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William C. Cuthbertson Collection

Collection Number	MS 143
Title	The William C. Cuthbertson Collection
Name and Location of Repository	Pittsburg State University, Special Collections & University Archives, Pittsburg, Kansas
Collection Size	4 linear feet
Creator	William C. Cuthbertson

Donor Information This collection was donated after Cuthbertson's 1986 death. It was Cuthbertson's wish that his materials be divided up between the Special Collection of Axe Library at Pittsburg State University, and to the Girard Public Library.

Scope and Content The William C. Cuthbertson Collection contains Cuthbertson's personal research on the history of Crawford County, Kansas and, in particular, Girard. This collection includes genealogical information, correspondence, research notes, maps, photographs, publications, clippings, and miscellaneous items.

Access Restrictions This collection is open for access

Languages English

Biographical Note William Charles Cuthbertson was born on July 9, 1927 in Girard, Kansas to Jessie Smith and Charles Albert Cuthbertson. He was a life-long resident of Girard and well-known for designing and constructing houses and quilts. He studied the history of Girard and Southeast Kansas and wrote two books on the subject. A third book covered his family history. He would often answer individuals who wrote to the Crawford County Courthouse to learn about the area, or conducting genealogical research. Cuthbertson never married. He passed away on January 13, 1986 after several years of poor health.

Series This collection contains twelve series; **Cuthbertson Genealogy, Correspondences, Histories of Crawford County, History Blurbs, Census, Cemetery Records, Notes, Maps, Photographs, Publications, Clippings, and Miscellaneous.**

The **Cuthbertson Genealogy** series contains information on Randolph County, Illinois, the family's home prior to moving to Girard, Kansas. This series is made up of publications, both published or not, and give information on Randolph County and specific towns within. This series is arranged chronologically.

The **Correspondence** series includes inquiries about families, businesses, events, natural disasters, and towns in Crawford County. Many of the letters were addressed to the Girard Court House, but Cuthbertson answered them because the Court House rarely had the time or staff to

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answer the letters. He replied to every letter that reached him, regardless if he did or did not find the requested information. This series is arranged alphabetically by inquiry subject and chronologically for folders where different people wrote about the same subject.

The **Histories of Crawford County** series includes information over towns in Crawford county, and general history of the county itself. A majority of this collection is over the founding of Girard. There is a complete version of *The Genesis of Girard* and a rough draft, a few programs of organizations in Girard, and three folders of short stories and historical accounts of Girard history. There are also folders on Baxter Springs, Fort Scott, Hepler, and McCune. This series is arranged alphabetically.

The **Historical Accounts** series contains the subseries Places, Businesses, and Events and People. Overall, this entire series contain one or two paragraphs of information over the categories stated above. The Places, Businesses, and Events subseries contains information on the economic and social activities of Girard. The People subseries includes information on individuals who lived in Girard. This series is arranged alphabetically.

The **Census** series consist of copied information from the Bourbon and Crawford counties censuses. These include short histories of the areas. This series is arranged chronologically.

The **Cemetery Records** series includes handwritten notes on Cuthbertson's Cemetery book. This series arranged by how related the notes are.

The **Notes** series contains Cuthbertson's personal notes from his research. This series is arranged by sources.

The **Maps** series consist of maps of Crawford County. There are various types of maps, including road and railroad maps. There are also clippings that relate to some of the information on the maps.

The **Photographs** series contains photographs that are believed to be from Cuthbertson, the Ennis Family, and the *McCune Standard*. The Ennis photographs center around Joseph Ennis. The *McCune Standard's* pictures are reproductions of photographs from the newspaper put into slides. This series is arranged chronologically and then by type.

The **Publications** series includes newsletters, printed speeches, and advertisements for history and genealogy societies from around the Midwest. This series is arranged chronologically.

The **Clippings** series consists of clipping and notes about news articles. The first part of the series has typed copies from clippings that are mainly from Southeast Kansas. The other half is organized by year and the clippings are unmarked. This series is arranged alphabetically and then chronologically.

The **Miscellaneous** series includes a certificate, a letter, poems and publicity for the Crawford County Museum, and short notes.

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Box 1

Cuthbertson Genealogy

- Montague, E. J. *The History of Randolph County, Illinois, Including Old Kakaskia Islands*. Elisabeth Pinkerton Leighty. 1859.
- Allen, John W. *Randolph County Notes*. John W. Allen. 1944.
- Marissa: Its People and History*. 1967.
- Kaskaskia and Randolph County, Illinois*. Illinois Sesquicentennial.
- This is Washington County: Its First 150 Years*. Illinois Sesquicentennial.
- f. 1 Wisely, Lyman L. *The Story of Coulterville*. 1929.
- f. 2 Coulter Family Vignettes by James Ross Coulter
- f. 3 Index for History of Randolph, Monroe and Perry Co.'s Illinois, 1883.
- f. 4 Clippings (Randolph County and the Civil War.)

Correspondence

- f. 5 Adams (Inquired about in 1974 and 1981 by two different people. It was about two different Adams).
- Adcock (Inquired about in 1985)
- Allhands (Inquired about in 1979)
- Allison (1985)
- Alsenz (1979)
- Alumbaugh (1972)
- Amey (1983-84)
- Anderson (1978)
- Appier (1985)
- Ashby (1983)
- Ashley (1974)
- Atkinson (1978)
- Avery (1983)
- f. 6 Babin (1985)
- Baglin (1985)
- Baird (1983)
- Baker (1978-9)
- Balm (1984)
- Bambic (1974)
- Barbour (1982)
- Barcus (1979)
- Barton (1973)
- Bean (1973)
- Bearce (1981)
- Bealer (1985)
- Belew (1984)
- Bennie (1983)
- Bennett (nd)

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- Best (1973)
- Bever (1982-83)
- Bickel (1985)
- Bilderback (nd)
- f. 7 Billington (1977)
- Bitely (1983)
- Blackwood (1983)
- Bonar (1976)
- Boothe (1983)
- Boso (1975)
- Bourland (1985)
- Bower (1978)
- Bowshee (1975-7)
- Boyd (1986)
- Bredhoeft (1984)
- Briggs (1974)
- Brown (1970-83)
- Browning (1984-85)
- Bruenjes (1972)
- Burlison (1985)
- Burnett (1972-85)
- Burns (1975-81)
- Burr (nd)
- Burrows (1981)
- Bush (1975)
- f. 8 Cantrell (1977)
- Capps (1972)
- Carnahon (1979)
- Carter (1985)
- Chapman (1982)
- Church (1984)
- Churchill (1980)
- Circle (1981)
- Clemetson (1975-6)
- Clark (1979)
- Cloud (1985)
- Clugston (1980)
- Coffey (1971)
- Coillot (1973-6)
- Cokl (1985)
- Cole (1983)
- Coleman (1985)
- Cook (1972)

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- Cooley (1973)
- Constantino (1985)
- Covington (1983)
- Craig (1980)
- Crain (1975)
- Crawford (1983)
- Crites (1973)
- Crosby (1978)
- Crow (1985-6)
- Crubaugh (1980)
- Culottro (1985)
- Curry (1973)
- f. 9 Dafft (1976)
- Daly (1974)
- Daniel (1980)
- Danner (1979)
- Dark (1974)
- Davidson (1978-9)
- Davis (1975)
- Deluce (1985)
- Denham (1984)
- Dernoliwitz (1983)
- Dietz (1981)
- Dillow (1977)
- Disney (1983)
- Doan (1985)
- Dosser (1982)
- Drake (1976)
- Drury (1983)
- Duensing (1982)
- Dugas (1979)
- Dumbar (1978)
- Duncan (1980-1)
- Dungan (1985)
- Dunhle (1977)
- f. 10 Earhart (1988)
- Ebbs (1982)
- Eby (1982)
- Edgecombe (1978)
- Eichhorn (1985)
- Ellinger (1978)
- Ellis (1979-80)
- Engle (1983-194)

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- Enloe (1980)
- Esp (1979)
- Eubanks (1978)
- f. 11 Falleti (1980)
- Fanger (1977-84)
- Fecho (1977)
- Fenton (1981)
- Fichtner (1983)
- Flaharty (1983-5)
- Fletcher (1980-3)
- Foster (1981)
- Frederick (1983)
- Free (1984)
- Freeman (1980)
- Fuertsch (1983)
- Furrow (1984)
- f. 12 Gannon (1982)
- Gardner (undated)
- Gass (undated)
- Gemmell (1975)
- Gepford (undated)
- Gerard (1981)
- Giacoletti (1985)
- Gier (1981)
- Gilmore (1985)
- Gipson (1978)
- Girard (1981)
- Giraud (1983)
- Goodwin (1982)
- Grady (1979)
- Graham (1979)
- Greek (1982)
- Green (1980-1)
- Greer (1972)
- Griggs (1982)
- Gunn (1979)
- Guss (1974)
- f. 13 Hains (1985-6)
- Haller (1985)
- Halliday (1977-80)
- Hammond (1984)
- Haper (1983-4)
- Harris (1979-82)

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- Hatfield (1985)
- Hathaway (1973)
- Hawkins (1978)
- Hayden (1985)
- Heard (1980)
- Helms (1976)
- Heniff (1985)
- Henkle (1983)
- Herrick (1983)
- f. 14 Hersley (1985-6)
- Herzer (1983)
- Hess (1972)
- Hill (1973)
- Hineman (1975)
- Hines (1982)
- Hinshaw (1983)
- Hitchcocks (1976)
- Hobson (1984)
- Hoggatt (1985-6)
- Hollis (1985)
- Holt (1979-80)
- Holtgrewe (1984)
- Holtman (1983)
- Honsicker (1985)
- Houston (1979)
- Howard (1978-84)
- Hubbell (1982)
- Hudson (undated)
- Hufford (1979)
- Huffman (1973)
- Hughes (1984)
- Hull (1981)
- Hullinger (1982-3)
- f. 15 Ing (1983)
- Jackson (1981)
- Jacoby (1972)
- Jacquinot (1978)
- James (1984)
- Janssen (1982)
- Johnson (1985)
- Johnston (1985)
- Jones (1979)
- Justice (1979)

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- Kaiser (1984)
- Kaho (1983)
- Kane (1979)
- Kays (1983)
- Kearney (1979)
- Keener (1976)
- Kekec (1984)
- Keller (1982)
- Kennedy (1984-5)
- Kerlee (1984)
- Kerley (1981)
- Kerr (1973-81)
- Kidwell (1973)
- Kimmel (undated)
- Kirby (1978)
- Klommer (1978)
- Kohler (1981)
- Korp (1982)
- Kramer (1985)
- Krieter (1985)
- f. 16 Laidler (1977)
- Lair (1984)
- Langford (1978)
- Larcom (1984-5)
- Lashmet (1984)
- Lehr (1982)
- Leigh (1982)
- Lewis (1985)
- Libert (1982)
- Lininger (1985)
- Lloyd (1976)
- Lomsher (1973)
- Lorenzetti (1983)
- Love (1984)
- Lovely (1985)
- Lurie (1977)
- f. 17 Malli (1982)
- Malott (1979)
- Mansfield (undated)
- Mansur (1985)
- Martin (1975)
- May (1985)
- Mayberry (1980)

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- Meanor (1971-7)
- Mechling (1983)
- Mercer (1981)
- Merchant (1985)
- Milburn (1985)
- Millard (1980)
- Millington (1980)
- Milton (1977-1985)
- Minard (1978)
- Mix (1979)
- Moore (1980-1)
- f. 18 Morozzo (1982)
- Morris (undated)
- Morrison (1980-2)
- Moss (undated)
- Mundt (1976)
- Murdock (1979)
- McCalmont (1972)
- McCarthy (1977)
- McCloud (undated)
- McCoy (1983-4)
- McCune (1984)
- McDonald (1982)
- McDown (1985)
- McEnniry (1982)
- McFarland (1984)
- McLaughlin (1975)
- McMartin (1983)
- f. 19 Nance (1975)
- Neeley (1985)
- Nelson (1982)
- Nicholson (1984)
- Nimmo (1984)
- Nowland (1985)
- Oblak (1985)
- Oconor (1975)
- Orszulak (1977-8)
- Overstreet (1980)
- Owens (1985)

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- f. 20 Painton (1983)
- Pappadakes (1985)

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- Pasqualone (1977)
- Patterson (1981)
- Payne (1977)
- Peat (1985)
- Peradotti (1983)
- Perdue (1985)
- Perry (1982-5)
- Pestel (1985)
- Pestotnik (1981)
- Peterson (1980-4)
- Phillips (1982-5)
- Pickering (1979-85)
- Pickett (1982-5)
- Pippin (1982)
- Playter (1976)
- Plumb (1981)
- Pope (1985)
- Portwood (1982)
- Prasnikar (1981)
- Przybylski (1984-5)
- Pye (1978)
- Quesnoy (1979)
- Quimby (1982)
- f. 21 Rademacher (1974)
- Radley (1985)
- Ragins (1976-83)
- Raines (1974)
- Ramsey (1980)
- Rathbun (1982)
- Rauniker (1985)
- Ream (1979-82)
- Redburn (1984)
- Reese (1980)
- Reeves (undated)
- Rennick (1984)
- f. 22 Rentfro (1983)
- Richwine (1982)
- Ridenour (1985)
- Riedinger (1978)
- Riggs (1971-83)
- Rigney (1975)
- Roark (1978)
- Robertson (1982)

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- Roberts (1985)
- Robertson (1982)
- Robinson (1978-85)
- Rodabaugh (1979)
- Rodeo (1982)
- Roe (1983)
- Roller (1981)
- Rosa (175-81)
- Roycht (1977-8)
- Russell (1977)
- Ruth (1977)
- Ryan (1982)
- f. 23 Sage (1983)
- Sale (1984)
- Salisbury (1982)
- Sampson (1980)
- Sanborn (1972)
- Sanders (1979-81)
- Santee (1985)
- Sayers (1973)
- Schaefer (1977-8)
- Schaffler (1978)
- Scheiner (1975)
- Schilling (1984)
- Schmelza (1975)
- Scholl (undated)
- Scott (1971)
- Selle (1985)
- Sharp (1976)
- Shaw (1972)
- Shepherd (1986)
- Shure (1973)
- Simmons (1971)
- Sketlar (1974)
- Slovak (1973)
- f. 24 Smart (1980)
- Smilie (1981)
- Smith (1972-83)
- Spicer (1983)
- Spitler (1979-80)
- Splaingard (1983)
- Spoon (1985)
- Spores (1983)

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- Stalker (1980)
- Stark (1983)
- Stegall (1982)
- Stoops (1985)
- Storm (1985)
- Stringer (1979)
- Sturm (1978)
- Sugden (1984)
- Suter (1983)
- Svigel (1977)
- Swager (undated)
- Swan (1981)
- Sweeney (1977)
- f. 25 Templeman (1976)
- Templeter (1983)
- Terflinger (1977)
- Terry (1985)
- Thomas (1985)
- Thurston (1984)
- Titmus (1981)
- Tofall (1983)
- Totman (1973)
- Trask (undated)
- Trogdon (1976-86)
- Trueblood (1985)
- Tryalor (1985)
- Tullis (1985)
- Turner (1980-5)
- Twist (1978)
- Utton (1985-6)
- Van Leewan (undated)
- Van Zante (1980-1)
- Vaughan (1984)
- Vehar (1986)
- f. 26 Wade (1985)
- Ward (1983)
- Watson (undated)
- Watts (1985)
- Weitz (1977)
- Wesley (1982)
- Westdyke (1979-83)
- Wheat (1980)
- White (1981-2)

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- Whiteman (1980)
- Wiggins (1983)
- Wilbur (1982)
- Williams (1977-84)
- Willis (1985)
- Wilson (1982-4)
- Wolf (1979)
- Woodling (1985)
- Worley (1975)
- Wright (1980-1)
- Wyant (1985)
- Wyly (1979)
- f. 27 Yeakle (1979)
- York (1983-4)
- Zorn (1981)
- Zortz (1983)
- f. 28 Abbas (1976-7)
- Abbott (1975-6)
- Alexander (1980)
- Alexander (1980)
- Bartlett (1979)
- Bieber (1983)
- Bohlander (1974)
- Haldeman (1890)
- Hatch (1979)
- Hipp (1980)
- Hodges (1973)
- Shackelton (1972)
- Tomkins (1979-84)
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- Eagle (1870s-1950s)
- Edgecomb (1820s-60s)
- Edmund (1916-30)
- Emery (1830s-1910s)
- Farnsworth (1850s-1960s)
- Gaitskill (1850s-1980s)
- Hammon (1830s-1980s)
- Henderson (1850s-1922)
- Higgie (1850s-80s)
- Hitz (1850s-1930s)
- Hoskins (1870s-1960s)
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- Metzer (1860s-1970s)
- Mishler (1830s-1960s)
- Moorehead (1870s-1960s)
- Myers (1870s-80s)
- Narnell (1820s-1960s)
- Painter (1850s-1910s)
- Parr (1850s-1940s)
- Rat (1870s-1900s)
- Raymond (1830s-1970s)
- Ridgely (1860s-1920s)
- Rockefeller (1810s-80s)
- Rose (1820s-50s)
- Scudder (1860s-1960s)
- Simpson (1800s-1950s)
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