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H. "Dene" Heskett Collection

Collection Summary

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Content Note

The H. "Dene" Heskett Collection consists of a few ephemeral pieces from Heskett's early life, materials documenting his graduation from the University of Wichita in 1935, and a large selection of personal images in various formats including photographs, slides, and films. The images range from the 1940s through the 1980s and represented are Heskett, landscapes, properties, dogs, and trips.

Biography

Herschel "Dene" Heskett was born in 1913 in Wellington, Kansas. After graduating from the University of Wichita in 1935 he continued a life-long relationship with the university. He served on the Alumni Association Board of Directors, the Endowment Association Board of Governors, was a member of the Fairmount Association, and received the Fairmount Founders' Award for outstanding service in 1988.

In 1984 he donated a large parcel of Kansas farmland to Wichita State University. The university renamed the Multipurpose Complex the Heskett Center in honor of his parents J. O. and Ollie A. Heskett.

Heskett served in the Army Air Corps during World War II and then returned to Wichita where he

started several successful finance companies. He retired in 1967 and moved to Grove, Oklahoma. He died in 1997.

Series Listing

Series 1	Box 1 FF 1-3	Early Life. Series includes materials from Heskett's early life including grade school memory books and family documents.
Series 2	Box 1 FF 4-7	University of Wichita/Wichita State University. This series includes Heskett's role as a student, alumni, and donor to the University of Wichita/Wichita State University. Included in the series are a 1935 commencement clipping, 1935 yearbook, memory book, and Heskett Center informational booklet (1988-1989).
Series 3	Box 1 FF 8-Box 2	Images. Includes photographs, slides, and films.
Series 4	Oversized Storage and Hanging Rack	Oversized. This series includes oversized pieces found throughout the collection.

Box and Folder Listing

Series 1-- Early Life

Box 1	FF 1	<i>Roosevelt Memories</i> -- 1927 Memory Book published by the ninth grade class of Roosevelt Intermediate School in Wichita, Kansas
Box 1	FF 2	<i>Roosevelt Memories</i> -- 1928 Memory Book published by the ninth grade class of Roosevelt Intermediate School in Wichita, Kansas
Box 1	FF 3	Family documents-- Folder includes handwritten notes: (1) written by Dene Heskett's mother describing the age of a gold dollar (2) written by [?] Heskett describing what is to be done with her property upon death, dated December 18, 1929. Folder also includes clipping of J. O. Heskett [Dene's father] death and a funeral program.

Series 2-- University of Wichita/Wichita State University

Box 1	FF 4	Clipping from the May 19, 1935 <i>Wichita Eagle</i> showing graduates of the University of Wichita (including H. Dene Heskett)
Box 1	FF 5	1935 <i>Parnassus</i> (yearbook) of the University of Wichita

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| Box 1 | FF 6 | Memory Book-- Updates on University of Wichita's 1935 graduating class (3 copies) |
| Box 1 | FF 7 | Heskett Center informational booklet, 1988-1989. Center was renamed in honor of H. Dene Heskett's parents after his large gift to the university. |

Series 3-- Images

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| Box 1 | FF 8 | Photographs: H. Dene Heskett-- Includes photographs of Heskett sitting at desk while in Army Air Corps (circa 1945), with unidentified woman (date unknown), reproduction photograph of Heskett in athletic attire (date unknown), with German Shepard (1952), four photographs from Wichita State University Commencement where Heskett received the Fairmount Founders Award (1988), riding on pony (1961), assorted snapshots (most undated). |
| Box 1 | FF 9 | Photographs: Family-- Includes photographs of Heskett family headstones and an unidentified male. |
| Box 1 | FF 10 | Photographs: Landscapes and Properties-- Includes photographs of landscapes, house interiors and exteriors (dated, 1960s-1990s and undated). Also includes five professional photographs of Shoshone Reservoir and Dam, Powell, Wyoming (1926?); seven photographs of the Grove, Oklahoma property owned by Heskett. |
| Box 1 | FF 11 | Photographs: Dogs-- Includes a photograph of unidentified German Shepherd and photograph of the judging of a German Shepherd at competition. |
| Box 1 | FF 12 | Slides: Florida Fishing Trip (1967) |
| Box 1 | FF 13 | Slides: Horses, Lakes, and Dogs (1967) |
| Box 1 | FF 14 | Slides: Lake of Woods, Fagan Lake, Fishing in Canada (1967) |
| Box 1 | FF 15 | Slides: Telluride Trip, Western Trip (1968) |
| Box 1 | FF 16 | Slides: Grove [Oklahoma] Flood (1969) |
| Box 1 | FF 17 | Slides: Japan and Hong Kong (1970) |
| Box 1 | FF 18 | Slides: Puerto Rico (1970) |
| Box 1 | FF 19 | Films: Estes Park - color (1964), Canada (1969), Florida [?] (1969), Grove (1969), John Boat Home and Snow (1970) |
| Box 1 | FF 20 | Films: Grove (date unknown), Grove (date unknown), House (date unknown), John Boat House, Dogs, Trees Grove (date unknown), Cedar Lake and Trees Grove (date unknown), Peggy-no good, Hoover Dam- good (date unknown) |

Box 1	FF 21	Films: Cedar Lake (1968), Lake at Home, [?]
Box 2		Films: Metal Box containing the following twelve films-- (1) H. D. Heskett, River of No Return, Aug. 5th to 10, 1959 #1; (2) H. D. Heskett, River of No Return, Aug. 5th to 10, 1959 #2; (3) British Columbia, Home in Wichita, Hunting; (4) Home in Wichita, Beaver Lake, Canada Fishing Trip; (5) Dad's funeral, [?], KC Group, Dobie, Peg and Pups, Cal and [?], Steels at Xmas, Minn., 1962; (6) Vacation 1960 Part 1; (7) Arkansas- Deer Hunting, Florida; (8) Personal 1959-1960; (9) Mexico +2; (10) Personal 1958-1959; (11) Yellowstone Park, Bad Lands, Floor Here; (12) 1960-1961 Christmas party, children, farm- tree removal, picnic.

Series 4-- Oversized

Oversized Storage and Hanging Rack	Unidentified ancestral portrait; photograph believed to be the Sumner County farm of the Heskett family; group photo of Army Air Corps servicemen including Heskett; print of Wichita State University Centennial commemorative painting; painting of a German Shepherd [located on the Hanging Rack] (collection also includes a small German Shepherd statue located in a small box inside Box 1); certificate awarded to Heskett for proper land use and conservation practices (1973); Fairmount Founders' Award (1988); photo collage of Heskett receiving Founders' Award (1988); article about Heskett receiving Founders' Award (1988)
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