R. Lynn Martin Collection

Collection Number: MS 149

Title: The R. Lynn Martin Collection

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

Dates: 1920 - 1973

Collection Size: .4 linear foot

Creator: Unknown

Scope and Content: R. Lynn Martin ran the newspaper, *The Echo*, which his good friend Zula Bennington Green contributed to. This collection consists mainly of Greene’s writings and photographs that Martin had. This collection also has articles, newsletters, correspondence, programs, and miscellaneous items.

Access Restrictions: This collection is open for access

Languages: English

Biographical Note: Raphael Lynn Martin was born in 1897 and spent most of his life in Brookville, Kansas, and was the editor for the newspaper, *The Echo*. During the 1940s, he was a member of the Works Projects Administration (WPA). Census lists from the 1920s and 1930s indicate he was also employed in the hardware business. He was a life-long friend of Kansas writer Zula Bennington Greene. He was married to Helen Magnuson Martin, and they had two children, Hugh Juan Martin (1927 – 1990) and James Calvin Martin (1924 – 1970). R. Lynn Martin died in 1973 and is buried in Brookville.

Series: This collection contains six series: Correspondence, Programs, Articles/Newsletters, Photograph, Writings, Clippings, and Miscellaneous.

The Correspondence series consist of letters sent to and from Martin. These are mostly about publications for *The Echo*. This series contains some biographical information about Martin and is arranged chronologically.

The Programs series includes two programs: The Osage County Federation of Women’s Clubs, and the Annual Spring Meeting Fourth District Press Association. This series is arranged chronologically.

The Articles/Newsletters series contains publications Martin kept.

The Photographs series consist of photographs that were most likely taken by Martin.

The Writings series contains rough drafts of articles, stories, and poems. The first folder contains articles that are short stories. The second folder contains poems.
The **Clippings** series contains clippings from newspapers. Not all of the clippings in this folder were written by Greene. This series is arranged by whether the writing was an article or a clipping and then each section was arranged chronologically.

The **Miscellaneous** series contains a piece of cloth with a ink stamps on it, two receipts from the Topeka Auction Company, rough drafts of pieces writings, drawings, and a print.

**Folder List**

**Correspondence**
- f. 1 1942 – 1973; undated

**Programs**
- f. 2 1934; undated

**Articles/Newsletters**
- f. 3 *Brookville High School Owl* (1920)
  - *The Echo* (1947)
  - *To The Starts* (1947)
  - *The Fall Season* (1949)
  - Undated article

**Photographs**
- f. 4 Lynn Martin
  - Dorothy Tucker
  - Ruth [?]
  - Connie [?]
  - f. 5 People; Undated
  - f. 6 Landscapes; Undated
  - f. 7 Miscellaneous; Undated

**Writings**
- f. 8 1945 – 1953; Undated short stories
- f. 9 1938 – 1950; Undated poems

**Clippings**
- f. 10 1945 – 51; Undated

**Miscellaneous**
- f. 11 Cloth
  - Receipts
  - Fragments of stories or rough drafts of letters