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Randolph, John, Scrapbook, MS 23

Finding Aid for the John Randolph Scrapbook

Collection Number	MS 23
Title	John Randolph Scrapbook
Name and Location of Repository	Pittsburg State University, Special Collections & University Archives, Pittsburg, Kansas
Dates	1894-1898
Collection Size	.5 linear foot
Creator	John Randolph (1857-1901)
Scope and Content	Eighty pages of newspaper clippings containing historical information on Pittsburg and Crawford County, Kansas, spanning a four year period, 1894 to 1898. Includes histories, photographs, and illustrations of prominent businesses and homes, and biographical sketches of community leaders. The bulk of the collection pertains to political issues and elections on the local and national level. Included is information about the Republican, Democratic, Populist and Socialist parties. Some of the clippings document the life and career of John Randolph, including a series of political letters between Randolph and O. T. Boaz, published in the local press in 1896. Also included is one original letter to Randolph from John C. Buchanan, editor of the Pittsburg <u>Kansan</u> , a Democratic Party newspaper.
Access Restrictions	This collection is open for access
Languages	English
Biographical Note	John Randolph, a native of Pennsylvania, was born September 9, 1857. He moved, with his family, to South Carolina during the Civil War and to Riley County, Kansas, in 1870. In 1881 John Randolph was appointed principal of the public schools in Girard, Kansas, a position he occupied for five years. In 1886 Randolph resigned his educational position to enter the law profession with Girard attorney, James Brown. Passing the Kansas bar examination in 1887 Randolph settled in Pittsburg, Kansas, to practice law. Randolph's legal career thrived and he was involved in numerous community projects and movements such as the establishment of the Pittsburg Public Library. He was no less ardent in local political campaigns on behalf of the Republican Party, and in 1888 was appointed to fill the position of city attorney. Randolph was frequently a delegate to city, county, state and national conventions. Randolph married Theresa Gould in 1890. She was active in numerous civic organizations and was librarian at the Pittsburg Public Library for many years. Three sons were born to John and Theresa, including Vance Randolph, the noted folklorist and expert on Ozarks culture. John Randolph died in 1901.