Laiten Camien Collection

Collection Summary

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None

Content Note

Laiten Camien's papers contain correspondence and other documents that he used when writing his master's thesis at the University of Wichita in 1933. The correspondence dates from 1932 and 1933. The papers deal with Kansas history and especially about the topic of his thesis: schools in Sumner County, Kansas. There are also some notes on a robbery that occurred in Medicine Lodge in 1883. Also included are ephemeral pieces from Camien's senior year at Wichita High School, 1924.

Detailed Description: Series Listing

Series 1  Box 1 FF 1-2  Sumner County History Materials
| Series 2 | Box 1 FF 3-6 | Kansas History Materials |
| Series 3 | Box 1 FF 7-8 | Wichita High School Materials |
| Series 4 | Box 2 | Family Bibles |

### Detailed Description: Box and Folder Listing

#### Series 1 – Sumner County History Materials

**Box 1 FF 1**
Correspondence and other documents:
1. One school district map of Sumner County Kansas, n.d.;
2. February 3, 1932 - Letter to Mr. Camien from Bessie F. Markley, county superintendent of schools in Sumner County, regarding information about the history of schools in the county;
3. April 30, 1932 - A letter from Helen M. McFarland to Mr. Camien regarding information about the schools of Sumner County;
4. April 17, 1933 - A letter from Thomas W. Butcher to Mr. Camien concerning information about the County High School in Wellington;
5. April 20, 1933 - A letter from A. K. Loomis, a former principal of the Wellington High School, to Mr. Camien regarding information about the school;
6. September 10, 1932 - A letter from J. G. Campbell to Mr. Camien regarding information about the Sumner County schools;
7. Sumner County section of typescript paper titled “The History of Education on Kansas, 1893, Topeka” written by Camien.

**Box 1 FF 2**
Typed version of historical account by Albert A. Richards titled “History of Sumner County” which was published in John P. Edwards’ *Historical Atlas of Sumner County*, 1883.

#### Series 2 – Kansas History Materials

**Box 1 FF 3**
Newspaper articles and other items regarding Dr. John Ise who was an economics professor at the University of Kansas:
1. Three newspaper articles on or by Dr. John Ise, September 18, 1967, April 1, 1975, April 5, 1975;
2. A copy of an address given by Dr. John Ise called “The Farm Surplus Problem,” October 7, 1956.

**Box 1 FF 4**
August 23, 1932 - A letter from George A. Root to Mr. Camien regarding information on General Custer’s Washita campaign.

**Box 1 FF 5**
June 30, 1932 - Letter from Dr. John Rydjord to Mr. Camien thanking him for information Camien gave to him on the history of Kansas newspapers.

**Box 1 FF 6**
Three pages of notes on the Medicine Lodge bank robbery interview with Tom McNeal.

#### Series 3 – Wichita High School Materials

**Box 1 FF 7**
High School Ephemera from Laiten Camien’s senior year at Wichita High School in 1924 includes:
- Program from the 46th Annual Commencement of Wichita High School, program from “The Judsons Entertain” a play presented by the Senior Class of Wichita High School, Wichita High School Commencement Sermon, Senior class Banquet menu, two typed pages of
lyrics for the Class Song, and the carnation Camien wore on his coat at graduation.

Box 1 FF 8  
Wichitan, 1924 yearbook of Wichita High School. Includes signatures.

**Series 4 – Family Bibles**

Box 2  
Bibles (5) which contain some history relating to the family.

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