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Collection Number	MS 128
Title	The Little Balkans and Camptown Racing Collection
Name and Location of Repository	Pittsburg State University, Special Collections & University Archives, Pittsburg, Kansas
Dates	1981 - 1994
Collection Size	1 linear foot
Creator	Little Balkans Foundation Board/Gene DeGruson
Scope and Content	<p>The Little Balkans Foundation, Inc. and the Camptown Racetrack was established in 1987 to provide greyhound racing near Pittsburg, Kansas. The collection contains correspondence, legal documents, speech transcriptions, proposals, transcripts, booklets, and other miscellaneous documents.</p>
Access Restrictions	This collection is open for access
Languages	English
Series	<p>The materials in this collection give an overview of the Little Balkans Foundation, Inc. and the Camptown Race Track. This collection has twelve series: Correspondence; The Little Balkans Foundation, Inc.; Camptown Racing, Inc.; Business between the Little Balkans Foundation and Camptown Racing, Inc.; Kansas Racing Commission; The Little Balkans Foundation, Inc. vs The Kansas Racing Commission; Logistics of Camptown Race Track; Petition; Press Releases; Clippings; Historical Information; and Miscellaneous. The collection also contains several notebooks containing applications from the Little Balkans Foundation and Camptown Racing Inc. The Correspondence series consists of professional letters between The Little Balkans Foundation, Sunflower Racing, The Kansas Racing Commission, and Camptown Racing and Development, Inc. over the creation of a greyhound racing track north of Pittsburg. This series is arranged chronologically.</p> <p>The Little Balkans Foundation, Inc. series contains the founding documents for the creation of the organization, including the articles of incorporation and the bylaws for LBF. There are also agendas, minutes of meetings, organizational and personal structure, a list of potential partners, speeches given by LBF, tax statements, and art print order sheets.</p> <p>The Camptown Racing, Inc. series consists of its articles of incorporation and its analysis of the population within a one-hundred mile radius of Pittsburg and whether or not the area could support a dog racing track.</p> <p>The Business between the Little Balkans Foundation and Camptown Racing, Inc. series contains two agreements between LBF and Camptown Racing Inc.</p>

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The **Kansas Racing Commission** series includes the rules and regulations for the commission, the articles of incorporation for the Racing Association of Kansas Southeast, applications for being the owner or manager of a facility, and materials for general meetings.

The **Little Balkans Foundation, Inc. vs The Kansas Racing Commission** series documents the legal battle between the Little Balkans Foundation and the Kansas Racing Commission with Sunflower Racing, Inc. This includes transcripts and briefings from several of their hearings, along with petitions for a judicial review, and biographical information for the special committee who judged this case.

The **Logistics of Camptown Race Track** series includes a Camptown Racing business plan booklet, which outlines the plan of how the Camptown Racing track would operate in its day to day business. It also has economic study and feasibility study booklets, which outline how the Camptown track would be a viable and profitable facility in the location chosen. This series also contains the joint application booklet from four southeast Kansas enterprises that came together for this project, which also contains a complete business overview. Those four enterprises are Camptown Racing, Inc., which formed in April 1987, Camptown Development, Inc., formed May 1987, The Little Balkans Foundation, formed October 1987, and Camptown Development Limited Partnership, Inc., which formed in January 1988. It contains information on business, financial operations, racing, pari-mutuel wagering operations, track management, economic demographics, public safety and security.

The **Petition** series contains booklets of petition sheets for supporting the Little Balkans and Camptown Racing in receiving a racing license.

The **Press Releases** series consists of press releases by the Little Balkans Foundation and Camptown Racing, and some flyers about the history of dog racing in this area.

The **Clippings** series includes newspapers and newspaper clippings which have articles related to the delayed and troubled construction of the Camptown Racing Park in Crawford County. This series is arranged chronologically.

The **Historical Information** series contains history for greyhound racing and Southeast Kansas.

The **Miscellaneous** series contains a document about finances and handwritten notes.

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f. 3 Tax Statements
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f. 4 Articles of Incorporation
Analysis of Population within a one hundred mile radius of Pittsburg, Kansas

Business between the Little Balkans Foundation, Inc. and Camptown Racing, Inc.

f. 5 Agreement of the creation of a race track and its management
An example of a management agreement

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Kansas Racing Commission

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Logistics of Camptown Race Track

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- n. 2 The Little Balkans Foundation, Inc. and Camptown Development and Racing, Inc. Jointly Submit a Facility Owner License Application and Facility Manager License Application to the Kansas Racing Commission: Volume I: Sections I, II, III (2x)
- n. 3 The Little Balkans Foundation, Inc. and Camptown Development and Racing, Inc. Jointly Submit a Facility Owner License Application and Facility Manager License Application to the Kansas Racing Commission: Volume II: Sections IV, V, VI, VII, VIII (2x)