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MS 431 R. C. Rawlings Photographs

Introduction

This photo album is composed of sixteen silver gel photographs on black construction paper. The photos are of various locations in Columbus, Kansas circa 1898 by Robert Cosby Rawlings. The photos include the MKT train station, court house, opera house, college, Middaugh Hotel, Wight's Dry Goods store, the brick and tile works, the residence of Isaac Wright, and an unknown residence, two photos of the town square, and several of the town from the courthouse tower.

Descriptive Summary

Creator: Robert Cosby Rawlings
Title: R. C. Rawlings Photographs
Dates: c. 1898
Size: 0.25 Linear Feet, 1 folder
Collection Number: MS 431

Donor Information

Purchased for Special Collections and University Archives from Buckingham Books, 2023.

Citation Note

R. C. Rawlings Photos (MS 431), Special Collections and University Archives, Pittsburg State University Axe Library, Pittsburg, Kansas.

Administrative Information

There are no restrictions and the 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

Another collection with photographs of Columbus, Kansas is the Ira Clemens photograph album, 1923 (MS 0016).

Biographical Sketch

Robert Cosby Rawlings was born to Henry Clay Rawlings (1836-1915) and Mary Imogene (Cosby) Rawlings (1836-1912) in Elizabethtown, Kentucky on July 2nd, 1861. Robert married Lydis Stringer (1860-1912) in November 1881, in Macon, Illinois. Together they had Mary



Imogene Rawlings in 1882. Robert Cosby Rawlings formally moved to Chanute, Kansas in 1891. Rawlings served as mayor of Chanute from 1897-99. Rawlings traveled frequently and practiced photography. Rawlings passed away December 7th, 1925 in Dalhart, Texas.

Scope and Content Note

The R. C. Rawlings Photograph Album is made of eighteen pages of 10” by 12” thick black construction paper. The album contains sixteen silver gel photographs measuring about 6” by 8”.

Collection Inventory

f. 1 R. C. Rawlings Photograph Album

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