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## Bezinque Family Collection, MS 212

### Bezinque Family Collection

#### Overview of the Collection

<b>Creator</b>	Eugene DeGruson
<b>Title</b>	Bezinque Family Collection
<b>Dates</b>	1989
<b>Quantity</b>	.4 linear feet
<b>Collection Number</b>	MS 212
<b>Summary</b>	Contains family trees and information for the Bezinque, LaSalle, Gomez, Chiolino, Merciez, Souply, and DeGruson families.
<b>Repository</b>	Pittsburg State University, Leonard H. Axe Library, Special Collections & University Archives 1701 S. Broadway Pittsburg, Kansas 66762 (620) 235-4883 speccoll@pittstate.edu
<b>Access Restrictions</b>	There are no restrictions and the collection is open for research. Researchers must use the collection in accordance with the policies of the Special Collections & University Archives, Leonard H. Axe Library, Pittsburg State University
<b>Languages</b>	English
<b>Biographical Note</b>	Marie Bezinque emigrated from France to Oklahoma in 1892 when it was still Indian Territory. She arrived with her infant son and three brothers. They were to meet their father and Marie's husband Jules Merciez. Jules and Marie would have 10 children born in Oklahoma and Kansas; Jules (1890-1968), Alice (1892-1988), Matilda (1894), Alec (1896-1971), Irene (1899-1947), Clemence (1903-1995), Raymond (1907-1965), Edith (1909-2004), Walter (1910-1938) and Amelia (1913-2012). Clemence Merciez married Henry DeGruson on September 25, 1926. They had four sons, Henry, Eugene 'Gene', James and Walter. Gene DeGruson began to put together the genealogy of his family with help from cousins and other family members. The Merciez family and all of its branches had a family reunion in 1989.

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### **Content Description**

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

1. Genealogy

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### **Languages**

English

### **Processing Note**

Collection formally processed in by Ellen Long October 2018.

### **Detailed Description of Collection**

#### **Series 1: Genealogy**

F. 1 Booklet of Marie Bezinque family tree, brief history of the Bezinque family by Gene DeGruson

F. 2 Various hand drawn and handwritten family trees from the Bezinque, Merciez, DeGruson, Chiolino, Gomez, and LaSalle, various other handwritten family trees from the Merciez family reunion in 1989