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Biographical/Historical Note

Dr. James L. Forsythe was born December 18, 1934 in Bransford, Texas. He married Sherrill Kay Zartman on August 10, 1956. They had three sons, James L. Forsythe, Jr., Garen David Forsythe, and Dana Sean Forsythe. Dr. Forsythe passed away

on December 16, 2011.

Dr. Forsythe received a Bachelor of Science Degree in History in 1960 and his Master's Degree in History with a minor in Economics in 1962. Both degrees were from North Texas State University. In 1971, he received his Ph.D. in History with a minor in Economics from the University of New Mexico.

In 1977, Dr. Forsythe wrote *The first 75 years: A History of Fort Hays State University*. In 2002, Dr. Forsythe published his second historical book about Fort Hays State University entitled *Lighthouse on the plains: Fort Hays State University, 1902-2002*.

Dr. Forsythe began his work at FHSU in 1963 as an Assistant Professor of History. In 1968, he became an Associate Professor and in 1971, a Professor. From 1975 to 1981 he served as Chair of the Department of History. He became the Dean of the Graduate School in 1981 and added the position of Vice Provost of Academic Affairs in 1993. He was also president of both the Western Social Science Association and the Kansas State Historical Society. Dr. Forsythe retired December 10, 1999.

Abstract

This collection consists of materials created by Dr. James L. Forsythe, noted Kansas historian, professor and chair of the History Department at Fort Hays State University, and former president of the Kansas State Historical Society. It includes audio cassette tapes of interviews, speeches, and chronicles; and copies of photographs from regional public, academic, and special collection libraries. There are also photographs possibly from a meeting with members of the Kansas State Historical Society.

Scope and Content Note

Dr. James L. Forsythe collection is housed in one archival document box dating from 1809 to 1994; and arranged into four series. The collection is comprised mainly of copies of black and white photographs from the Denver Public Library, Western History Department, Denver, Colorado; History Colorado, Denver, Colorado; Kansas Collection, University of Kansas Libraries, Lawrence, Kansas; Joseph J. Pennell Collection, Kansas Collection, University of Kansas Libraries, Lawrence, Kansas; and Wichita State University Special Collections, Wichita, Kansas.

There are also audio cassette tapes of interviews, speeches, and chronicles; papers of Dr. Forsythe's mostly dealing with the annual spring meeting of the Kansas State Historical Society, May 21, 1983; photographs possibly from a meeting with officers and the executive committee of the Kansas State Historical Society; Dr. Forsythe's Vita, 1994; and copies of the 1885 census of Graham County and Nicodemus Township, Kansas.

Arrangement of Materials

The Dr. James L. Forsythe Collection is arranged into four series:

- I. Dr. James L. Forsythe's papers and photographs
- II. Census 1885: Graham County and Nicodemus Township, Kansas
- III. Photographs: Ethnic Groups
- IV. Audio Cassette Tapes: Interviews, Speeches, Chronicles

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Corporate Names(s)

Denver Public Library
Fort Hays State University
History Colorado
Kansas State Historical Society
Kansas State University
University of Kansas
Wichita State University

Personal Names(s)

Angelou, Maya
Forsythe, James L.
Walker, Alice, 1944-

Subject(s)

Cathedral of the Plains (Victoria, Kan.)
Ethnic groups
Kansas--History
Volga Germans

Container List / Contents

Kansas State Historical Society, President's files, 1982-1983	Box 1, Folder 1
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Census records, Graham County, Nicodemus Township, 1885	Box 1, Folder 4
Photographs, Ethnic groups, black & white, Denver Public Library, Western Collection; History Colorado; Wichita State University, Special Collections, 1902, 1938, no date	Box 1, Folder 5
Photographs, Ethnic groups, black & white, Kansas Collection University of Kansas Libraries, ca. 1920s, ca. 1940s, no date	Box 1, Folder 6
Photographs, Ethnic groups, black & white, Joseph J. Pennell Collection, Kansas Collection, University of Kansas Libraries, 1809-1921, no date	Box 1, Folder 7
Interviews, Speeches, Chronicles:	Box 1, Folder 8

1. "The Sweetest Spot in Kansas," Sugar Beet Workers; interviews by Nancy Harness, Denise Morrison, Byron Caloz, B. Caloz, ed., ca. 1981.
Prepared and owned by Finney County [Kansas] Historical Society.
2. Tannis Ortiz, interview, Garden City, Kansas, August 1981.
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3. Jessie Avila, interview, Garden City, Kansas, August 1981.
[possibly owned by Finney County Historical Society]
4. "Black Chronicle," vol. 1 & 2 [Kansas State University], no date.
5. "Black Women in the Women's Movement," National Public Radio, Kansas State University, 1980.
6. "A Celebration of Black Women in Literature: Alice Walker," National Public Radio, Kansas State University, 1980.
7. "What if I am a Women?" Kansas State University, [1977?]
8. "Great American Women's Speeches," 1973.
9. "Blacks in the American Revolutionary War, Side A;
10. "Maya Angelou," Side B.