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The Pat Shehan Collection

Collection Number	MS 317
Title	The Pat Shehan Collection
Repository	Pittsburg State University, Special Collections & University Archives, Pittsburg, Kansas 1701 S. Broadway Pittsburg, Kansas 66762 (620) 235-4883 speccoll@pittstate.edu
Dates	1904-1920
Collection Size	.4 linear feet
Creator	Pat Shehan
Scope and Content	Contains photographs of early Chanute, Kansas.
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
Historical Note	The first settlement in what would become Chanute, Kansas (Neosho County) began in 1856, prior to Kansas statehood and just before the arrival of the railroad. Four nearby rival towns, New Chicago, Chicago Junction, Alliance, and Tioga, were also developed. They were vying over which town would house the Leavenworth, Lawrence & Galveston Railroad's new land office. Octave Chanute, Chief Engineer and General Superintendent of the railroad, suggested that the towns merge into one. On January 1, 1873, they did just that, and they were chartered as the city of Chanute, named after Octave Chanute. The city began to flourish with the Southern Kansas Railroad's division headquarters in town. Chanute saw rapid growth in flourmills, grain elevators, banks, drug and hardware stores, and natural gas. By 1903, Chanute established electric utility and established gas, water, wastewater, and refuse utilities in the following years.

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Processing Note

Collection processed in December 2020

Detailed Description of Collection:

1920s Exhibit at Home Coming – show case of various crops including corn, gourds, and herbs

Factory under construction, shot from the base of the hill

Factory under construction, shot from the top of the hill looking over it

Oilfield (2)

Crowded street

Old Bridge over Turkey Creek – Turkey Creek Bridge South of Chanute, Kansas on Katy Railroad, south of the old train water tank

Clyde and Ernest Harmon at pump station on Old Cap Walkers farm south and east of Chanute, Kansas

Corner of a building of shops. The closest to the camera is The Mammoth Racket Groceries

People standing in a row on dirt road in front of businesses, labelled “Chanute, Kansas” on back

Photo of people standing outside a First National Bank which is next to a soda fountain

Light-colored house with pillars and a star located on Highland Ave.

A group of 4 women, 3 holding a knife, pistol, and a rifle

Citizens State Bank, built in 1904

3 men, JW Beach, Ray Elliot, and SM Pickens, inside a bank at the cashier’s desk, ~1910

Men working at an oil well

Oil wells next to dirt road

Two men in front of an oil well

Light-colored house with wide front porch

High shot of crowded street

Man standing under a cliff (2)

Wooden building behind trees (4)

Man sitting in the woods

Large group of children standing outside of a stone building with a bell tower

Group of men on a stage with a prop well and a dog

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Two women, a dog, and a horse outside of a house

A boy and girl with a dog in the foreground, a woman in the background, labelled "Ethel 1908" on the back

Large group of men posing in front of a partially constructed building

Three men and a dog sit on the steps of American Steam Laundry

Street lined with houses, a car at the end

A dark house with a wrap-around porch

Building on a street corner with a doctor's office and shops

Stone building with tanks and smoke stacks, possibly a mill

Group of men standing on a raft in a river, labelled "68%" on the back in blue pencil

Oil well behind a small farm

Brick building with a hexagonal turret and a curved archway