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## **Prentice Gudgen Jr. Collection**

### **Overview of the Collection**

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| <b>Title</b>               | Prentice Gudgen Jr. Collection   |
| <b>Collection Number</b>   | MS 182   |
| <b>Creator</b>             | Prentice Gudgen Jr.  |
| <b>Dates</b>               | 1849-1997  |
| <b>Quantity</b>            | 6 linear feet  |
| <b>Summary</b>             | A collection of correspondence, Kansas history, programs and flyers, publications, city directories, photographs, postcards, maps, stationery, newspaper clippings, miscellaneous, and oversized.  |
| <b>Repository</b>          | Pittsburg State University, Leonard H. Axe Library, Special Collections & University Archives<br>1701 S. Broadway<br>Pittsburg, Kansas, 66762<br>(620)235-4883<br>speccoll@pittstate.edu   |
| <b>Access Restrictions</b> | There are no listed restriction for this collection. Collection is open for research. Researchers must use the collection in accordance with the policies of the Special Collections & University Archives, Leonard H. Axe Library, Pittsburg State University |
| <b>Languages</b>           | English  |

**Biographical Note** Prentice E. Gudgen Jr. was born on April 15, 1939 to Prentice Everett and Gretta H. Stuessi Gudgen. His father was a coach at Pittsburg State University. He graduated from Pittsburg High School in 1958 and worked for McNally's Manufacturing for twenty-seven years. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church, Boy Scouts of America, and the Crawford County Historical Society. Gudgen was also a local historian. He passed away on June 16, 2006.

### **Scope and Content Note**

This collection primarily focuses on the history of Crawford County, Kansas. There are 12 series in this collection: **Correspondence, Kansas History, Programs and Flyers, Publications, City Directories, Photographs, Postcards, Maps, Stationery, Clippings, Miscellaneous, and Oversized.**

1. The **Correspondence** series contains one letter. This letter was written by N. McConnell and sent to a Jones McConnell in Amity, New York (Orange County).

2. The **Kansas History** series consist of information several towns and mining communities in Southeast Kansas, and information on an early settler.
3. The **Programs and Broad Sheets** series includes programs and broad sheets for several events in Pittsburg, such as an essay competition, church services, commencements, anniversaries, and athletic events. Most of the programs are related to Pittsburg State University or the First Methodist Episcopal Church.
4. The **Publications** series contains various forms of publication on a variety of subjects. There are five main categories in the series (Personal Book, Kansas State Teachers College, Pittsburg, Kansas, Kansas History, and Railroads). In total, there are: pictorial histories, bulletins, newsletters, reports by governmental organizations, and topic books. There is a variety of information over the development of Southeast Kansas and the University to be found.
5. The **Telephone Directories** series consist of complete and partial telephone directories of Pittsburg.
6. The **Photographs** series includes several towns in Southeast Kansas, including Pittsburg, Walnut, Hepler, Cockerill, and Girard. The pictures span over a hundred years.
7. The **Postcards** series includes scenes of Southeast Kansas towns as well as souvenir booklets. Many of the postcards are located in the albums in the Oversized collection.
8. The **Maps** series consist of a map of Pittsburg, Belgium, and Germany.
9. The **Stationery** series contains envelopes with different stamps and letterheads from the Kelso Seed Company.
10. The **Clippings** series includes newspaper clippings of Pittsburg from the early 1900s, primarily about the local mining.
11. The **Miscellaneous** series includes a 1982 calendar.
12. The **Oversized** series consist of postcard albums, envelope albums, card catalogues, slides, maps, advertisements, and newspapers.

## **FOLDER LIST**

### **1. Correspondence Series**

f. 1 circa 1849

### **2. Kansas History Series**

f. 2 Cherokee County Post Offices

f. 3 George Hobson and Iowa City

f. 4 Mining Camps of Crawford and Cherokee Counties

### **3. Programs and Broad Sheets Series**

f. 5 Various PSU and Pittsburg programs: 1886 – 1957

f. 6 PSU Track and Field: 1991 – 1998

f. 7 Broad sheets, 1926; Undated

### **4. Publications Series**

f. 8 Cockerill High School Girls' Basketball Scrapbooks: 1921-1928

f. 9 Miscellaneous

Other publications are (see box 2): *McGuffey's Fourth Eclectic Reader*; *Historical Souvenir of KSTC*, 1903-1924; *KSTC Bulletin*, April 1929; *25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of KSTC*, 1903-1928; *Alumnian*, Fall 1950; *Kanza*, 1910; *Kanza*, 1923; *Pittsburg High School*, 1938; *Prosperous Pittsburg*, c1915; *Pittsburg Today*, 1934; *Pittsburg Annual Report*, 1951; *Chamber of Commerce Annual Report*, 1951; *Pittsburg Almanac*, 1876-1976; *Images in Progress*, 1984; *Souvenir of McCune, Kansas*, 1913; *Southwest Developer*, Sept. 1899; *Brazilton and Its People*, 1882-1982; *Handbook on the Frontier Days*, 1961; *History of the Kansas State Teachers College*, 1903-1941; *Pittsburg, Kansas*, 1902; *Arkansas Valley Interurban*, 1977; *The Southwest Missouri Railroad*, 1975; *Faces & Places of Crawford County*, 1996

### **5. Telephone Directories Series**

f. 10 1916 – 1929

### **6. Photographs Series**

f. 11 Pittsburg: circa 1980s to 2003

f. 12 Crawford County: Undated

f. 13 Crawford County: Undated

### **7. Postcards Series**

f. 14 Southeast Kansas and the United States: 1907 – 1942; Undated

f. 15 Kansas: Undated

### **8. Maps Series**

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f. 16 Pittsburg; Belgium and Germany: c.1917

**9. Stationery Series**

f. 17 Letterhead from Kelso Seed Co.; A. Hood & Sons Implement Co.

**10. Newspaper Clippings Series**

f. 18 1869 – 1983; Undated

**11. Miscellaneous Series**

f. 19 1982 Calendar

**12. Oversized Series**

Postcard Albums

1: 1899 – 1982

2: 1902 – 1957

3: 1906 – 1943

4: 1902 – 1935

5: circa 1910

6: circa 1900

7: circa 1900

9: 1906 – 1977

Envelope Albums

1: 1878 – 1994

2: 1900 – 1987

Card Catalogue

1: Postcard and Photographs

2: List of Railroads in Kansas and Missouri

Slides: 1887 – late 1900s

Maps: County maps of Kansas

Advertisement: 1945

Newspapers: 1951 – 1984