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Frank J. Bozick Collection

Overview of the Collection

Title	The Frank J. Bozick Collection
Collection Number	MS 116
Donor	The Frank J. Bozick Collection was donated to Pittsburg State University Special Collections by Mrs. Phyllis Bitner, 6 February 2009.
Dates	1927-2008
Quantity	5 linear feet
Summary	A collection of biographical information, World War II correspondence, financial documents, education material, photos, books, newspapers, textiles, and other media relating to Frank J. Bozick (1903-2008) of Frontenac, Kansas, and his family, especially John Bozick.
Repository	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	The collection is open for research aside from one restricted folder. 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	Frank J. Bozick was born February 11, 1903 in Frontenac, Kansas. Frank was one of six children born to Frank and Teresa (Yartz) Bozick. In the 1930s, Frank started and operated a filling station and store. At age 38, and at the beginning of the United States' involvement in World War II, Frank volunteered for the US Army. He joined an Ordnance Battalion mostly made up Kansas volunteers. Their mission was to design mobile machine shops in 2.5 ton trucks that would provide mobile maintenance support for combat tanks and other track-type vehicles during the invasion of Europe. Frank obtained the rank of Sergeant First Class; his

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stateside assignments included Camp Perry, Ohio for basic military training, and Fort Campbell, Kentucky for the design and construction of the mobile machine shops. Overseas assignments took him to England, France (landing at Normandy shortly after the initial invasion), Germany, and Holland.

After the war, Frank return to Frontenac, Kansas. He was a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church and the Frontenac American Legion. He was an avid fisherman, and outdoorsman, and traveled to locations such as Alaska, and to Slovenia and Croatia, to visit his parents' birthplace. On February 11, 2008 he was awarded Proclamation from the Kansas Governor, Pittsburg, Frontenac, and the Frontenac American Legion for being the oldest living WWII veteran in Kansas at the age of 105. Frank Bozick died August 9 2008 at 2:40 a.m. at the Sunset Manor Nursing Home in Frontenac.

Detailed Description:

The Frank J. Bozick Collection is arranged into six series: **Personal, Education, Photographs, Books and Publications, Textiles,** and **Miscellaneous.** The Personal and photographs series provides the most insight into Frank and his family's life.

The **Personal Series** is divided into three subseries. The first is Biographical information containing Frank's obituary and biographical sketch and unknown baptismal certificates. The second subseries is Correspondence containing letter from 1931, 1942-45, and 1947, 1967, and 1971 most from Frank, Bobby, and Johnny with other family members and friends' letters. The third subseries is Financial information containing a financial ledger and invoices, 1941-1960.

The **Education Series** contains Frank's brother John F. Bozick's elementary school, high school, and college papers and projects. Mary Lee Coleman's spelling book.

The **Photographs Series** is divided into three subseries. First subseries are Personal/Family containing photos of the family and taken by the family from professional portraits to personal cameras. Second subseries are Military photos of people and places. Third Subseries is Unidentified, photos with no date or description.

The **Books and Publications Series** contains Mary Lee Coleman's readers and children book, two Journal of A.I.E.E., Stationary Steam Engines manual, and two newspapers: one fake and one real.

The **Textiles Series** contains three navy caps, two navy berets, and John F. Bozick's rucksack.

The **Miscellaneous Series** contains Frank J. Bozick's 2001 Reunion DVD, Bozick, J.F. stamp, wallet with color photo, John Frank Bozick Kansas State Teachers College Class Permit.

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FOLDER LIST

Personal

Biographical Subseries

- f. 1 Biography and Obituary of Frank J. Bozick
- f. 2 Baptismal Certificates, unknown, no date.

Correspondence Subseries

- f. 3 Winters Jr., Robert C., 1931
- f. 4 Bozick, Frank J., 1942
- f. 5 Winters Jr., Robert C., 1942
- f. 6 Miscellaneous Correspondence to Bozick Family 1942
- f. 7 Bozick, Frank J., 1943
- f. 8 Winters Jr., Robert C., 1943
- f. 9 Bozick, John F., 1943
- f. 10 Miscellaneous Correspondence to Bozick Family 1943
- f. 11 Bozick, Frank J., 1944
- f. 12 Winters Jr., Robert C., 1944
- f. 13 Bozick, John F., January to July 1944
- f. 14 Bozick, John F., August to December 1944
- f. 15 Miscellaneous Correspondence to Bozick Family 1944
- f. 16 Bozick, Frank J., 1945 and Letters to Frank 1945
- f. 17 Winters Jr., Robert C., 1945
- f. 18 Bozick, John F., 1945
- f. 19 Miscellaneous Correspondence to Bozick Family 1945
- f. 20 1947, 1967, 1971

Financial Subseries

- f. 21 Financial Ledger 1941-1960
- f. 22 Receipts and papers from Financial Ledger 1941-1960

Education

- f. 23 Coleman, Mary Lee - Spelling Notebook
- f. 24 Bozick, John - English Exercises
- f. 25 Bozick, John Kansas State Teachers College (KSTC) -7 Electrical Engineering – Electrical Measurements 1928
- f. 26 Bozick, John KSTC – Machine Design – Machine Drawing E II – A.C. II 1929
- f. 27 Bozick, John KSTC - Electrical Engineering – D.C. Machinery I 1928
- f. 28 Bozick, John KSTC - Electrical Engineering – D.C. Machinery II 1929
- f. 29 Bozick, John KSTC - Electrical Engineering – A.C. I 1929
- f. 30 Bozick, John Frontenac High School (FHS) – English I Binder

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- f. 31 Bozick, John FHS - Biology Laboratory Guide
- f. 32 Bozick, John FHS - Math Binder –March 18, 1927 and Math Notebook
- f. 33 Bozick, John FHS - Physics Notebook June-July 1927 Physics Problems
- f. 34 Bozick, John FHS Chemistry II and Chemistry Experiments Notebooks
- f. 35 Bozick, John Elementary School Project – Autobiography and Kansas State Teachers College permit for John Frank Bozick
- f. 36 Bozick, John Problems in Calculus During the Year 1927-28

Photographs

Personal & Family

- f. 37 Ferguson Studio – Portraits of Bozicks and relatives – Pittsburg, KS
- f. 38 Ferguson Studio – Portraits of Bozicks and relatives – Pittsburg, KS
- f. 39 Ferguson Studio – Portraits of Bozicks and relatives – Pittsburg, KS
- f. 40 Ferguson Studio – Portraits of Bozicks and relatives – Pittsburg, KS
- f. 41 McFarland Studio – Portraits of Bozicks and relatives – Pittsburg, KS
- f. 42 Western Portrait & Film Co. – Portraits of Bozicks and relatives - Roundup, Mont.
- f. 43 McFarland & Clark, Miller Art Studio, E.W. Smith, Rembrandt Studio, Graves Studio, McCarty, Ferguson -Pittsburg, KS & C.J. Hill – Cleveland, OH - Portraits of Bozicks & relatives
- f. 44 J.L Barber – Salida, CO and Kewin, Secron, Megfur - Aspen, CO and Studio De Luxe, J. Raoul Turner, Wagner, Howard, Shepard Studio - Pueblo, CO – Portraits of Bozicks and relatives
- f. 45 Dunckle? - Greenfield, MA; L – Berg - Greenwood, WI; Jozef Erjaveo – Visnjagora; Steckauer's Zart Studio - Red Jacket, MI; De Luxe Studio - Booneville, MO; Lueders - Cape Girardeu, MO; Sterling Studio – Tocomo; Dewey Photos - Mound City, KS; Reime Studio – Belleville; Corish and Baker - Kansas City, MO – Portraits of Bozicks and relatives
- f. 46 Colfax; Atlanta; Balcom Studio and Deusing Studio - West Allis, WI; The Uchida Studio Pueblo, CO – Portraits of Bozick and relatives
- f. 47 Unknown Studio – Portraits of Bozicks and relatives
- f. 48 Unknown Studio – Portraits of Bozicks and relatives
- f. 49 Unknown Studio – Portraits of Bozicks and relatives
- f. 50 Scrapbook of Snap Shots
- f. 51 Photos in ArtStyle Chocolate Tin – hundreds of color and black & white photos depicting posed family photo, landscapes, post cards, and family events like Sunday dinner
- f. 52 Identified family photos
- f. 53 Two Wedding Photos – Baby Elite Studio – Pueblo, CO and Wedding Photo – Graves Studio – Pittsburg, KS; Two Portraits from Ferguson Studio Pittsburg, KS; Unknown Studio

Military

- f. 54 Portraits of military men
- f. 55 Navy group photos, Frank Bozick at reunion photos, photo of USS New Jersey

Unidentified

- f. 56 Both color and black & white photos with no identification and plastic sleeve of snap shots in August 1969.

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Books and Publications

Riverside Literature Series: *Selected Essays from the Sketch Book* by Washington Irving

Bobbs-Merrill Readers: *The Third Reader* by Clara B. Baker and Edna D. Baker

Misericordia Readers: *Seventh Reader* by The Sisters of Mercy – Baltimore, Maryland

Children's Story Hour

Vzori in Boji: Po Prijateljevih Pismih Priobcil (Ideals and Struggles: From his Friend's Letters)

by Joze Debevec (in Slovenian)

The Red Book of Children's Stories

f. 57 *Stationary Steam Engines and Journal of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers*

(A.I.E.E.) from November and December 1929

f. 58 Newspapers: *The Nashville Sun* and *The Collegio* July 29, 1927

Textiles

Three U.S. Navy caps

Two U.S. Navy berets

Bozick, J. F. rucksack

Miscellaneous

f. 59 CD: 503rd Ordnance - Oct 2001 Reunion and Bozick, J. F. Stamp