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## Townsend, Jane, Collection, MSS 170

### The Jane Townsend Collection

<b>Collection Number</b>	MS 170
<b>Title</b>	The Jane Townsend Collection
<b>Name and Location of Repository</b>	Pittsburg State University, Special Collections & University Archives, Pittsburg, Kansas
<b>Dates</b>	1900-1972
<b>Collection Size</b>	2 linear feet
<b>Creator</b>	Jane Townsend

**Scope and Content** Jane Townsend was an educator and administrator in the Unified School District 248 (Girard, Kansas) for most of her professional career. This collection contains writings, scrapbooks, educational, and professional materials related to her life. The collection is in 4 series: **Personal Files, Educational Files, Professional Files, and Miscellaneous.**

**Access Restrictions** This collection is open for access

**Languages** English

**Biographical Note** Cynthia Jane Townsend was born April 7, 1889, in Girard, Kansas. She was a 1906 graduate of Girard High School and received a B.S. degree in education from Kansas State Normal College (present-day Emporia State University) in 1917. She also received an A.M. degree from the University of Chicago in 1924, an M.A. degree from the University of Michigan in 1934, and attended several summer terms at the University of Colorado. She began her teaching career at the Gooding School in Radley, a small community south of Girard, in 1906 before teaching in the Girard elementary schools beginning in 1907. By 1909 she was a mathematics teacher at Girard High School. In 1917 she was named principal at Girard High School, serving in this position until her retirement in 1959. In 1959 she received a Kansas Master Teachers Award from Kansas State Teachers College (present-day Emporia State University) and in 1963 Girard High School organized a “Jane Townsend Day” and presented her with a trip to Europe in appreciation of her services. In the early 1970s the Girard Unified School District 248 named the Girard High School library the “Jane Townsend Library” in her honor. She was an active member of Delta Kappa Gamma sorority, the Fidelis Study Club in Girard, the P.E.O., and First Presbyterian Church of Girard. She was also a member of the Kansas State Teachers Association, the National Education Association, and the Girard Teachers Association. She passed away in 1973.

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### Series

The **Personal Files** series includes personal and biographical materials. The first subcategory is Writings, which includes written stories. The second subcategory is Scrapbooks. The third subcategory is Invitations. The fourth subcategory is Receipts. This series is organized chronologically.

The **Educational Files** series includes schoolwork, notes, yearbooks, scrapbooks, graduation pamphlets, and other materials from Townsend's academic studies. The first subcategory is Public School which includes materials from her public education in Girard. The second subcategory is Kansas State Normal School (Emporia State University). The third subcategory is University of Chicago, which includes materials from her study, in addition to university publications. The fourth subcategory is University of Colorado. The fifth subcategory is Undated Academic Work. This series is organized chronologically.

The **Professional Files** series includes documents related to Townsend's career as educator and administrator in Girard.

The **Miscellaneous** series includes a variety of materials. The first subcategory is Pittsburg Elementary, which includes a daily planner and other materials from Pittsburg Elementary School during the 1939-1940 school year. The second subcategory is Military, which includes an Army French dictionary from World War I and some pamphlets and related materials from World War II. The third subcategory is Kansas, which includes some Kansas related documents, pamphlets, and issues of *Kansas Magazine*. The fourth subcategory is Travel Materials which includes travel guides and pamphlets from Kansas, Mexico, and the National Park Service. The fifth subcategory is Maps, which includes maps of a variety of subjects. The sixth subcategory is Art, which includes a variety of commercially created prints. The seventh subcategory is Clippings, which includes loose newspaper clippings on a variety of topics from the 1930s to the 1970s. The eighth subcategory is Advertisements. The ninth subcategory is Pamphlets and Publications.

### Folder List

#### Personal Files

##### **Box 1**

- f. 1 Writings (1910)
- f. 2 Scrapbooks
- f. 3 Invitations (1916)
- f. 4 Receipts (1947-1957)

#### Educational Files

- f. 5 Public School (1900-1906)

##### **Box 2**

- f. 6 Kansas State Normal School (Emporia State University) (1915-1917)
- f. 7 University of Chicago (1924-1927)
- f. 8 University of Colorado (1943)
- f. 9 Undated Academic Work

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### Professional Files

f. 10 Professional Files (1922-1951)

### Miscellaneous

f. 11 Pittsburg Elementary (1939-1940)

f. 12 Military (1918-1943)

f. 13 Kansas (1949-1960)

f. 14 Travel Materials (1961-1964)

f. 15 Maps

f. 16 Art

f. 17 Clippings (1939-1972)

f. 18 Advertisements (1962)

f. 19 Pamphlets and Publications (1930-1972)