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Collection Number	MS 239
Title	The Arthur G. Whittemore Collection
Repository	Pittsburg State University, Special Collections & University Archives, Pittsburg, Kansas 1701 S. Broadway Pittsburg, Kansas 66762 (620) 235-4883 speccoll@pittstate.edu
Dates	1940-1944
Collection Size	.4 linear feet
Creator	Reese Family
Scope and Content	A collection of photographs taken by Arthur G. Whittemore
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 Arthur Glenn Whittemore (1907-1980) grew up in Warsaw, Ohio. Prior to World War II, he worked for the Ohio Highway System, as a truck driver, and as a photographer. He entered the Enlisted Reserve Corps in July of 1942 as a Liaison Flying, receiving training in Pittsburg, Kansas. He was called to active duty at Fort Leavenworth in May 1944. Arthur was reclassified to the Patrol Squadron 152 and was assigned to the 4504th at the Pratt Army Air Base, in Kansas. Arthur and Betty Lou Reese, of Pittsburg, Kansas, were married by 1944. After the war, Arthur Whittemore worked as a professional photographer, mainly in Columbus, Ohio, taking aerial and commercial shots, focusing on many subjects like his wife, people, railroads, and nature. In the mid-1950s, Arthur and Betty divorced. Afterwards, Arthur Whittemore married Ferol Funk.

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Processing Note

Collection processed in October 2019

Content Description

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

1. Arthur Whittemore, Betty Lou Whittemore, and Family
2. Kansas Railway and Plants
3. People
4. Nature
5. Other

Detailed Description of the Collection

Series 1: Arthur Whittemore, Betty Lou Whittemore, and Family

F. 2 Daughter of Arthur and Betty; Arthur taking photos; Various photos of Betty; Betty and Arthur; Betty and her father Thomas; Flowers from Arthur, photo taken by Betty; Balance from Williams Jewelry; Snaps and Scraps: My Life in the Army – Arthur's army scrapbook

Series 2: Kansas Railways and Plants

F. 1 Freight and Passenger Depots, Pittsburg, KS; Kansas City Southern railway roundhouse, Pittsburg by Whittemore & Co.; Galena Smelter Plant

Series 3: People

F. 3 Men at desks; NBC speech; Man at desk by railroad map; Pictures of Hal G. Sours, director of highways in Ohio; Men at dinner event; Howard G. Linn, Columbus, OH, Oct. 1940; Wrestling match; Man hunting; Man playing trumpet; Baptism; Couple; Army event

Series 4: Nature and Water

F. 4 Cave; Seal; Men fishing with net; Bridge; Building in Water; Flooded street; Waterfall; Boat in river; Creek; Flooded farm; Pond

Series 5: Other

F. 5 Warsaw, Ohio; Oil drill/main shaft; Mine opening; Mt Carmel Hospital, Pittsburg, 1944; Fountain; Store; Pump/wheel; Toy bird in tux; USS Princeton; Boat; Fire on shore or boats; Porter Hall, Pittsburg State