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Murray-Burwell Family Collection, MS 259

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Collection Number	MS 259
Title	The Murray-Burwell Family Collection
Repository	Pittsburg State University, Special Collections & University Archives, Pittsburg, Kansas 1701 S. Broadway Pittsburg, Kansas 66762 (620) 235-4883 speccoll@pittstate.edu
Dates	1870-1951
Collection Size	.2 linear feet
Creator	Unknown
Scope and Content	A collection of correspondence, newspapers, photographs, and other writings related to the Murray-Burwell family in the early to mid-1900s.
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	David James Murray was born on October 19, 1873 in Pennsylvania and moved to Kansas when he was three years of age. In 1896 David married Mary Selvey (1878-1959) in Cherokee, Kansas. They would have five children. In 1902 their child Marguerite was born in Weir, Kansas. In Weir, David worked in the mines until 1930 when he transferred to the McNally plant in Pittsburg, Kansas. David passed away on December 12, 1943. Jack W. Burwell was born on July 25, 1896. He served in World War I, World War II, and the Korean War. Marguerite Murray and Jack Burwell were married in Columbus, Kansas in November of 1930. They had two children, David and Mary. The family briefly lived in California, in San Pedro and San Francisco. On October 22, 1945, Jack enlisted in the Coast Artillery Corps or Army Mine Planter Service at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. He was a Master Sergeant in the Army and an electrician as a civilian. During the war, his family lived in Pittsburg, Kansas. Marguerite passed away on January 27, 1983 and Jack passed away on August 8, 1979.

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Processing Note

Collection processed in December 2019, many of the photographs and papers are fragile

Content Description

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

1. Correspondence and Photographs
 - a. Company and Family Correspondence
2. Oil and Gas Leases
 - a. Finances and Correspondence with the Claude Adams Organization
3. Publications, Writings, and Records

Detailed Description of the Collection

Series 1: Correspondence and Photographs

- Photographs of John to Margaret, Photographs of the Gabler's (1937) and Norma June Quinn
- Joplin and Railway Company, 1929, Envelope to Margaret Murray from 1924
- The McNally Pittsburg Mfg. Corp. Payments, David Murray, June-August 1943
- Southwestern Bell Telephone Company bill, Dave Murray, August 1943
- War correspondence, Christmas 1944, January 1945
- General Correspondence, 1938-1951, n.d.

Series 2: Oil and Gas Leases

- Financial correspondence and leases for the Claude Adams Organization, December 1937-June 1941, n.d.
- Correspondence between Sgt. Jack Burwell and Claude Adams of the Claude Adams Organization, July 1938-November 1938, n.d.
- Map of De Chavez-Livingston Structures, Valencia Socorro Counties New Mexico

Series 3: Publications, Writings, and Records

- Ledger September 1903-January 1905
- Ledger Mary 1917
- *Roll of the Boy's Who Leave Weir, June 20-24, 1918*
- *Report of the Auditing Committee, December 1918-January 1919*
- *Revised Constitution, 1920*
- Sterling Notebook accounting a trip, November-December 1931
- *Proceedings of the Burwell Family Picnic Held at the Burwell's Farm, 1870*
- *267th Group Gazette, Vol. 1, No. 5, March 17, 1947*
- *The Oil News, Vol. XV, No. 14, November 6, 1939 and n.d.*
- "Anti-Aircraft Force Leaves Fort for Camp at Ross Field, Arcadia," San Pedro
- "Crack 63d Anti-Aircraft Regiment to Demonstrate at March Field," San Pedro
- *The Advance Register, Vol. LXXXII, No. 22, March 1, 1946*
- *The Gas Bag, Vol. 1, No. 10, October 21, 1942*
- *The Seneca News Dispatch, Vol. 56, No. 29, January 4, 1937*
-The Register, Gas Bag, and Seneca News are located in the flat files.-