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Mildred and Murray Meador Collection

Overview of the Collection

Creator               Meador-Matsler Families
Title                 The Mildred and Murray Meador Collection
Dates                 1873-1997
Quantity              3 linear feet and one oversize box
Collection Number     MS 190
Summary               Newspapers and clippings from 1899 to 1990; personal correspondence from 1876-1997; legal contracts; expenditures; patent and patent information; café expenses; plays; playbills and programs; diaries of Edwin Matsler and others; replications of famous art pieces; lessons in art appreciation; original artwork of Margaret Matsler and Willis Wayne; literacy pamphlets and programs; miscellaneous ephemera and brochures; grade cards and other teaching materials; photographs of the family and of Pittsburg State University; Family Bible; old spectacles and other miscellaneous items.
Repository            Pittsburg State University; Leonard H. Axe Library; Special Collections & University Archives
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                      Pittsburg; Kansas 66762
                      (620) 235-4883
                      speccoll@pittstate.edu
Access Restrictions   There are no restrictions and the collection is open for research. Researchers must use the collection in accordance with the policies of the Special Collections & University Archives; Leonard H. Axe Library; Pittsburg State University
Languages             English
Biographical Note     John Matsler III was born in Ohio in 1829. He married Angeline Robins and a son; David W. Matsler; was born in Pickaway County; Ohio in 1852. The couple moved from Ohio to Illinois where their son Charles was born. John Matsler III was a private in the 107th Illinois Infantry during the American Civil War. After the war the family moved to Chanute; Kansas.
Samuel Downs was born in Virginia in 1825. He married Martha Savage in 1857 and the couple moved to Illinois. Downs was a sergeant in the 107th Illinois Infantry during the American Civil War and was a veteran of the Mexican-American War. The couple moved to Humboldt, Kansas in the fall of 1865. Both the Downs and the Matslers were among the first pioneers to settle in Kansas. They had six children. One of their daughters; Laura; married David W. Matsler; the son of a private in Down’s regiment. Laura was born in Illinois in 1868. She and David had three children; Edwin Matsler being the only child to survive into adulthood. Edwin was born in 1882. Later he married Bertha Smith and they had two daughters; Mildred and Margaret. Mildred was born in 1903 and Margaret in 1914.

Mildred Evelyn Matsler Meador married Murray Meador. Murray worked for Laubach Literacy. Both Mildred and Murray wrote articles for the *Colorado Old Times*. Mildred wrote about her great grandparents; the Matslers and the Downs. She donated some of her great-grandparents and grandparents’ items to the Axe Library in Pittsburg, Kansas. Mildred died in 1996 at the age of 93 in Colorado.

**Content Description**

This collection is primary and secondary resources and is divided into the following series:

**Box 1**
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2. Legal Documents
3. Expenditures and Finances
4. Newspaper and articles
5. Diaries
6. Plays
7. Education and teaching

**Box 2**
8. Literacy
9. Art

**Box 3**
10. Photographs
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**Box 4**
Oversized material

**Processing Note**

Collection formally processed in March 2018.
Detailed Description of Collection

Series 1: Personal Correspondence

F. 1 1876-1910
F. 2 1911-1997; undated and blank postcards

Series 2: Legal Documents

F. 3 1873-1915
John Matsler personal effects appraisal 1873; John Matsler inventory of goods; sale of John Matsler estate; Probate court summons for David Matsler; Sale Bill for John Matsler Estate; mortgage; 1875 pay agreements; 1882 payment towards attorney’s fees; land redemption 1882; expenses from looking after the estate 1881-1883; 1891 stock; 1895 patent for Corn-Planter Attachments; contracts between W.Y. Harding and D.W. Matsler regarding patent; 1895 payment; 1898 indenture between Charles Bloomheart and D. W. Matsler; manufacturing of corn planter attachment; Assignment and sale of corn planter attachment to Matsler 1899; 1901 agreement to pay; Davis and Merritt versus D.W. Matsler court case record; D.W. Matsler agreement to sell Hay-Press; recommendations for a wind mill; 1903 lease agreements with the United States Oil and Transportation Company; 1904 auditing committee of the Winner Oil and Gas Co. Books; 1906 assignment and bill of sale; contract between J.F. McCandless and D.W. Matsler 1906; handwritten copy of the contract; agreement to pay D.W. Matsler 1906; E.D. Matsler farm and town lot purchase 1910; 1911 bank note; City of Parsons register of children 1913; 1913 sample primary ballots for Chanute; Kansas; 1915 Personal Property Statement; undated Exchange Deeds and Insurance Policies; blank lease; undated oil and gas lease; undated pieces of contracts

Series 3: Expenditures and Finances

Paystub booklet 1912 & 1913; 1903 & 1904 Expenditures; Day Book 1909-1914; miscellaneous small expense diaries; leather wallet
F. 4 1873-1943: bank notes; invoices; taxes; checks; travelers insurance; laundry receipts; stock shares; patent fee; rent receipts; grocery store and café expenses and sales; grocery receipts; farm equipment receipts; carpentry and brick laying bills; newspaper subscriptions; utility meter readings; money order; telephone bill; hay receipt and wholesale receipts

Series 4: Newspapers and articles

1899-1990
Daily Drovers Telegram 1899; farm and ranch clippings; Chanute; Kansas newspapers 1912; 1913 snowstorm clipping; Girard Press Semi-Centennial Edition 1919; Our Young People’s Delight; Cleveland; Ohio newspaper 1930; Society and Clubs clipping 1934; The Kansas City Times 1941; Week’s Best Poem clippings; 1947 Kansas City Times clippings; The American Issue 1957; World Temperance Sunday; 1964 UFO article; 1965 UFO articles; The Collegio
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1965; The Denver Post 1965; “Bottle Mining the Ghost Towns” 1965; Empire 1966; News for You 1968 about the summer race riots and Robert F. Kennedy; News for You 1971 about desegregation; The Corpus Christi Caller-Times 1971 about illiteracy; Report from Pittsburg 1978; The Collegio 1979; Report from Pittsburg 1979; Colorado Old Times 1990 “Remember Me When This You See” by Mildred Meador

Undated clippings

Series 5: Diaries

Edwin Matsler diary 1895-1905
1909 Matsler diary; expense tracker; Chanute College notes; leases and letters
Series 6: Plays

F. 5 The Wrong Mother by B. L. Matsler; back cover of a play book; lights notes for a play; Almost Everyman program performed at Pittsburg State University in 1922; Speech Department Recital at KSTC; Spring Revue 1929; A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum playbill; The Boy Who Discovered Easter by Elizabeth McFadden; A Midsummer Night’s Dream program Independence; Kansas; Ellen Fergusson

Tested Plays for High Schools- Five One Act Plays; Tiger Blood and Nine Other One-Act Plays; Three One Act Plays by Mary Katherine Reely; Three One-Act Plays by H. M. Harwood; Moth Balls by Sallie Kemper; A Girl To Order by Bessie Wreford Springer; Gloria Mundi by Patricia Brown; Jeremiad by Josephine Henry Whitehouse; Passé by McElbert Moore; My Mother’s Bible by Manford Evans; The Marriage...Will Not Take Place by Alfred Sutro; The Purple Dream by Donald L. Breed; Plays in Miniature by Theodore Johnson; The Revolt by Ellis Parker Butler; Trial for the Murder of the King’s English by Julia E. Park; Judge Lynch by John William Rogers; Jr; Prompt Book of Katherine and Petruchio by William Winter; Susanna of the Parsonage by Anna Canada Swain; The Pill Bottle by Margaret T. Applegarth; Getting George’s Goat by Allan A. Hoffman; The Poor Nut by J. C. Nugent; “Love’Em and Leave’Em” by George Abbott and John V. A. Weaver; The Charm School by Alice Duer Miller and Robert Milton; Smilin’ Through by Allan Martin; Sunshine by Walter Ben Hare; The Lottery Man by Rida Johnson Young; Line Busy by Gladys Ruth Bridgham; Rosa by Cozette Keller; Strongheart by William C. de Mille; Easy Spanish Plays by Ruth Henry; Samuel French’s List of Children’s Plays; The New Co-Ed by Marie Doran

Series 7: Education and Teaching

F. 6 College syllabi; essay; Edward Matsler grade card 1896; Kansas State Teachers College grade report; bibliography; English reading lists; bible school certificate; quotes and speeches by Hattie Moore Mitchell Dean of women at KSTC; Theta Sigma Upsilon song book

Typed notes for art history and art theory; University of Kansas Joseph Wasinsky; notebooks with handwritten notes

Box 2
Black and red binder containing various school notes

F. 7 Cardinals Yearbook Parsons High School; Chanute and Parsons High School commencement material; “The Americanization of Carver”; “The Hope of a Nation” teaching material; blank English tests 1929; Group discussion guides to photoplays Conquest; Marie Antoinette; and The Citadel; suggestions and guides to teaching; teaching equipment specifications; blank literature test 1929; debate and forensics programs; miscellaneous educational papers

Teaching Literature; One Hundred Familiar Quotations; Elementary Spanish Reader; Selected Readings by Juliet Wilbor Tompkins; Strack Selections from Booth Tarkington’s Stories; The Roycroft Dictionary; Good Posture in the Little Child booklet; Kansas State College Bulletin
Series 8: Literacy

F. 8 Articles and essays about management; leadership and human relations; Koinonia programs; notes; and supplemental materials; Orientation to the NALA Metro Expansion Project; An Experiment in Readability; bibliographic lists of reading materials; News for You and other reading material for adult students; short reading articles

F. 9 Education and World Affairs and Koinonia newsletters and magazines; Literacy Lights; Baylor Literacy Center; Implication of the International Education Act by W. Todd Furniss; Vidya; The Be Informed Series; bibliographic sketches of Charles Seashore and Jerry Harvey; The Methodist Recorder about Murray Meador; Laubach Literacy letters; miscellaneous literacy material

F. 10 Murray W. Meador business card for Laubach Literacy; miscellaneous Koinonia brochures; miscellaneous Laubach Literacy brochures; miscellaneous Bureau of Indian Affairs brochures; brochure of books and instructional material; bulletin and pamphlets about illiteracy and literacy programs

Audio-Visual Bulletins; International Education Act of 1966; Eradication of Adult Illiteracy by Television Instruction; Literacy by Ruth Warren; Literacy and Basic Elementary Education for Adults; The Overseas Selection of Foreign Students; Free and Inexpensive Educational Aids

Series 9: Art

F. 11 Original sketches; drawings; paintings and pastels by Margaret Matsler

F. 12 Original sketches and drawings by Willis Wayne

F. 13 Original drawing by Jean Smith; Original drawing by Hoag; Science drawing; unsigned drawings; sketches; paintings and pastels

F. 14 Lessons in Art Appreciation “Number 3: Development of the Monarchies and the Reformation”; Lessons in Art Appreciation “Number 4: Europe during the Seventeenth Century”; Lessons in Art Appreciation “Number 5: The Flemish and the Dutch”; Lessons in Art Appreciation “Number 10: The Post-Impressionists”; Director of the First US Mint Inspecting Initial Coinage; Philadelphia; 1792 by Frank Reilly; Final Drafting of the Declaration of Independence; Philadelphia; June 1776 by Frank Reilly; Haym Solomon Advancing Funds to Robert Morris to Finance Revolution; Philadelphia; 1782 by Frank Reilly; The Lighthouse by Andrew Winter; September Fields by Daniel Garber; three scenes by Paul Coze; Horse Fair Bonheur

Brown’s Famous Pictures: The Last Judgment Michelangelo; Assumption of the Virgin Titian; Transfiguration Raphael; Feeding Her Birds Millet; Madonna of the Meyer Family Holbein; Sistine Madonna Raphael; The Sower Millet; The Village Blacksmith Herring; Joan of Arc; The
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Lake Corot; Christ and the Doctors Hofmann; The Night Watch Rembrandt; Immaculate Conception Murillo; Aurora Guido Reni; The Divine Shepherd Murillo; Member of Humane Society Landseer; Red Deer of Chillingham Landseer; The Last Supper Leonardo da Vinci; Descent from the Cross Rubens

Box 3
Two foil etchings; woodcut of roses; “It’s Easy to Draw”

Series 10: Photographs

Johnson Triplets; John Matsler; Hazel Tower Kansas State Teacher’s College student-1922; Playford Jr.; Alice Matsler children; Aunt Jane Bobbins Ellis; Joseph?... and children; Jessie Peterson; Merle Gray; Opal Clark KSTC student; Elmira Graham and Students 1922; KSTC students 1922; Russ Hall 1922 Miles Ware and Zedo Faulkner 1923 Pittsburg students; Cousin Hester Maddin; Seth Nation graduate of KSTC; graduating class and class gift; Bubbling Over; Roselli Butler; unlabeled photo of infant; John Peterson Parson’s High School 1921; H. E. Downs brother of Laura Matsler; Lillian; Charles F Matsler and Sons; Helen Boughman; Harold R. Downs; Grandma Sarah Downs and grandchildren and their mother Mrs. Harmon Downs; Baptist Primary Department; Aunt Etta Nye; John and Nellie Downs; Blacksmith Shop Chanute; Kansas; The Downs Children: Harold; Louise?; Gladys; Miss Nell Ferguson Parsons High School English Teacher; Ed Matsler’s General- Blacksmithing and Horseshoeing Shop; unlabeled photo of girl; unlabeled photo of boy; unlabeled family photo; The Matterhorn; unlabeled photo of children in costumes; John and Nettie? Family; Downs/Matsler Family Photo Album; oversize photo: Sedgwick Public School September 1928

Series 11: Miscellaneous

F. 15 The Star Collection of Famous Songs; “Farmer Lads” and other songs; Kansas highway metal plate; Kansas Travel guides; Missouri Road Map; Jamestown; Virginia brochure; nation’s postage stamps; New York Recreation map; Onondaga County Park System; New York World’s Fair guide; Desk Atlas of the World; Frank Phillips Ranch in Oklahoma brochure;

F. 16 D.W. Matsler Patent labels; E.G. Siggers patent solicitor and lawyer; William C. Meyer patent; alphabetical list of Inventions; Vivion’s Patent; 1943 stamps; World War II ration books; retailers for Victory; World War II paraphernalia; Constitution of the Farmers’ Mutual Benefit Association; Constitution of the State and Subordinate Orders of the A. H. T. A.; Texas lands open for Settlement; By-laws of the American Live Stock Commission Company; “Your Kansas Government”; “Address of Governor Andrew F. Schoeppe” 1944; “When Will We Pay?” By D. W. Matsler; The Open Letter “What about Socialism?”; Socialist Party of Staunton; Illinois bazaar tickets; 1888 presidential election ballot for Iowa; State of Kansas sample General Ballot and National and State ticket 1944 “Your Government” Bulletin of The Bureau of Government Research

F. 17 Various programs; brochures; pamphlets and booklets about religion; performing arts; reading; money; Minute Women of America and other topics; advertisements; business cards; café miscellany
F. 18 A Christmas Tree Fairy; Honeywell Electronic Air Cleaners; 1960s Women’s Day magazine; The American Family in a Changing Society I-VIII; Colorado Wonderland 1956; members of Company F; 17th Virginia Cavalry; obituary and funeral services of Charles S. Mobley; “Visiting Auntie Lux”; 1925 YMCA gymnastic ribbons; Memorial Day programs 1945; miscellaneous papers Federated clubs Independence; Kansas 1935-1936; Federated clubs Independence; Kansas 1940-1941; Federated clubs Independence; Kansas 1942-1943; Holly from Tennyson

Wooden box with roses: three pairs of spectacles; old keys; small valentines; Christmas stickers; 1930 Christmas postage stamp; WWII postage stamp; D. W. Matsler ink stamp; Manila court plaster; French’s Mustard figurine; carved wooden leaf and paper leaf

Jayhawk bread thimble; empty thread spool; lace collar; 1948 Boy Scouts Round Up pin; old Bobby pins or paper clips?; Conchlin Endura fountain pen; Faber fountain pen; pickup sticks;

Oversize Box 4
Newspapers; map of Oklahoma on canvas; daybook (expense book); By the Seashore by Renoir; Fox and Wolf Hunt by Rubens; Young Woman with a Water Jug by Jan Vermeer; The Noble Slav by Rembrandt; View of Trent by Albrecht Durer; The Peasant Wedding by Pieter Breughel the Elder; The Banker and His Wife by Quentin Massys; View of Toledo by El Greco; Bohemian Girl by Franz Hals; The Draw Bridge at Arles by Van Gogh; The Mill by Rembrandt van Rijn; Collector’s Famous Paintings envelope; Holy Bible