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Collection Number
MS 167

Title
The Arthur Stilwell Collection

Name and Location of Repository
Pittsburg State University, Special Collections & University Archives, Pittsburg, Kansas

Dates
1909 - 2010

Collection Size
.5 linear foot

Creator
Unknown

Scope and Content
A collection of documents relating to Kansas City railroad developer Arthur Stilwell, including correspondence, photographs, and newspaper clippings.

Access Restrictions
This collection is open for access

Languages
English

Biographical Note
Arthur Edward Stilwell was born October 21, 1859, in Rochester, New York, and died September 26, 1928. In Stilwell’s early years he worked as an insurance salesman for the Travelers Insurance Company. During his time with the company he developed a coupon annuity life-insurance policy that would allow the policy holder to get an income after a certain age. Following this position, he sold real estate, and then founded the Kansas City Southern Railway. He had a goal of connecting Kansas City to the Gulf of Mexico. To meet this goal, he started to build the necessary rail lines, which would run through Pittsburg, Kansas. Because Pittsburg did not have a suitable hotel for those traveling this rout, Stilwell financed the construction of the Hotel Stilwell in Pittsburg. During the years that he was heading the railway company, he is credited with building more than 2,300 miles of rail lines and having founded more than forty cities. After he had retired, Stilwell took up writing and had published several books, poetry, and plays.

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