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Playford Reed Photographs

Collection Number	MS 325
Title	Playford Reed Photographs
Name and Location of Repository	Pittsburg State University, Special Collections & University Archives, Pittsburg, Kansas
Dates	1897 - 1945
Collection Size	.2 Linear Foot
Creator	Unknown
Scope and Content	The Playford Reed photographs includes photographs and self-made postcards ranging from portraits, family photos, and sports photos all pertaining to Playford Reed, his upbringing, his friends, and his family.

Access Restrictions This collection is open for access

Languages English

Biographical Note Playford Whittemore Reed was born in Kansas City, Missouri in 1901 to William “Whit” and Birdie Reed. Playford grew up in Pittsburg, Kansas and attended the State Manual Training Normal School (now Pittsburg State University) in 1921, but finished his education at Concordia University in St. Paul, Minnesota. While in college, Playford played football and baseball. Reed married Marie Coutts in 1930, and worked as a car salesmen in St. Paul. In 1931, his son Billy Reed was born and Playford then began working as a school teacher. When the United States entered World War II, Playford was drafted into the 314th Company, Fleet Marine Corp Reserve at Fort Snelling, Minnesota. During his service in the Pacific, he was the captain of the Marines baseball team. Playford Reed died in 1976 in Eau Claire, Wisconsin.

Series The collection contains primary sources and secondary sources and is arranged into the following series:

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Portrait of Playford as a child (age and date unknown); postcard showing Playford on donkey (age and date unknown); postcard showing portrait of Playford Reed, February 22, 1908; photograph of Playford peeking into a restroom (date and location unknown); photograph of Playford next to his wife, Marie, and an unidentified woman (date and location unknown, labeled: "Foolish"); photograph of Playford and Marie at a brickyard (date and location unknown, labeled: "nuts!!!"); photograph of Playford and Marie at a brickyard (date and location unknown, labeled: "Trifling"); photograph of Playford and Marie at a brickyard (date and location unknown); portrait of Playford, 1945 (labeled: "Found in wastebasket out"); Playford at a party (date and location unknown)

Series 2: Playford W. Reed in Sports

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Two portraits of Playford Reed in his football uniform, 1921 (one labeled: Playford R.H. 20); two photographs of Playford Reed in his football uniform on the field, 1921 (location unknown); photograph of Playford Reed in his baseball uniform on the field in front of livery stables, 1921 (location unknown); Playford Reed in his marines uniform next to a stocked shelf, 1942-1945 (location unknown, description on back); Playford Reed playing golf with two unidentified men (date and location unknown)

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Portrait of Glenn and William Reed (date unknown); Photograph of William Reed, 1898 (labeled: "Whit"); two portraits of William Reed (date unknown); portrait of William Reed, Bird Reed and his father Elias Reed (date unknown); "Whit" and "Bird" Reed, December 25, 1897 (inscription on back); William and Birdie Reed (date unknown); two portraits of Bird and Playford (date unknown); photograph of Bird Reed and an unidentified woman, August 1928 (location unknown)

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Series 4: Playford's Grandpa Elias Reed and Grandma "Leddy" (dad's side)

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Photograph of William and Elias Reed in front of a steam engine train (date and location unknown); photograph of William and Elias Reed in a buggy (date and location unknown); photograph of Charlotte "Leddy" Reed sweeping on the front porch

Series 5: Playford's Son Billy Reed

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Photograph of Billy Reed, July 17, 1934 (labeled: "Billy Reed. age 3 ½"); photograph of Billy Reed, April 1937 (description on back); photograph of Billy Reed and his mother Marie, November 1944, St. Paul, Minnesota

Series 6: Playford's uncle Glenn Reed

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Portrait of Glenn Reed (date unknown, description on back); double-sided Portrait of Glenn Reed and two unidentified women and a dog, portrait of Glenn and unidentified woman (date unknown [wife presumably?]) photograph of Glenn Reed at the railyard (date and location unknown)

Series 7: Reed Family Photos and Portraits

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Reed family photo (date and location unknown, Playford can be seen in the front); Two photographs of Reed family next to a 49er (date and location unknown); family portrait of the Reed family in swimsuits (date unknown William and Playford second row to the right); Reed family at a fancy occasion (date and location unknown, one photo with and without Playford); three photographs of the Reed Family at Uncle Glenn Reed's house (date and location unknown)

Series 8: Reed Family Vacation Photographs and Postcards

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Six photographs of the Reed family at the river (date and location unknown); three photographs of Reed family at the ocean (date and location unknown); three postcards of the Reed family on a fishing trip (date and location unknown)

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Series 9: Football and Basketball Players

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Eleven photographs of football players at the State Manual Training Normal School, 1921, (thought to be located at modern day location of the Kelce School of Business); three portraits of football players (date unknown); Gift card from "Blackie" (date unknown); two photographs of the "State Manuals," 1911; three photographs of basketball players at State Manual Training Normal School (date and location unknown); two photographs of a track player (date and location unknown); unidentified figure (date and location unknown)

Series 10: Unidentified Figures

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Five single portraits of women (dates unknown); five portraits of men (dates unknown); portrait of a young boy and girl (date unknown); portrait of a woman and a girl (date unknown); Family photo (date unknown); photograph of a woman and two men (date unknown); photograph of a young girl and a baby carriage (date unknown, labeled: "To Playford from Gladys")

Series 11: Misc.

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Unlabeled Postcards (date and location unknown); postcard from Anna McAugell to Playford Reed, woman [anna?] playing the piano, March 19, 1911; postcard from Mrs. Nillie Frient [?], family photo, Monmouth, Kansas (date unknown); postcard to B.E. Reed, two children and a dog (date unknown); photograph of a horse next to a small stable (date and location unknown)