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Kent, David L., Freethought Collection, MS 177

## David L. Kent, Freethought Collection

### Overview of the Collection

<b>Creator</b>	Compiled by David L. Kent.
<b>Title</b>	The David L. Kent Freethought Collection
<b>Collection Number</b>	MS 177
<b>Dates</b>	1973-2012
<b>Quantity</b>	4 linear feet
<b>Summary</b>	A collection of personal, financial, correspondence, research, newspaper clippings, publications, and miscellaneous materials.
<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

**Access Restrictions** There is one listed restriction and the rest of 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

**Languages** English

### Biographical Note

David L. Kent is an author of many professional articles and other publications, and has written over one hundred books, the majority being on the topic of atheism. Kent took up anarchism and atheism at an early age. As an adult he rejected all things religious, educational, medical, and the military establishments. Kent is the co-founder of several atheist groups, including Atheist Community of Austin (Texas) and Atheist Alliance International. He is a lifelong member of the American Atheists.

### Scope and Content Note

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

The **Personal** series contains personal records about David L. Kent. The series also contains introductions written about the atheist organizations in which Kent was a member. There are also copies of handwritten notes.

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The **Financial** series contains financial records of David L. Kent and his organizations. These include receipts and invoices from the Atheist Community of Austin (ACA), Freedom from Religion Foundation (FFRF), and the American Atheist. There is also an estimate made by a broker from JB Goodwin Commercial for the American Atheist group.

The **Correspondence** series contains correspondence of David L. Kent. The correspondence in the series are: over the topics of: Atheism (Nov. 1980-Jan. 2001); Atheist Alliance (1997-2005); Atheist Community of Austin, ACA, (1994-2005); Atheist Oral History (1998-2002); Kenneth Avery; Stanley Brown; Jane Conrad; Gerald Erickson; Freedom from Religion Foundation, FFRF, (1998-2002); KFO, *Temp Slave*; Delano Lopez; Brian Lynch; Robb Marks; John (Jack) Massen (1993-94) ; Mormonism (1996-2009); Jon Murray; Jacques Musy; Derek Nalls; American Atheists (Memo) (1989-98); the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Grant (1978-90); Robin Murray O'Hair (1981-91); Douglas Phillips; Jon Rappoport; Richard Richardson (1982-1992); Jane L. Sauter (1973-88); Ann Seaman (2000-04); Ralph Shirley (1992-2007); James W. Steamer (1990-2003); Gordon Stein (1994); Arnold Via (1980-97); David Waters; Fred Whitehead (1991-2002); and Fred Woodworth (1984-2012).

The **Research** series contains research records obtained and collected by David L. Kent. These primarily deal with atheism and atheists, such as Madalyn Murray O'Hair.

The **Newspaper Clippings** series contains newspaper clippings in relation to David L. Kent and other atheists he had known personally or were members of the atheist organizations that he had been a part of.

The **Publications** series contains publications that David L. Kent had written and published or members from his atheist organizations had sent him. Publications are: *The Aberrant* (Issues 1-4); Atheism newsletters; ACA newsletters; *Whose Body, Whose Rights?* written by David L. Kent; *Atheist Oral History* newsletters; *Atheists of America*; Publications written by Kenneth Avery; FFRF; Publications written by David L. Kent; Publications written by Robb Marks; Publications written by John Massen; Mormonism; 14th Annual American Atheists Convention, 1984, Lexington Kentucky; American Atheist Convention, 1990, St. Petersburg Florida; NEH Grant (CESAALA Survey); Publications about Robin Murray O'Hair; Mike Reiss writing *God is Dead, After Weather and Sports*; Publications written by Richard Richardson; Publications written by Ralph Shirley; James W. Steamer; *Truth Seeker* (April 1995); Publications written by Arnold Via; and *K.U. Confidential* written by Fred Whitehead.

The **Miscellaneous** series contains miscellaneous and ephemeral material collected by David L. Kent. Materials included are: Programs, Nametags, Business Cards, Tickets, Bumper Sticker, and a Lapel Pin.

### Processing Note

Collection formally processed in September 2017, by MaryJo Noblit Johnson

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