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Snare, Wilma Cook, Collection, MS 300

Overview of the Collection

Title	The Wilma Cook Snare Collection
Collection Number	MS 300
Dates	1856-1997
Collection Size	.5 linear foot
Creator	Wilma Cook Snare
Scope and Content	This collection consist of records, histories, and photographs related to families, places, groups and businesses in Cherokee and Crawford Counties, Kansas. Includes histories of the Tharp and Bumgarner families of the area.
Repository	Pittsburg State University, Special Collections & University Archives, Pittsburg, Kansas 1701 S. Broadway Pittsburg, Kansas 66762 (620) 235-4883 speccoll@pittstate.edu
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	Wilma Cook Snare, born in 1930 to Walter and Myrtle Cook, was a local historian of Cherokee County, Kansas, and a licensed practitioner nurse at the Mt. Carmel Regional Medical Center. Snare collected and researched material related to places, mining, events, and families of Cherokee County. She wrote a book on its history called <i>Down Memory Lane</i> , and wrote articles for local newspapers, as well as assisting researchers. Wilma Cook Snare passed in 2004, followed by her husband Robert Stanley Snare in 2005.

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Content Description

This collection is comprised of primary sources and secondary sources related to Cherokee County history and research performed by Wilma Cook Snare. The collection contains four series:

1. Biographical Studies and Diaries
2. City and County Histories
3. Mining History
4. Newspaper Clippings & Advertisements.

Detailed Description of Collection:

Series 1: Biographical Studies and Diaries

- Isaac Tharp Diary, 1855-1885.
 - Includes Tharp's account of his early years, plus transcriptions of some family correspondence.
- *Bob Cook World War II Service*
 - Robert Daniel Iliff Cook, sibling of Wilma Cook Snare
- *Bumgarner- Pioneer Kansans*
 - History of Bumgarner family
- *Ascanio's Story*
 - Joe and Vi Ascanio of Cherokee, who ran a grocery store for many years

Series 2: City and County Histories

- "Crawford County Data, 1884 Cherokee, Kansas History" - *Girard Press* – January 8, 1885
- "The Story of Weir, Kansas" - *The Weir Spectator* – 1929
- *Beulah Colony*
- *The Story of the McCune State Bank*
- *C.C.C. – Civilian Conservation Corps: Cherokee & Crawford Counties*
- *Simone's: In the Beginning* (Weir Food Market)
- "Labor Day Parade" (Pittsburg), September 2, 1902

Series 3: Mining History

- Photocopied photos and articles on local mining

Series 4: Newspaper Clippings & Advertisements

- Photocopied weather information from 1954 newspapers
- Photocopied ads from early cookbooks