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The Cuthbertson Family Diaries
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Scope and Content

The Cuthbertson Family Diaries are diaries kept by Mary Kirkwood, Jessie Smith Cuthbertson, and William C. Cuthbertson. The diaries document daily life of the authors, financial matters, and reveal life in Southeast Kansas during their time periods.

Access Restrictions	This collection is open for access
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Languages

English

Biographical Note

The Cuthbertson Family Diaries contain personal diaries of a long-time Girard, Kansas family with Scottish roots. Mary Kirkwood (1858-1945) was born in Illinois in 1858 to native Scots, Matthew J. Kirkwood and his wife, Janet Craig Kirkwood. At an unknown date, the family moved to Girard, Kansas in southeast Kansas. Mary Kirkwood married Andrew W. Smith, and their daughter, Jessie Smith, was born in 1889 in Kansas. In 1924, Jessie Smith married Charles A. Cuthbertson, and their son, William C. Cuthbertson, was born in 1927. William Cuthbertson was a local historian and genealogist, and wrote several books of local history. Jessie Smith Cuthbertson died in 1975. William C. Cuthbertson died in 1986.

Series There are diaries from three individuals from the Cuthbertson Family: Mary Kirkwood; Jessie Smith Cuthbertson; and William C. Cuthbertson

Box List

Box 1: Mary Kirkwood Diaries: 1874 – 1940 Box 2: Mary Kirkwood Diaries: 1941 – 1946 Jessie Smith Cuthbertson Diaries: 1903 – 1955 Box 3: Jessie Smith Cuthbertson Diaries: 1956 – 1971 William C. Cuthbertson Diaries: 1947 – 1981 William C. Cuthbertson Diaries: 1960 – 1969 Travel Diary: 1920