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Donna Malsom Library

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Guide to the Donna Malsom Library

Collection Overview

Description

The Donna Malsom Library contains books and videos regarding the Smoky Hill Trail and the area surrounding it.

Extent

3.5 Linear feet

Restrictions

No access restrictions.

Forsyth Library staff may reserve the right to use restrictions due to the physical condition of manuscript materials.

Availability

This collection is open for research.

Collection Details

Overview of the Collection

Collection Title: The Donna Malsom Library

Dates: 1953-2008

Creator: Smoky Hill Trail Association

Physical Description: 3.5 linear feet

Language of Materials: English

Repository: Fort Hays State University
Forsyth Library
Special Collections
502 S. Campus Drive
Hays, KS 67601

Biographical / Historical Note

Donna Malsom was a leader in the founding of the Smoky Hill Trail Association and she served as its first Vice-President (2007-2011). Donna was born in northern California on December 31, 1956 and moved to northwest Kansas in the 70's. She loved history and was especially fond of Kansas history. She helped to establish the Collyer (Kansas) Community Alliance which did many things for the small community. As Vice-President of the Smoky Hill Trail Association, Donna did a lot of work to get the Association off the ground and played a big part in setting up the first Smoky Hill Trail Association Conference which was in Hays, Kansas in 2007. Donna was a true ambassador for the Smoky Hill Trail.

Donna enjoyed cooking and she was attending the International Culinary School in Denver, CO with a goal to own and operate her own restaurant in Collyer. She passed away in Denver on September 7, 2011. In 2012, the Smoky Hill Trail Association established the Donna Malsom Library within the Smoky Hill Trail Association Archives to collect books and other items regarding the Smoky Hill Trail.

Access Terms

The collection is indexed using the following subject terms.

Personal Names:

Malsom, Donna

Subjects:

Coaching (Transportation) -- West (U.S.) -- History

West (U.S.) -- Description and travel

Butterfield Overland Despatch, 1865-1866

Smoky Hill Trail (Colo. and Kan.)

Frontier and pioneer life -- Smoky Hill River Valley (Colo. and Kan.)

Frontier and pioneer life -- Colorado

Frontier and pioneer life -- Kansas

Gold mines and mining -- Colorado

Stagecoach lines -- West (U.S.) -- History

Place Names:

Kansas – Trails

Kansas – History

Colorado – Trails

Colorado – History

Smoky Hill River Valley (Colo. and Kan.) -- History

Pikes Peak Region (Colo.) -- Description and travel

Administrative Information

Accruals: 2011-

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Scope and Contents

The library contains books and one VHS tape that pertain to the Smoky Hill Trail and its history, as well as other frontier trails and regional history.

Collection Contents

Title	Year Published	Form
"Fort Hays" by Leo Oliva	1980	Books
"History of Gove County" by W. P. Harrington	1973	Books
"Kansas Pacific"	1953	VHS Tape
"Lynchings, Legends, & Lawlessness" by Loren Avey	2006	Books
Pathway to a Frontier: Spring Creek Valley	1994	Binders
"Pioneer Women: Voices from the Kansas frontier" by Joanna L. Stratton	1981	Books
"Santa Fe Trail Daughters of the American Revolution Markers"	2007	Books
"The Cherokee Trail: Bent's Old Fort to Fort Bridger" by Lee Whiteley	1999	Books
"The Smoky Hill" by Don Coldsmith	1989	Books
"Trails of the Smoky Hill" (2008) by Wayne C. Lee and Howard C. Raynesford	2008	Books
Smoky Hill Trail (Paintings by Thomas L. Currey)	1976	Books