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W. A. Webb Papers

Collection Summary

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Content Note

The W. A. Webb Papers contain two handwritten diaries describing the events of Webb's life while he attended Fairmount Academy, the preparatory school associated with Fairmount College, during the years 1897-1899. These diaries give us an idea of what preparatory school was like in Wichita at the turn of the century and glimpses into the early days of Fairmount College, now Wichita State University. This collection also includes five photographs, four of which are of W. A. Webb and one of Ewing Collett, Webb's roommate during the 1896-97 school year.

Detailed Description: Box and Folder Listing

Box 1	FF 1	Contains William A. Webb's diary while he was a student at Fairmount Academy during the school term of 1897-1898. Webb describes his daily
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routine of going to classes, practicing piano, going to chapel, exercising with the track team, playing handball or basketball in the gymnasium, or exercising in his room, and trying to find a good meal in the dorm or trying to keep his dorm room warm during the winter months. Webb also describes how lonely it was for him at times and of his desire to visit home on weekends (which was in Clearwater). To get around town, he either rode a bicycle, trolley car, hitched a ride in a buggy, or walked.

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| Box 1 | FF 2 | Contains William A. Webb's diary while he was a student at Fairmount Academy during the school term of 1898-1899. This diary contains much of the same type of material as the previous diary. Webb does describe helping his father with the wheat harvest during the summer months before returning to school in the fall. Webb gives an interesting account of a football game dated Tuesday, November 15, 1898: "Played football till 5:30. We had two 20 min. halves. Second team had 15 min. Robert Eaton broke his wrist and Professor Clark got a blow on the thigh which laid him out for the rest of the evening. In the second half Cooke got his arm dislocated at the shoulder. Clarke tried to set it but failed. We quit then. The first team was victorious without any trouble. Oysters for supper." At the end of the diary, Webb describes his graduation exercises. |
| Box 1 | FF 3 | Contains four photographs of W. A. Webb undated, but were probably taken when he was at Fairmount Academy and one photograph of Ewing Collett, Webb's roommate during the 1896-97 school year. |
| Box 1 | FF 4 | Contains a paper about W. A. Webb by Beverly Henline for a class on Wichita's history, November 1988. |

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