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Robert and Katie Blunk Collection

Collection Number	MS 270
Title	The Robert and Katie Blunk Collection
Repository	Pittsburg State University, Special Collections & University Archives, Pittsburg, Kansas 1701 S. Broadway Pittsburg, Kansas 66762 (620) 235-4883 speccoll@pittstate.edu
Dates	1890-1930, 1951
Collection Size	2 linear feet
Creator	Robert and Katie Blunk
Scope and Content	A collection of magazines from the 1890s and 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	<p>Robert Blunk was born in Salyard, Kansas on December 14, 1923. He attended multiple colleges but received his Bachelor of Fine Arts at the Kansas City Institute of Arts in 1950 and a Masters of Fine Arts in Sculpture at the Kansas Teacher's College of Pittsburg (now Pittsburg State University) in 1952. Robert worked as an art professor at colleges for 40 years and taught at Pittsburg State University from 1962 until his retirement. While teaching, Robert painted and sculpted many works, taking inspiration from landscapes, seascapes, Egyptology and art, and inventors like the Wright Brothers. His website http://www.robertblunkartist.com/ showcases his work from the 1940s to 2017. Katie Blackwood Blunk was born on January 14, 1923 in Buffalo, Kansas. She received a Bachelor of Arts from Pittsburg State University and</p>

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became a teacher and director of adult education for Pittsburg Public Schools. She was active in many local organizations and worked in Africa with Robert teaching kids to read English. Katie passed away in 2007. The magazines and periodicals in this collection were published in the 1890s and 1900s. Most of the magazines stopped publishing around the 1920s, although a few published for longer. A few like the *Frank Reade* publications are dime novels which are weekly or monthly printed stories following a certain character or theme. Others are home and fashion magazines like the *Delineator* which was published by Butterick, known for its sewing patterns.

Processing Note

Collection processed in May 2021

Content Description

This collection is primary sources and is comprised of the following:

Detailed Description of the Collection

The Delineator: A Journal of Fashion, Culture and Fine Arts

25 Issues: 1891-1894

Frank Reade Weekly Magazine

1 Issue: February 1903

Home Furnishing Styles

4 issues, 1923

Ingall's Home and Art Magazine

16 Issues: 1890, 1892-1893

The Jesse James Stories

1 Issue: 1902

Keramic Studio

16 issues, 1899 – 1916

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The Liberty Boys of '76

2 Issues: 1902-1903

The School Century

1 Issue: 1909

Secret Service

4 Issues: 1903, 1907

S.P. Nelson and Sons

1 Issue: Fall and Winter 1951

Tip Top Weekly

15 Issues, 1900-1906

Voice of Masonry and Family Magazine

13 Issues: 1889-1890

Wild West Weekly

2 Issue: 1903

Work and Win

3 Issues: 1902-1903

World's Work

11 issues, 1901- 1903, 1929 - 1930