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Floyd B. Lyerla Collection

Collection Number	MS 219
Title	The Floyd B. Lyerla Collection
Repository	Pittsburg State University, Special Collections & University Archives, Pittsburg, Kansas 1701 S. Broadway Pittsburg, Kansas 66762 (620) 235-4883 speccoll@pittstate.edu
Dates	1915-1931
Collection Size	.4 linear foot
Creator	Floyd D. Lyerla
Scope and Content	A collection of documents, letters, and items regarding Weir, Kansas (Cherokee County), and mining and business in Southeast Kansas.
Access Restrictions	This collection is open for access. 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	Floyd B. Lyerla was born on November 20, 1928 and died December 23, 2009. Lyerla enlisted in the U.S. Navy after high school during World War II and was called to active duty with the U.S. Army during the Korean and Vietnam Wars. He retired after 23 years of service in 1970. Lyerla was a decorated veteran with 23 military awards, including the World War II Victory Medal, Army Occupation with Germany Device, Korean Defense Service Medal, and the Republic of Vietnam Campaign with Device. In 1962, Lyerla graduated from the University of Omaha with a Bachelor of General Education. He went on to study education at the post-graduate level at Pittsburg State University, 1970 – 1971. Lyerla wrote the book <i>Tri-State Prehistoric Indianology</i> along with many articles in newspapers and other publications. His interest in Indian Archaeology led to pictures of his findings being published in books, and to being President of the Crawford County Amateur Archaeological Society.
Processing Note	

Collection processed in August 2019

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Content Description

This collection is primary sources and is divided into the following series:

1. Coal Mining
 - a. Contracts
 - b. Assignments of Interest
2. Political Documents and Letters
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 - d. Telegrams
 - e. Report
3. Maps and Programs
 - a. Maps of Cherokee County and Kansas
 - b. Events Programs
4. Random Receipts

Detailed Description of the Collection

Series 1: Coal Mining

F. 1 Coal mining lease 1917; Partnership contract 1917; Coal mining agreement 1918; Assignment of lease and bill of sale 1919; Assignment of interest in oil and gas leases 1923 and 1926

Series 2: Political Documents and Letters

F. 2 Kansas Legislative Directory 1931; Letter from Max Frohlich to V. A. Miller about the paving of Military Road and Highway 73, 1931; Certificate of Election of Dr. V. A. Miller 1926; Certificate of Nomination of V. A. Miller 1928; Local registrar's statement of returns 1928; Telegrams (6) to Rep. V. A. Miller regarding the State Mine Inspector Bill 1931; Letters from C. B. Griffith to V. A. Miller about prohibition violations 1923; Letter from V. A. Miller to C. B. Griffith about prohibition violations 1923; Audit report by V. A. Miller of T. L. Bennett 1928

Series 3: Maps and Programs

F. 3 Motor Routes to and from Pittsburg 1921; Map of Cherokee County 1915; Annual Banquet and Reunion of the Weir High School Alumni 1922 Program; Weir High School Junior-Senior Banquet 1927 Program; Bachelor Maids' Club Program

Series 4: Random Receipts

F. 4 Reo Sales Agency receipt 1917; Chas E. Jones, Ford Cars, Parts, and Service receipt 1923; W. B. Lowry The Modern Light receipt 1916

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Also donated by Floyd Lyerla was Grace Isabelle Bulmer's *The Canyon*, a 1930 book of poetry. It is filed with the Kansas Collection, call number 811.52 B876c.