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INTRODUCTION

Dr. Paul Stuart Sell was a longtime dentist, practicing in Independence, Kansas, and an avid musician. This collection of materials includes photographs, sheet music, songs and song books he used to play at events, and miscellaneous artifacts.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Dr. Paul Stuart Sell was born February 18, 1927 in Pittsburg, Kansas to Paul L. and Wilma Lee (Stuart) Sell. The family lived in Girard, Kansas, and Paul graduated from Girard High School in 1944. His father owned a longtime business in Pittsburg, Sell and Son. Sell served in the U.S. Navy and was discharged in 1946. He attended Kansas State Teachers College (now Pittsburg State University) and received a Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Biology in 1949.

Sell married Betty Jeanne Zurek on December 21, 1949 and they had two children, Paula and Steven. He later attended the School of Dentistry at the University of Missouri, Kansas City and graduated with a DDS degree in 1953. The Sells moved to Independence, Kansas, the same year so Paul could begin his dental practice. Dr. Sell remained in his business for 39 years, retiring in 1992.

Dr. Sell was also a musician. He and Dr. George Jones formed "Somethin' Jones and the Redcoats" in 1968 with Paul as pianist and clarinet player. Other musical groups he was involved in through the years included: Ye Olde Big Dance Band, Vintage Swing, Paradox Duo with George Jones, and as a pianist for the First Presbyterian Church Praise Band, Independence.

Dr. Paul Sell passed away June 24, 2014.

DONOR INFORMATION

Unknown

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The Paul Stuart Sell Collection is divided into three series: **Photograph, Music and Miscellaneous.**

The **Photograph** series contains photographs of Paul Sell at various stages of his life, and of his father, John Sell. There are photographs of his store, Cherryvale, and the Girard Fire Department.

The **Music** series includes eleven pieces of sheet music that he composed. There are sixteen different song lyrics by him and, a printed programs and play lists. There is also a song book and five different Christmas Carol books. There are two copies of hymnals.

The **Miscellaneous** series consists of two letters, to Sell and to Ray Fennimore, a flyer of a Christian education program, a copy of "Jack Horner" (most likely written by Sell or one of his sons), a sheet of unused letterhead from Sell and Son, Girard, and an autographed LP album entitled "St. George Serbian Orthodox Church Presents Kornelije Stankovich in Songs from the Montreal Expo'67 Program", Dean Croxton, Director.

FOLDER LIST

Photograph Series

- f. 1 Three photos of Paul Sell
- f. 2 Sell and Sons hardware and appliance store, Pittsburg; John Sell and customers in Sell and Sons, Pittsburg (circa early 1900s); John Sell, Pittsburg Bldg Mtl. Co, 1907; West side of Girard Square (circa early 1900s).
- f. 3 Sell playing at an event; sheet music negative; Cherokee Sentinel newspaper clipping drawing of Palace Cook stove manufactured by Girard Foundry (1887); Girard Fire Department (circa 1950s).

Music Series

- f. 4 Sheet music written by Sell
- f. 5 Lyrics by Sell
- f. 6 Songs that Sell played at events
- f. 7 Song book (2x)
- f. 8 Christmas Carol book (5x)
- f. 9 Best – Loved Hymns (2x)

Miscellaneous Series

- f. 10 A letter to Sell; a letter to Ray Fennimore; a flyer for a Christian education program; a copy of Jack Horner; a sheet of unused letterhead from Sell and Son, Girard.
- f. 11 LP album entitled “St. George Serbian Orthodox Church Presents Kornelije Stankovich in Songs from the Montreal Expo’67 Program” and autographed by the choir’s director, Dean Croxton, “To my good friend Paul Sell from Dean Croxton”. (Oversize).