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Roper, L. V., Collection, MS 160

L. V. Roper Collection

Collection Number  MS 160
Title  The L. V. Roper Collection
Name and Location of Repository  Pittsburg State University, Special Collections & University Archives, Pittsburg, Kansas
Dates  1963 – 1987
Collection Size  1.5 linear feet
Creator  Compiled by Mickey Fitting
Scope and Content  A collection of personal, correspondence, research, copies of manuscripts, photographs, newspaper clippings, and miscellaneous materials of Lester Virgil Roper.
Access Restrictions  This collection is open for access
Languages  English

Biographical Note  Lester Virgil Roper was born June 19, 1931 in Girard, Kansas and passed away on June 12, 1998 in Pittsburg, Kansas. He graduated from Girard High School and received a B.A. in Journalism from Pittsburg State University. He then enrolled in the graduate program of creative writing at the University of Oklahoma. Roper took on many different professions after he had completed his education. He taught writing and vocational education at several community colleges and vocational technical institutes. He also found work as a welder, a barber, and a Fuller Brush salesman. As a writer, Roper published eleven novels under two pen names: L. V. Roper for his action and adventure novels; and Samantha Lester for his romance novels. He also served in the Kansas House of Representatives for nine years.

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