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INTRODUCTION

Correspondence, biographical and genealogical information, newspaper article transcriptions, and photographs relating to the life and work of Jacob I. Sheppard, a prominent attorney from Southeast Kansas and a member of the Socialist party.

DONOR INFORMATION

Donors of the Jacob I. Sheppard collection to the Leonard H. Axe Library at Pittsburg State University include Ms. Barbara McClenny (January 1999); Ms. Barbara Snyder (February 1999); and Sandra and Cassandra Gaunt (November 18, 2000 and January 8, 2002).

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Jacob I. Sheppard was born December 17, 1861 in Jackson County, West Virginia to Samuel and Mary J. Sheppard. His family moved to Bourbon County, Kansas in 1870 and lived there until 1885 when they relocated to California without Jacob. On July 4, 1885 Jacob married Ida Gifford. Together, they had three children. Jacob began teaching in Bourbon County schools in 1884 and, after private study, he passed the bar exam in 1889. Jacob opened his law office in Fort Scott, Kansas. Sheppard often took part in the socialist movement by selecting socialist oriented cases including those against Fred Warren and Julius A. Wayland, the editor and publisher of the socialist newspaper *Appeal to Reason*, located in Girard, Kansas. Despite being in poor health, Sheppard served as counsel for the Alexander Howat-led faction of the United Mine Workers Association against the Kansas Industrial Court. Sheppard also helped to establish People's College in Fort Scott to provide a law-oriented education to the public. Jacob excelled in his career as an attorney and eventually became a judge. He remained in Fort Scott until his death in October of 1921.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The Jacob I. Sheppard collection contains transcribed newspaper articles referring to Jacob I. Sheppard, including the cases he argued as an attorney and the Peoples College in Fort Scott. The collection also contains personal correspondence, photographs, genealogical information, and a Bourbon County Kansas Bar Association memorial program dated November 19, 1921. Personal letters from Sam Mitchell document the Civil War activities of Jacob I. Sheppard's relatives. The Jacob I. Sheppard collection is compiled into a single **Biographical** series.

SERIES DESCRIPTION

The **Biographical Series** contains transcriptions of news articles, correspondence between members of the Sheppard family, photocopied pages of genealogical information from a family bible, recorded family stories, family photographs, genealogical information, an obituary, historical and interview notes, and a memorial session of the Bourbon County Bar Association.

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