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Gardner, Eugene V., Family Photograph Collection, MS 165

Eugene V. Gardner Family Photograph Collection

Collection Number	MS 165
Title	The Eugene V. Gardner Family Photograph Collection
Name and Location of Repository	Pittsburg State University, Special Collections & University Archives, Pittsburg, Kansas
Dates	1925 - 1999
Collection Size	.4 linear foot
Creator	Eugene Gardner family. Mrs. Carolyn Brooker-Weathers donated the materials in the Eugene V. Gardner Family Photograph Collection.

Scope and Content A collection of photos, news clippings, and ephemera relating to Eugene “Gene” Vernon Gardner, a professor and chairman of the Department of Technology at Pittsburg State University from 1967 to 1981. The collection consists of family photos, two news clippings, 1940 Kansas State Teacher’s College commencement announcement, and other materials.

Access Restrictions This collection is open for access

Languages English

Biographical Note Eugene “Gene” Vernon Gardner was born in Scanlon, Louisiana on December 24, 1915. The Gardner family moved to Clay County, Kansas, where he attended school in a one room schoolhouse. He graduated from the Clay County Community High School, Clay Center, Kansas, in 1935. On December 15, 1939, he married Helen A. Rogers. Their daughter, Judith Anne, was born September 3, 1942. Dr. Gardner received his Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Industrial Education from the Kansas State Teacher’s College, now Pittsburg State University, in May 1940. He also received his Master of Science from Iowa State University, Ames, in 1949. In 1966 he graduated from Indiana University, Bloomington, with his Ed.D. degree. Dr. Gardner’s teaching experience included one year, 1940-1941, as Project Supervisor for the National Youth Administration, at Southeast Missouri State College in Cape Girardeau; followed by two years (1941-1943) as a metal and auto instructor at Fort Scott High School and Fort Scott Junior College. In 1943-1944 he was an instructor in the Aeronautical Engineering-Navy V-5 program at Iowa State University, in Ames, Iowa, and from 1944 through 1947 he taught meteorology at the Escola Technica de Aviacao to Brazilian Air Force Cadets in Sao Paulo, Brazil. He also taught for 20 years (1947 – 1967) in the auto technology and metal technology departments at Bradley University, in Peoria, Illinois. During his tenure at Bradley University he traveled to Baghdad, Iraq in 1953 as a consultant to the minister of education and to the technical

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schools at Baghdad, Mosul, Kirkuk, Sulemenia, and Basara. During his time in Baghdad, he wrote curricula for the automotive and metal departments until 1955. He also traveled to Sao Paulo, Brazil, and was assigned as an education specialist in technical teacher education to the minister of education. Gardner then returned to Pittsburg and was appointed as the first chairman of the Department of Technology at Pittsburg State University in 1967. He retired as Professor Emeritus on July 30, 1981. Gene Gardner died on May 20, 2002, at the age of eighty-six.

Series The Eugene V. Gardner Family Photograph Collection consists of nine folders and arranged into three series: **Photographs**; **News Clippings**; and **Miscellaneous**.

The **Photographs** series consists of original family photos of Gene, Helen, and Judith Gardner and are arranged by decade. There are several undated and unidentified photos in the collection. The **Newspaper Clippings** series includes two articles about the end of World War II, undated news clippings regarding Gene Gardner and Judith Gardner; and an obituary for Gene Gardner. The **Miscellaneous** series contains Eugene Gardner's 1940 Kansas State Teacher's College commencement announcement; a listing of past family home addresses; and a commencement name card for Judith Anne Gardner.

Folder List

Photographs Series

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News Clippings Series

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Miscellaneous Series

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