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The Arleen Purcell Collection

Collection Number	MS 304
Title	The Arleen Purcell Collection
Repository	Pittsburg State University, Special Collections & University Archives, Pittsburg, Kansas 1701 S. Broadway Pittsburg, Kansas 66762 (620) 235-4883 speccoll@pittstate.edu
Dates	1919-1991
Collection Size	2 linear feet
Creator	Arleen Purcell
Scope and Content	A collection of documents and items related to Fort Scott and southeast Kansas, and Arleen Purcell's travels and studies.
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, Spanish, German
Biographical Note	Arleen Purcell (1912-2001) was an elementary school teacher in Fort Scott, Kansas who collaborated in writing the musical <i>Footprints on the Frontier</i> . She was married to Ralph Emerson Purcell, with whom she had two sons. Purcell took great interest in local history and community organizations. In the 1970s, she took study abroad trips through Western Illinois University and the Kansas State College of Pittsburg (now Pittsburg State University) to South America.

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Processing Note

Papers processed in November 2020

Content Description

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

Detailed Description of Collection:

Box 1:

Organization Events and Information (1974-1991)

- Friends of Gordon Parks
- Historic Preservation Association of Bourbon County, Inc.
- Kansas Writers Association
- Lawrence Presbyterian Manor Guest Artist Series
- Linn County Historical Society
- Mound City Church Invitations
- University of Kansas Newsletter
- Women's Committee: Pittsburg Chamber of Commerce

Magazines (1919, 1950-1986)

- *Arthur Rubinstein*
- *The Etude*
- *Into All the World: The Acts of the Apostles*
- *Kansas Alumni Magazine*
- *Kansas Industrial Development Commission*
- *Nebraskaland Magazine: Sportsman's Scrapbook*
- *Old American News*
- *Osage Beach Resort and Entertainment Center: Where the Fun Is!*
- *Prairie Rivers*
- *Smithsonian*
- *Time*

Booklets (1962-1983)

- The Metropolitan Museum of Art: Art Books for Children 5-14 Years
- Fort Scott: Block House
- Cardiac Rehabilitation for the Patient and Family
- Die Mitwirkenden
- Early Day Nostalgic
- Footprints on the Frontier
- Life in Kansas 100 Years Ago
- Reflections of a Jayhawk Lawyer
- Unnamed Photo Booklet

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Music (1972-1990)

- *The Chronicle of Job*
- *Footprints on the Frontier*
- 10th Anniversary Season: The Friends of Chamber Music
- The Kansas City Symphony and Truman Anniversary Concert Board: Seventh Annual Truman Anniversary Concert Main Series
- Scientific American: The Physics of Music
- Programs and Flyers

Brochures and Maps: Fort Scott and Linn County

Fort Scott Community College

- Lucille James Fine Arts/Lecture Series

American Revolution Bicentennial Commission of Fort Scott

Kansas State Historical Society

Newspapers – Fort Scott History, Buildings, and Art 1950-1975

Miscellaneous

Books

- *1921 Catalogue of Victor Records*
- *Services for Trial Use*

Cassettes (6)

- Various performances and readings

Box 2:

South America Trip (1970-1974)

- Expenses
- Argentina – Buenos Aires Valparaiso
- Brazil – Rio
- Brazil – Sao Paulo
- Brazil – Belem
- Chile – Santiago
- Ecuador – Quito
- Miami
- Paraguay
- Peru – Lima
- Schedule (2)
- South America: Passport, Vaccination, Tourist Card Application
- Spanish

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- South America Notes and Bibliography
- Western Illinois University + Study
 - Study Abroad information
- Correspondence 1972
- American Revolution Bicentennial Commission and Fort Scot Cultural Arts
 - Newspapers, planning, brochures, floor plans
- Newspapers – Organizations and Events
- Newspapers – Brazil and South America