wyoming, Utah, Nebraska, and Colorado Avenues and Murphy Road, as well as 46<sup>th</sup>, 49<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 51<sup>st</sup> and 54<sup>th</sup> Avenues North. Other locations outside of the Richland Park vicinity include scattered sites north of Charlotte Ave. on Georgia, Illinois, and New York Avenues; and areas to the west of White Bridge Rd. on Robertson Rd. [Ave.]; Annex Ct., Osceola Ave.; and Stevenson St. [Dr.].

### **Organization /Arrangement of Materials**

Organized by street, thereunder by address. Original order retained. The first portion of the survey begins with Charlotte Avenue near Richland Park, and progresses southward to Murphy Road. The rest of the survey is not arranged in any particular order, although generally it proceeds to areas north of Charlotte and west of White Bridge Rd., and then returns to numbered streets in the vicinity of Richland Park.

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### **Index Terms**

#### **Subjects:**

Architectural surveys -- Tennessee -- Nashville  
Architecture, Domestic -- Tennessee -- Nashville -- Photographs  
Architecture -- Tennessee -- Nashville  
Buildings --Tennessee -- Nashville -- Photographs  
Bungalows -- Tennessee -- Nashville -- Photographs  
Church architecture -- Tennessee -- Nashville -- Photographs  
Commercial buildings -- Tennessee -- Nashville -- Photographs  
Dwellings -- Tennessee -- Nashville -- Photographs  
Historic buildings -- Tennessee -- Nashville  
Neighborhood -- Tennessee -- Nashville  
School buildings -- Tennessee -- Nashville -- Photographs  
Schools -- Tennessee -- Nashville -- Photographs

**Places:**

Annex Court (Nashville, Tenn.)  
Charlotte Avenue (Nashville, Tenn.)  
Colorado Avenue (Nashville, Tenn.)  
Dakota Avenue (Nashville, Tenn.)  
Elkins Avenue (Nashville, Tenn.)  
Fiftieth Avenue (Nashville, Tenn.)  
Fifty-first Avenue (Nashville, Tenn.)  
Fifty-fourth Avenue (Nashville, Tenn.)  
Forty-ninth Avenue (Nashville, Tenn.)  
Forty-sixth Avenue (Nashville, Tenn.)  
Georgia Avenue (Nashville, Tenn.)  
Idaho Avenue (Nashville, Tenn.)  
Illinois Avenue (Nashville, Tenn.)  
Murphy Road (Nashville, Tenn.)  
Nashville (Tenn.) -- Buildings, structures, etc..  
Nashville (Tenn.) -- History -- Sources  
Nebraska Avenue (Nashville, Tenn.)  
Nevada Avenue (Nashville, Tenn.)  
New York Avenue (Nashville, Tenn.)  
Osceola Avenue (Nashville, Tenn.)  
Park Avenue (Nashville, Tenn.)  
Richland Park (Nashville, Tenn.)  
Robertson Avenue (Nashville, Tenn.)  
Stevenson Drive (Nashville, Tenn.)  
Sylvan Park (Nashville, Tenn.) -- Buildings, structures, etc.  
Sylvan Park (Nashville, Tenn.) -- History -- Sources  
Utah Avenue (Nashville, Tenn.)  
West Nashville (Nashville, Tenn.) -- Buildings, structures, etc.  
West Nashville (Nashville, Tenn.) -- History -- Sources  
Wyoming Avenue (Nashville, Tenn.)

**Genre/Document Types**

Diffusion transfer prints  
Photographs  
Manuscripts

**Associated and Related Material**

The Sarah Foster Kelley Genealogical Papers, housed in the Special Collections Division of the Nashville Public Library, include additional materials relating to Kelley's research on West Nashville, including research files and permission forms, and page proofs for her book, *West Nashville: Its People and Environs*.

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## References to Works by or about Collection Creator/Topics:

Kelley, Sarah Foster. *West Nashville, Its People and Environs*. (Nashville: S.F. Kelley, 1987).

Sarah Foster Kelley is also the author of a number of other books, many of which are about West Nashville families and founders.

*Children of Nashville...Lineages from James Robertson* (Nashville, Tenn.: Blue & Gray Press, [1973])

*The Dillingham Family of Middle Tennessee* (Nashville, Tenn.: Kelley, 1979)

*The Family of Captain James Bosley: Nashville Pioneer and Trader* (College Grove, Tenn.: E.S. Kelley, 2000)

*General James Robertson: The Founder of Nashville* (Nashville, Tenn.: Kelley, 1980)

*Index to Old Days in Nashville, by Miss Jane Thomas* (Nashville, Tenn.: Historic Landmarks Association, 1971)

*The Linton Family of Linton, Tennessee* (Nashville, Tenn.: S.F. Kelley, 1981)

*Robertson's Richland Creek Relic* (Nashville?: 1971)

*Scotch-Irish Origins of General James Robertson* (College Grove, Tenn.: S.F. Kelley, 2000)

## Detailed Description of the Collection

**Arrangement:** Organized by street, thereunder by address.

### Container List:

<u>Street Name and Number</u>	<u>Additional Information</u>
<b>Box 1</b>	
<u>Charlotte Avenue</u>	
4206 Charlotte Ave.	
4208 Charlotte Ave.	
4210 Charlotte Ave	
4406 Charlotte Ave.	Metro Fire Hall #13
4409 Charlotte Ave.	
4501 Charlotte Ave.	United States Post Office
4508 Charlotte Ave.	Charlotte Ave. Church of Christ
46 <sup>th</sup> and Charlotte Aves.	Richland Park Shopping District
4604 Charlotte Ave.	Third National Bank
4606 Charlotte Ave.	
4610 Charlotte Ave.	West Nashville Presbyterian Church
4711 Charlotte Ave.	Richland Park Library
4800 Charlotte Ave.	Originally, B.C. Wright Pharmacy
4822 Charlotte Ave.	Richland Hall
4900 Charlotte Ave.	
4920-22 Charlotte Ave.	Watkins' Hall
5000 Charlotte Ave.	50 <sup>th</sup> Ave. intersects- fronts Charlotte
5100 Charlotte Ave.	Originally, Gleaves Drug Store site
5101 Charlotte Ave.	St. Ann's Catholic Church & School
5200 Charlotte Ave.	Fidelity Federal (in 1983)
5900 Charlotte Ave.	Richland School Building
<u>Park Avenue</u>	
3327 Park Ave.	
4200 Park Ave.	
4202 Park Ave.	
4204 Park Ave.	
4209 Park Ave.	
4210 Park Ave.	
4211 Park Ave.	
4303 Park Ave	
328 44 <sup>th</sup> Ave. N.	Park Ave. Baptist Church Howell Memorial Chapel

4405 Park Ave.  
4407 Park Ave.  
4409 Park Ave.  
4411 Park Ave.  
4508 Park Ave.  
4511 Park Ave.  
4513 Park Ave.  
4601 Park Ave.  
4603 Park Ave.

All Saints' Episcopal Church

Parsonage of the West Nashville  
United Methodist Church

4607 Park Ave.  
4609 Park Ave.  
4701 Park Ave.  
4703 Park Ave.  
4707 Park Ave.  
4711 Park Ave.  
4808 Park Ave.  
4901 Park Ave.  
4905 Park Ave.  
4907 Park Ave.  
4911 Park Ave.

Cohn School

**Box 2**

**Elkins Avenue**

4203 Elkins Ave.  
4210 Elkins Ave.  
4211 Elkins Ave.  
4300 Elkins Ave.  
4301 Elkins Ave.  
4307 Elkins Ave.  
4311 Elkins Ave.  
4400 Elkins Ave.  
4403 Elkins Ave.  
4407 Elkins Ave.  
4413 Elkins Ave.  
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4509 Elkins Ave.

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4902 Elkins Ave.	
4904 Elkins Ave.	
4906 Elkins Ave.	
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5005 Elkins Ave.	Formerly 4804 Elkins Ave. moved to 5005 Elkins Ave.
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5311 Elkins Ave.	

**Nevada Avenue**

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5001 Nevada Ave.  
5003 Nevada Ave.  
5005 Nevada Ave.  
5007 Nevada Ave.  
5009 Nevada Ave.  
5010 Nevada Ave.  
5101 Nevada Ave.  
5211 Nevada Ave.  
5304 Nevada Ave.

**Box 3**

**Dakota Avenue**

4308 Dakota Ave.  
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4604 Dakota Ave.  
4605 Dakota Ave.  
4700 Dakota Ave.  
4702 Dakota Ave.



5000 Dakota Ave.

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See 5000 Dakota Ave.

5010 Dakota Ave.

5011 Dakota Ave.

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### **Idaho Avenue**

4203 Idaho Ave.

4301 Idaho Ave.

4303 Idaho Ave.

4306 Idaho Ave.

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### **Wyoming Avenue**

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**Utah Avenue**

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**Box 4**

**Nebraska Avenue**

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**Colorado Avenue**

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4409 Colorado Ave.  
4410 Colorado Ave.  
4500 Colorado Ave.  
4502 Colorado Ave.  
4503 Colorado Ave.  
4510 Colorado Ave.

First Southern Methodist Church

**Murphy Road**

4100 Murphy Road

Formerly Minnesota Ave. 41<sup>st</sup> called  
Sylvan Street

**Osceola Avenue**

109 Osceola Ave.

C.C. Vernon Farm subdivision  
Two photographs

**New York Avenue**

6101 New York Ave.

West Nashville Clinic (later St.  
Luke's) was held in this house circa  
1913.

**Georgia Ave.**

4509 Georgia Ave

4600 Georgia Ave.  
4604 Georgia Ave.

Howell Memorial Baptist Church  
Park Ave. Baptist Church later.

5109 Georgia Ave.

### **Illinois Avenue**

4401 Illinois Ave.  
4609 Illinois Ave.

### **Robertson Road Area**

576 Annex Court  
541 Stevenson Street [Dr.]  
5904 Robertson Road [Ave.]

Hilltop Farm-Cockrill Family  
Site of James Robertson's  
Travellers' Rest, burned Sept. 1902.

### **54<sup>th</sup> Avenue North**

217 54<sup>th</sup> Ave. N.  
218 54<sup>th</sup> Ave. N.  
228 54<sup>th</sup> Ave. N.  
233 54<sup>th</sup> Ave. N.  
237 54<sup>th</sup> Ave. N.  
241 54<sup>th</sup> Ave. N.  
300 54<sup>th</sup> Ave. N.  
301 54<sup>th</sup> Ave. N.  
307 54<sup>th</sup> Ave. N.  
317 54<sup>th</sup> Ave. N.  
321 54<sup>th</sup> Ave. N.  
331 54<sup>th</sup> Ave. N.

### **51<sup>st</sup> Avenue North**

207 51<sup>st</sup> Ave. N.  
301 51<sup>st</sup> Ave. N.  
309 51<sup>st</sup> Ave. N.  
314 51<sup>st</sup> Ave. N.  
315 51<sup>st</sup> Ave. N.  
326 51<sup>st</sup> Ave. N.  
700 51<sup>st</sup> Ave. N.

### **46<sup>th</sup> Avenue North**

119 46<sup>th</sup> Ave. N.  
205 46<sup>th</sup> Ave. N.

**49<sup>th</sup> Avenue North**

605 49<sup>th</sup> Ave. N.  
610 49<sup>th</sup> Ave. N.

Cockrill School

**50<sup>th</sup> Avenue North**

327 50<sup>th</sup> Ave. N.