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Elizabeth Cochran Collection

Collection Number MS 123

Title The Elizabeth Cochran Collection

Name and Location of Repository Pittsburg State University, Special

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Pittsburg, Kansas

1900 - 1987 **Dates**

Collection Size 5 linear feet

Creator Elizabeth Cochran. The items in the

Elizabeth Cochran Papers were donated by Dr. Cochran's nephew, Leland Robert Johnson, from 1987-1997.

Scope and Content

Personal papers and materials collected by Dr. Elizabeth Cochran, Pittsburg State University History Professor (1930-1962). Includes personal and professional correspondence; professional writing and research; travel materials;

Access Restrictions This collection is open for access

Languages **English**

manuscripts; photographs; and financial records.

Biographical Note Mary Elizabeth Cochran taught history at

Pittsburg State University from 1930 – 1962. She was born in 1891 in Fremont, Iowa and received her undergraduate degree from Missouri Valley College. She received her graduate degrees (including Ph.D) from the University of Chicago. Prior to coming to Pittsburg State University, she taught in junior colleges and public schools in Nebraska, Missouri, and Oklahoma. After her retirement from PSU in 1962, she taught for five years at Cumberland College in Williamsburg, Kentucky. After retiring a second time she returned to Pittsburg, Kansas and lived there until the last year of her life, when she moved to an assisted living community in Wichita. During her life and career, Dr. Cochran was a member of various professional and civic organizations, including the American Association of University Women; American Association of American Professors; the League of Women Voters; Phi Alpha Theta; the Kansas Historical Society; and the Kansas Teachers Association. She also served several terms as a member of the Governor's Council on Foreign Relations, and on the Kansas Centennial Commission. Dr. Cochran died in 1984 in Wichita.

Series The collection is arranged into six series: Personal (including correspondence and financial documents as sub-series); Research and Writings; Pittsburg State University Materials; Student Coursework (from her days in college); **Travel**; **Photographs**; and **Miscellaneous**. There are also several miscellaneous oversized items in flat box.

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Box 1:

Personal Series

Correspondence Series

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- f. 45 Personal- ID Cards; Tickets
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- f. 47 Personal- Diplomas; Certificates (some items in flat box)
- f. 48 Memberships- Delta Kappa Gamma; Theta Sigma Upsilon
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Research and Writings Series

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Box 3:

Pittsburg State University Series

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Travel Series

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Photograph Series

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Miscellaneous Series

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- f. 73 Miscellaneous
- f. 74 Miscellaneous Publications

Box 4: Oversized Items