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Doris Schlacks Collection

Collection Number	MS 253
Title	The Doris Schlacks Collection
Repository	Pittsburg State University, Special Collections & University Archives, Pittsburg, Kansas 1701 S. Broadway Pittsburg, Kansas 66762 (620) 235-4883 speccoll@pittstate.edu
Dates	1891-1976
Collection Size	.4 linear feet
Creator	Doris Schlacks
Scope and Content	A collection of newspaper and magazine articles about Kansas History, two plates made for centennial celebrations, and family history documents.
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	Doris Rachel (Gibson) Schlacks, born in 1932, grew up in Pittsburg, Kansas. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Monmouth College in Illinois. She and William H. Schlacks were married in 1954, but later divorced. Doris lived in Houston, Texas for 25 years before moving back to Pittsburg. She was a member of many organizations like Kappa Kappa Gamma and the PEO Sisterhood. Doris passed away in 2009. The family documents belonged to Doris' great-grandfather Archibald "Archie" Burns (1836-1921). He kept a ledger and a journal documenting several events that happened nearly every day, from 1903 to 1912. Archibald and his family moved to Beulah, Kansas in the mid-1880s and to Girard in the early 1900s after he was elected county treasurer. Archie held many elected positions, eventually becoming mayor. Archibald also had some documents on his family history, describing his parents, Sarah Gillespie (1802-1890) and Stuart Burns (1793-1863), and other relatives.

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Processing Note

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Content Description

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

1. Family Documents
2. Kansas History Publications
3. Celebration Plates

Detailed Description of the Collection

Series 1: Family Documents

- F. 1 Archie Burns Ledger, January 1891-January 1897
- F. 2 Archie Burns Diary, 1903-1906, Photocopied
- F. 3 Diary, 1906-1912, and Burns-Gillespie Family History
- F. 4 Scrapbook of newspaper clippings

Series 2: Kansas History Publications

- F. 5:
 - *Collier's* for March 13, 1937, "The Private Life of Margaret Mitchell";
 - *Pittsburg Headlight-Sun*, September 17, 1970, "And So We Became 'the Balkans of Kansas'";
 - *The Kansas City Star Magazine*, June 14, 1970, "Shepard of the Hills";
 - Articles about Kansas State College of Pittsburg, August 27, 1972;
 - "The Call of Kansas" by Esther Clark-Hill;
 - *Pittsburg Headlight-Sun*, February 1, 1969, Nixon Inauguration;
 - *American History*, price list of government publications, November 1964;
 - Telephone Talk, 1964 pamphlet with Topeka Capital building on cover; Kansas population list;
 - "A Junior Editors Quiz about Service Stripes" April 10, 1971;
 - *Pittsburg Headlight-Sun*, November 21, 1971, "Frontier Brought Crawford Success";
 - *Kansas City Times*, February 10, 1972 "Spelling a Problem for Early Kansans";
 - "History at Your Feet" May 30, 1970;
 - *The Morning Sun*, March 12, 1976;
 - *Kansas City Star*, May 27, 1974, "Roll Call of Warring States in South";
 - Kansas Flag Post Card;
 - *Headlight*, April 28, 1964, "Names From the Past – 'Ghost Towns' Recalled";
 - "When Joy Owned the Two Counties" December 1967

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Series 3: Celebration Plate and Trivet

- The Bicentennial of the United States and the Centennial of Pittsburg, Kansas Celebration Plate, 1976;
- The Centennial Celebration of Kansas Trivet/ceramic coaster, 1961