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Mary Whitehead Collection

Overview of the Collection

Title
The Mary Whitehead Collection

Collection Number
MS 175

Creator
Mary Whitehead.

Dates
1965-2004

Quantity
5 linear feet

Summary
A collection of family records, correspondence, farm records, photographs, newspaper clippings, media, and miscellaneous materials of Mary Whitehead.

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Access Restrictions
There are no restrictions and 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
Mary Louise Hertlein was born July 12, 1924, in Pratt, Kansas and died on July 29, 2013, in Olathe, Kansas. She married Bryan Whitehead in 1943. Bryan Whitehead was a member of the U.S. Army Air Force and was also a railroad man, and a member of the Railway Clerks Union. Mary Whitehead was a railroad enthusiast, a gardener who took interest in both common and exotic flowers, and a photographer. She volunteered at several community nutrition programs that were offered at her local community center. She endowed the Hertlein-Whitehead Visiting Scholars program at the Axe Library of Pittsburg State University.

Scope and Content Note
This collection contains primary and secondary resources and is divided into the following series:
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**Family Records** series contains documents about the Whitehead family, from Mary and Bryan to their children. Documents included are writings from Howard and Fred Whitehead during their school years, and their membership with the First Presbyterian Church. Series also includes the marriage certificate of Mary and Bryan Whitehead.

**Correspondence** series contains correspondence from Whitehead to family/friends and other associates spanning from 1965 through 2004. Also contains specific correspondence for charity events that Mary was a part of and helped plan.

**Farm Records** series contains documents relating to the business that Mary had with her husband. The series contains: Oil Leases; Revenue Statements; Tax and Financial Records; Payments; Easements; Legal documents; Cost Books. The *Oil Leases* were for property in Pratt County, Kansas in 1979 to 1986; property in Ford County, Kansas in 1979 through 1985; property in Seward County, Kansas in 1986; property in Texas County, Oklahoma in 1974 to 1988; property in Kiowa County, Colorado in 1980 to 1985; and dealings with the Aylward Oil Company in 1965 to 1981. The series also contains *Oil and Gas Revenue Statements* from Pratt County, Kansas; Seward County, Kansas; Scanton County, Kansas; and Texas County, Oklahoma starting from 1966 all the way through to 2004. There are also documents about the *Tax and Financial Records* of Kiowa County, Colorado from 1965 to 2004; Ford County, Kansas from 1975 to 2004; Meade County, Kansas from 1965 to 2004; Pratt County, Kansas from 1975 to 2004; Scanton County, Kansas from 1966 to 2004; Texas County, Oklahoma from 1985 to 2004; documents regarding Clifford “David” Higgins; documents regarding Gary Higgins; and documents regarding Merle Quigley. Other materials in the Farm Record series are *Deficiency Payments; Citgo Carthage II Unit; Cloud Seeding; Legal documents; Electric Line easements; Conservation Reserve Programs; Estate files*; and *Cost Books*.

The **Photographs** series contains three negative slides.

The **Newspaper Clippings** series includes various newspaper clippings dealing with farm living, the lives of the Whitehead family.

The **Media** series contains a cassette tape.

The **Miscellaneous** series consists of materials that Mary Whitehead had accumulated over the years that did not fit into the other series in the collection.

**Processing Note**

Collection formally processed in September 2017, by MaryJo Noblit Johnson

**FOLDER LIST**

**Family Records** Series

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**Correspondence** Series
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