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Frances Baxter Collection

Collection Number	MS 141
Title	The Frances Baxter Collection
Name and Location of Repository	Pittsburg State University, Special Collections & University Archives, Pittsburg, Kansas
Dates	1912-1981
Collection Size	7.4 linear feet
Creator	Frances Baxter
Scope and Content	This collection gives an overview of Baxter's education at Pittsburg State University, her professional positions, and organizations she in which she was involved, and her many travels. The collection includes materials that Baxter saved over the years and reflect life and culture of both Mexico and Southeast Kansas from the late 1910s to the 1980s.
Access Restrictions	This collection is open for access
Languages	English; Spanish
Biographical Note	Frances B. Baxter was born on Feb. 27, 1903, in Vernon County, Missouri, to Brewster Ross and Anna Mary Neichols Lawrence. She graduated from Hume High School and Kansas State Teachers College, now Pittsburg State University. Between the 1920s and 1940s Mrs. Baxter received several degrees from KSTC. After additional studies at the National University of Mexico in Mexico City in 1948, she received her master's degree in 1949 from the Kansas State Teachers College. She married E. Victor Baxter in 1927. She taught school in Cherokee, Kansas, and in the Art Department at the Kansas State Teacher's College in 1947-1948. For two years, she worked in the treasurer's office at the County Courthouse in Girard, Kansas. In the 1940s, Mrs. Baxter and her husband established the Pittsburg Broadcasting Company and KOAM Radio. She was chairman of the board of both KOAM Radio and KOAM TV at the time of their sales in the 1980s. Mrs. Baxter was a member of the First United Methodist Church since 1930, a member of Lambda Phi Delta Sorority, American Association of University Women, the Preceptor Laureate Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi and a former member and past president of the Friday Study Club. Vernon Baxter died Feb. 24, 1975. Frances Baxter died on Aug. 24, 1989, at Mt. Carmel Medical Center and willed her body to the University of Kansas Medical Center for medical research.
Series	There are 19 series in this collection:
Correspondence, Personal Papers, Organizations, Education, KOAM, Publications, Programs, Guidebooks, Press Releases, Advertisements, Photographs, Music, Art, Maps, Recipes, Clippings, Miscellaneous, Scrapbooks and Oversized.	

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The **Correspondence** series contains both personal and professional letters to and from Baxter. There is catalog of Christmas cards that Baxter may have purchased. There are also newsletters and advertisements. This series is arranged chronologically.

The **Personal Papers** series includes biographical data on Baxter, her teaching certificates, and receipts. The most biographical information within this series is in the diaries and address books.

The **Organizations** series contains materials from organizations Baxter was involved in, particularly Greek societies, and Christian organizations. This series is arranged alphabetically and then chronologically.

The **Education** series includes materials on Baxter's education and materials for the courses she taught. This series includes notes Baxter took for her own classes and then some notes from her own lectures and classes. The notes are mainly from literature and art courses. There are some textbooks that Baxter used and some that she consulted.

The **KOAM** series consists of a script from a broadcast and an example of their letterhead.

The **Publications** series includes journals, books, pamphlets, magazines, articles, poetry, art books, and miscellaneous pieces. The journals and books deal mostly with educational themes whereas the magazines relate more to travel and tourism. There are three small books of poetry, and one printed poem. This series is arranged by item and then chronologically.

The **Programs** series consists of programs for concerts and plays that were mostly preformed at the Kansas State Teacher's College. The second largest group within this series are travel brochures. This series is arranged chronologically.

The **Guidebooks** series includes guides from several different tourist spots in the United States and Mexico. This series is arranged chronologically.

The **Press Releases** series includes press releases from a Mexican newspaper.

The **Advertisements** series consists of advertisements for art products, book lists, and a variety of different products, ranging from lightbulbs to medicine.

The **Photographs** series includes loose and framed photographs, negatives, and slides. This series is arranged chronologically.

The **Art** series consists of reproductions of paintings and drawings.

The **Music** series contains two music books, song lyrics and song books, and fragments of sheet music.

The **Maps** series contains highway maps of many states in America, and the Caribbean.

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The **Recipes** series includes recipes from “Homemakers” television shows, and from packages of different ingredients.

The **Clippings** series contains newspaper articles from both local and national newspapers, featuring both local and major national events. There are also clippings from Mexican newspapers. This series is arranged chronologically.

The **Miscellaneous** series includes order forms from Baxter Lumber and Mercantile Company, notes, calendars, holiday favors, and some random objects.

The **Scrapbooks** series contains nineteen scrapbooks. These scrapbooks document Baxter’s high school and university days, and her many hobbies. Many of the scrapbooks include a folder to hold loose papers from the scrapbooks. All but one of the scrapbooks are in their original binding. The scrapbooks are arranged chronologically, while the loose pages are kept in their original order.

The **Oversized** series consist of art and Christmas books, and three scrapbooks with folders containing loose pages.

Folder List

Box 1

Correspondence

- f. 1 1924 – 1959
- f. 2 circa 1960 – 1989
Christmas Cards (1970)

Personal Papers

- f. 3 Biographical Information
Two Diaries
Address Books / Diaries (1955-1967; undated)
- f. 4 Papers within Address Books
- f. 5 Teaching Permits (1941-1944)
Receipts

Organizations

- f. 6 Alpha Mu Gamma – Kappa Delta Phi
- f. 7 Kappa Phi
- f. 8 Ladies Reading Club – Y. W. C. A.

Education

- f. 9 Public School Notebooks
- f. 10 Notes for Classes
- f. 11 Notes for Classes
- f. 12 Notes for Art Classes
- f. 13 Notes for Latin Literature

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Box 2

- f. 14 Notes for Literature
- f. 15 Notes for Scandinavian Literature
 - Notebook
 - Textbooks
- f. 16 Books for Art Classes

KOAM

- f. 17 Letterhead
 - Broadcasting Script

Publications

- The Mentor*, vol. 12, no. 8, Sept. 1924.
- Le Manuscrit Autographe*, no. 41, 1933.
- The Metropolitan Museum of Art*, vol. 5, 1947.
- The Educational Leader*, vol. 14, 1950.
- Parsons, Frank Alvah. *The Principles of Advertising Arrangement*. Prang Co. 1912.
- Pelsma, John R. *Lessons in Public Speaking and Oral Reading for Class or Private Drill*. Pelsma. 1916.
- Linde Air Products Co. *Sheet Metal Welding by the Oxy-Acetylene Process*. Linde Air Products Co. 1925.
- Rincon, Tomas Zepeda. *La República Mexicana: Geografía y Atlas*. 2nd Ed. Editorial Progreso. 1941.
- Goodspeed, Bernice I. *Mexican Tales*. 3rd Ed. American Book and Printing Co. 1946.
- Ross, Patricia Fent. *The Hungry Moon: Mexican Nursery Tales*. Alfred A. Knopf, Inc. 1946.
- Salten, Felix. *Bambi's Children*. Abr. ed. Wonder Books. 1951.
- Andersen, Hans Christian. *The Ugly Duckling*. James and Jonathan. 1953.
- f. 18 Motivational Books
 - Informational Guides to Native Americans of Eastern Oklahoma
 - Kansas Kernels: A Rich Harvest of Prose and Poetry*. Edited by Carol Robbins. Carol Robbins. 1972.
 - Foster, Richard L. *These Seventy-Seven Years: The History of the First Baptist Church, Fairland, Oklahoma, 1892-1969*. Foster. 1969.
 - Webb, Walter F. *Webb's Catalog of Recent Mollusca from All Parts of the World*. Lee. *Reader's Digest*. 1959.
 - Arizona Highways. 1952.
 - Friends. 1956 and 1957.
 - Kansas!. 1962.
 - Grand Lake O' The Cherokees. 1968.
 - The Ozark Frontier Trail. 1968 and 1969.
 - Kansas!. 1970.
 - Kitchen-Klatter Magazine, vol. 34, no. 3, Mar. 1970.
 - Kansas Fish and Game. 1970.
 - Spectator. 1973.
 - Grand Lake O' the Cherokees
 - Australia

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Box 3

Kanza, vol. 70, 1963.

- f. 19 Articles (1944 – 1969; undated)
- f. 20 Poetry
- f. 21 Art Books
- f. 22 Miscellaneous

Programs

- f. 23 1925 – 1933
- f. 24 1934 – 1939
- f. 25 1940 – 1947
- f. 26 1950 – 1980; undated
- f. 27 Undated

Guide Books

Metropolitan Museum of Art. Van Gogh: Paintings and Drawings. Metropolitan Museum of Art. 1949-50.

Western Tour Book. American Automobile Association. 1954.

- f. 28 Undated

Press Releases

- f. 29 circa 1955 – circa 1957

Advertisements

- f. 30 Art
Books
- f. 31 Products

Photographs

- f. 32 1951 – 1952
Undated

Box 4

- f. 33 Undated
- f. 34 Undated
- f. 35 Negatives
- f. 36 Slides
- f. 37 Slides

Art

- f. 38 Undated reproductions

Music

- f. 39 Music Books
Lyrics
Sheet Music

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Maps

- f. 40 Large Maps
- f. 41 Folded Maps
- f. 42 Folded Maps

Recipes

Box of recipes

- f. 43 Homemakers TV Shows and Package Recipes
- f. 44 Homemakers TV Shows and Package Recipes

Clippings

- f. 45 1919 – 1959

Box 5

- f. 46 1960 – circa 1966
- f. 47 1970 – 1976
- f. 48 1981; undated

Miscellaneous

- f. 49 Order forms for Baxter Lumber and Merc. Co.
Notes
Calendar
- f. 50 Calendar
Notes
Holiday Favor
- f. 51 Combs

Box 6

Scrapbooks

- 1917 – 1921
- 1924 – 1926
- f. 52 Loose pages in Scrapbook 2
- 1925
- 1931 - 1933
- 1936 - 1945
- f. 53 Loose pages in Scrapbook 5
- f. 54 Loose pages in Scrapbook 5
- 1943 - 1944
- 1946
- f. 55 Loose pages in Scrapbook 7

Box 7

- 1953 – 1956
- 1956
- f. 56 Loose pages in Scrapbook 9
- 1960

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- f. 57 Loose pages in Scrapbook 10
1960 - 1961
- f. 58 Loose pages in Scrapbook 11
1965
1967
- f. 59 Loose pages in Scrapbook 13
- f. 60 Scrapbook 14
- f. 61 Loose pages in Scrapbook 14
- f. 62 Loose pages in Scrapbook 14

Box 8

- 1967
- 1966 - 1968
- f. 63 Loose pages in Scrapbook 15
1972
- f. 64 Loose pages in Scrapbook 16
1973
- f. 65 Loose pages in Scrapbook 17
Undated
- f. 66 Loose pages in Scrapbook 18
Undated
- f. 67 Loose pages in Scrapbook 19
- f. 68 Loose pages in Scrapbook 19

Oversized

- Art books
- Christmas books
- Scrapbooks (1945-1961)