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## **Beasley, Francis A., Collection, MS 161**

### **Francis A. Beasley Collection**

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| <b>Collection Number</b>               | MS 161  |
| <b>Title</b>                           | The Francis A. Beasley Collection   |
| <b>Name and Location of Repository</b> | Pittsburg State University, Special Collections & University Archives, Pittsburg, Kansas  |
| <b>Dates</b>                           | 1977 – 2007   |
| <b>Collection Size</b>                 | 1 linear foot   |
| <b>Creator</b>                         | Francis A. Beasley  |
| <b>Scope and Content</b>               | A collection of personal, military related materials, correspondence, newspaper clippings, and miscellaneous items of Francis A. Beasley.   |
| <b>Access Restrictions</b>             | This collection is open for access  |
| <b>Languages</b>                       | English   |
| <b>Biographical Note</b>               | Francis A. “Bud” Beasley was born June 2, 1923, in Chase, Louisiana, and died September 21, 2010, in Pittsburg, Kansas. After graduating from high school in 1941, Beasley found work at the Southern Pacific Railroad in south Texas, working until 1943. In 1943, he joined the U.S. Army Air Corps. During World War II, he was a Staff Sergeant and flew thirty-nine missions in the European Theater with the 8th Air Force, 492nd Bomb Group, 856 Bomb Squadron, 2nd Air Division. He was awarded the Air Medal with 5 Oak Leaf Clusters, Good Conduct Medal, Victory Medal, and European African Middle Eastern Campaign Ribbon with four Battle Stars. He served until 1945. After the war, he enrolled in Texas A&I University and graduated with a bachelor’s degree in Business Administration in 1949. Beasley worked in the railroad industry, and with the Farmers Insurance Group, where he stayed until he retired in 1984. |
| <b>Series</b>                          | This collection contains primary and secondary resources and is divided into the following series: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Personal</li><li>2. Military</li><li>3. Correspondence</li><li>4. Newspaper Clippings</li><li>5. Miscellaneous</li></ol>  |

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#### **Series 3: Correspondence**

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- F. 4 Correspondence between Francis A. Beasley and family/friends from 1980-1996.

#### **Series 4: Newspaper Clippings**

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