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## **Meador; Mildred and Murray; Collection; MS 190**

### **Mildred and Murray Meador Collection**

#### **Overview of the Collection**

<b>Creator</b>	Meador-Matsler Families
<b>Title</b>	The Mildred and Murray Meador Collection
<b>Dates</b>	1873- 1997
<b>Quantity</b>	3 linear feet and one oversize box
<b>Collection Number</b>	MS 190
<b>Summary</b>	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.
<b>Repository</b>	Pittsburg State University; Leonard H. Axe Library; Special Collections & University Archives 1701 S. Broadway Pittsburg; Kansas 66762 (620) 235-4883 speccoll@pittstate.edu
<b>Access Restrictions</b>	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
<b>Languages</b>	English
<b>Biographical Note</b>	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 107 <sup>th</sup> Illinois Infantry during the American Civil War. After the war the family moved to Chanute; Kansas.

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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 107<sup>th</sup> 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

1. Personal Correspondence
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
11. Miscellaneous

#### Box 4

Oversized material

### **Processing Note**

Collection formally processed in March 2018.

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### **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

Little scraps of articles; Matsler's Corn Planter Attachment pamphlets; Rex Tanner death in Russ Hall fire; Professor Whitesitt report; Red Cross article; marriage announcement; "A Remarkable Prediction" (2 copies); various clippings and obituaries; "Scientists Find Ice Age American;" "Young U.S. Writers"; "Movie of the Week: *Great Expectations*"; *Life's Reports* "T. Jefferson; Fiddler"; "The Last Days of Hitler"; "Factors of Intelligence"; "India Gets Its Freedom"; "Artificial Kidney"; "Join America's Biggest Weekly Radio Audience"; "The New World"; "Last Year's Movies" and pictures of how Native Americans hunted and fished; "Lost Men of American History"; "The Princes of India"; "The Birth of Two Nations"; "Speaking of Pictures"; "Balance of Power"; "Pre-Inca Markings in Peru"; "Margaret Truman Sings in Public"; "Freedom Train"; "Last Indian Scouts Retire"; "Nature Nonsense"; "Speaking of Pictures"; "The Grand Canyon"; "Antarctic Oasis"; "Portugal Reviews Glories of Past"; "Earliest Dinosaurs"; "Tokyo Geisha"; "People's Ticket"; "Democratic Ticket"; "Salient Features of the Republican Platform"; "An Agent Wanted in Every Town"; "Mexican War"; "Truman Charms Mexico"; "The Middle Ages"; "Medieval Life"; "The First Ascent of the Matterhorn"; "White Footed Mouse"; "A Who's Who of English Ghosts"; "The No Account Dragon of Furth"; "Mexico in 1947"; "Thoreau's Walden"; "American Writers"; "Alice in Wonderland"; "Main Street 1947"; "Their 'Howdy' is Real"; "Barrage of Criticism Leveled at Children has Adverse Effects"; "Is there a race to the earth?" 2 copies; "Moving 'fireball' seen by sexton"; "Holy sausages!"; "Folks and Foibles"; *Take My Word for It* "What's the Origin?"; *Take My Word for It* "How's Your Accent Today?"; *Take My Word for It* "What's the Origin?"; *Take My Word for It* "Oh; Oh; Susanna"; *Take My Word for It* "What are Words Made of?"; *Take My Word for It* "Words to Watch"; *Take My Word for It* "What Nationality is Santa Clause?"; "A Great King's Funeral"; "The Caste System"; "Peoples of New York"; "Jumping Penguins"; "The Purple Testament"; "Prize Poet"; "Source of Good Citizenship"; "The West Indies"; "100 Years of Postage Stamps"; "Taxes"; "Religion Around the World"; Roger Brothers Silverware; "Swiss ski resort retains prewar elegance"; "Medellin"; "Man-made Snowstorm"; "Water in the Southwest"; "Scout Jamboree"; "Hurricane Strikes"; "The Silent Room"; "Scotland"; "Psychosurgery"; "Speaking of Pictures"; "Annie Oakley"; US Army recruiting services; "Psychoanalysis"; "Animal Eyes"; "The Age of Enlightenment"; "Let's Explore Your Mind"; "Marriage Has Become the Most Highly Specialized Profession and Calls for Varied Talents"; "News for You"; "That Man Corey is Certainly Interesting"; "Boys State Votes Wet"; "Walker Praises Mental Treatment at Hospital"; "Starshine"; "The History of Western Culture"; "Recipes for Living with Children"; "Spoiled Babies"

### **Series 5: Diaries**

Edwin Matsler diary 1895-1905

1909 Matsler diary; expense tracker; Chanute College notes; leases and letters

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### **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

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*The Successful Family; Pupils' Outlines for Home Study; The Cue of Theta Alpha Phi* November 1926; January 1927; May 1927; November 1927

### **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 Zeddo 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; Loise?; 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. Schoeppel" 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



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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; 17<sup>th</sup> 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