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Collection Number MS 172
Title The Helen Kelso Carney Collection
Name and Location of Repository Pittsburg State University, Special Collections & University Archives, Pittsburg, Kansas
Dates 1965 - 1978
Collection Size .4 linear foot
Creator Camilla MacPhail donated the items in 2002
Scope and Content A collection of documents, correspondence, bibliographic material, publications, and personal memorabilia related to Helen Kelso Carney.
Access Restrictions This collection is open for access
Languages English
Biographical Note Helen Kelso Carney (1916-1997) was born in Cherokee, Kansas to Claire Payne Kelso and Nigh Kelso. She received her B.A. from Kansas State Teacher’s College (now Pittsburg State University) and her M.A. from Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois. She did doctoral studies at Middlebury College in Vermont, Tulsa University in Oklahoma, and Mills College in California. She was the Supervisor of Foreign Languages in the Tulsa, Oklahoma public schools, and taught at Edison High School for 12 years. She published in several language magazines and was the first American to write a beginning French textbook for Americans for situations in America, not France. The French government awarded her with the “Chevalier des Palmes Academiques,” the highest award given for service to the French language. She is listed in Who’s Who of American Women and was accorded “Distinguished Alumni” by Pittsburg State University. She passed away in 1997.

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