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Wooster, Dr. Lyman Dwight

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Dr. Lyman D. Wooster Papers, 1862-1959

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1862-1959

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.42 Linear Feet (1 document box)

Language

English

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No restrictions.

Abstract

This collection consists of letters, research notes, stories, newspaper accounts, and various information collected and created by Dr. Lyman D. Wooster during the research of his book: *Fort Hays Kansas State College: An Historical Story* (cover title: *A History of Fort Hays Kansas State College 1902-1961*).

Biographical/Historical Note

Dr. Lyman Dwight Wooster was born in Greeley, Colorado, July 15, 1884 to Lyman Child Wooster and Ellen Ada Bassett Wooster. He was educated in the public schools of Eureka and Emporia, Kansas. He received a bachelor of arts degree from Emporia Normal School, a master of philosophy degree from the University of Wisconsin, and a doctor of philosophy degree in Zoology from Stanford University. He taught for a year at a high school in Parsons, Kansas, and a year at a high school in Kansas City, Kansas.

Dr. Wooster began employment with the university as a faculty member in 1909 and taught for 32 years. He served as dean of the college the last two years of President Rarick's administration and was appointed on August 15, 1941, to succeed President Rarick, becoming the university's fourth president. Dr. Wooster served as president of Fort Hays Kansas State College until 1949.

Dr. Wooster retired in the summer of 1949 with the title of President Emeritus. He continued to be involved with the university and returned to teach classes in geology. Dr. Wooster served as executive secretary of the Western Kansas Development Association and editor to its publication *The West Kansan*. His book, *Fort Hays Kansas State College: An Historical Story* (cover title: *A History of Fort Hays Kansas State College 1902-1961*), was published posthumous in 1961.

Dr. Wooster was married to Mary O. Smith on May 27, 1913. The Wooster's had four children, Lyman Dwight, Jr., Martha, Mary, and Cynthia. Dr. Wooster's first wife, Mary, died on April 24, 1945. Dr. Wooster remarried Mrs. Velma RippetEAU on December 22, 1948. Dr. Wooster died on February 21, 1960. He is buried in Mount Allen Cemetery, Hays, Kansas.

Scope and Content

Dr. Lyman D. Wooster Papers are housed in one archival document box and date from 1862-1959. The papers are comprised mainly of letters, research notes, stories, newspaper accounts, and various information collected and created by Dr. Lyman D. Wooster during the research and writing of his book: *Fort Hays Kansas State College: An Historical Story* (cover title: *A History of Fort Hays Kansas State College 1902-1961*).

Arrangement of Materials

Corporate Name(s)

Ellis County (Kan.)
Fort Hays Kansas State College
Fort Hays State Normal School
Kansas. Board of Regents
Kansas. Experimental station, Fort Hays
Kansas. Fort Hays State College, Hays
Kansas State Historical Society
Kansas State Normal School

Personal Name(s)

Wooster, Lyman Dwight, 1884-
Wooster, Lyman Child, 1849-

Subjects

Fort Hays (Kan.)--History
Frontier and pioneer life--Kansas--Fort Hays

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