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Overview of the Collection

Creator	Unknown; Donated in 2010 by descendants and members of the Bumgarner family
Title	The Tharp and Bumgarner Collection
Dates	1864- 1989
Quantity	1 linear foot
Collection Number	MS 178
Summary	Personal correspondence of Isaac Tharp and family, and the Bumgarner family; Photocopies of the diary of Isaac Tharp; announcements of births, weddings, funerals, and graduations of the two families; Genealogy of the two families; Articles on the accomplishments of Bumgarners; the Crescent Theater and Grand Opera House expense books and tax information; Miscellaneous photographs of both families and miscellaneous papers
Repository	Pittsburg State University, Leonard H. Axe Library, Special Collections & University Archives 1701 S. Broadway Pittsburg, Kansas 66762 (620) 235-4883 speccoll@pittstate.edu
Access Restrictions	There are no restrictions and 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	<p>The Tharp family were originally from the Yorkshire, England region. George Tharp was the earliest to come to America, settling in Virginia in 1622. Other family members spread to New England and the West. Isaac Tharp and his family moved from Bushnell, Illinois to Limestone Creek and Monmouth, Kansas during 1865 and 1866. The Tharps were homesteaders claiming land in the new state.</p> <p>The Bumgarners were of German descent. Jacob Bumgarner, the head of the family, was born in what is now West Virginia in 1758.</p>

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From there he and his wife moved to Ohio and the rest of the family spread to Kansas from there. Mary Tharp married Isaac Bumgarner thus uniting the two families.

Content Description

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

1. Correspondence
2. Diary
3. Births, Weddings, Commencements, Funerals
4. Genealogy
5. Articles
6. Theater
7. Photos
8. Miscellaneous

Processing Note

Collection formally processed in November 2017

Detailed Description of Collection

Series 1: Correspondence

- F. 1 Tharp Family 1864-1867
- F. 2 Tharp Family 1868-1889, undated
- F. 3 Copies and transcriptions of Isaac Tharp letters
- F. 4 Bumgarner Family 1895-1979, undated

Series 2: Isaac Tharp's Diary

- F. 5 Photocopies of Isaac Tharp's diary

Series 3: Births, Weddings, Commencements, Funerals

- F. 6 Birth announcements; baby shoes; wedding invitations; commencement invitations; Memorium books; and flower cards from funerals.

Series 4: Genealogy

- F. 7 Genealogy of Tharp and Bumgarner families

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Series 5: Articles

F. 8 Newspaper articles and obituaries of the Tharp and Bumgarner families

Series 6: Theatre

F. 9 Crescent Theater tax forms and expense books, 1922 – 1940; Programs

Grand Opera House expense book, 1916- 1921

Series 7: Photographs

F. 10 Photographs and negatives of the Tharp and Bumgarner families

Series 8: Miscellaneous

F. 11 Navy Christmas card; Modern Woodmen of America receipt; A. Hood and Sons check; Estimate and building tables; Poems from Julia Ellen Fraser to her children; W. Lloyd Bumgarner essay; Fred Bumgarner school certificates; Child's painting; poem by Isaac Tharp