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Content Note

This collection of W. P. Fife's papers contains promotional information regarding investment securities and purchase of stock in the Great Western Oil Refinery and Pipe Line Company in Erie, Kansas, as well as in gold mines in Colorado. These sales circulars to potential investors urge investments in the refinery, and they represent the investment fervor surrounding the growing Kansas oil industry in the early 20th century. Also included are references for Fife and information about his business connections and career as an evangelist.

Series Listing

Series 1	Box 1 FF 1-6	Sales Circulars. 1904-1906. Promotional information regarding investment securities and purchase of stock in the Great Western Oil Refinery and Pipe Line Company in Erie, Kansas, as well as in gold mines in Colorado. Of interest are changes in Fife's location, title and businesses.
Series 2	Box 1 FF 7	Biographical Information. 1905.

Box and Folder Listing

Series 1 – Sales Circulars

Box 1	FF 1	Sales circular from W. P. Fife of Denver, Colorado, to potential investors outlining the opportunities in buying shares and the dividends available on investments in Colorado gold mines. 6-25-1904.
Box 1	FF 2	Sales circular from Fife, "Financial Agent," of Denver, appealing to investors in the Great Western Oil Refinery and Pipe Line Company, Erie, Kansas. Includes references, projected stock dividends and progress report. Manuscript notation by Fife on cover. 10-7-1905.
Box 1	FF 3	Sales circular from Fife, "President," of Kansas City, Missouri, describing potential investments in his Great Western Oil Refinery and Pipe Line Company. Includes an encapsulation of business methods and hopes of contracting to Standard Oil. Circa 1905.
Box 1	FF 4	Sales circular from Fife, "Mining and Oil Operator" of St. Louis, describing Great Western Oil Refinery and Pipe Line Company and investment possibilities. Included are projections for future profit on investment, outline of current success of oil refinery, and organization of the company. 3-1-1906.
Box 1	FF 5	Sales circular from Fife, "Investment Securities," St. Louis, outlining stock and operation of the Great Western Oil Refinery and Pipe Line Company. Includes references for Fife and the company along with letters from current stockholders promoting investment. 3-29-1906.
Box 1	FF6	Sales circular from Fife, Investment Securities, St. Louis, reporting on operation of Great Western Oil Refinery and Pipe Line Company and appeal for investment promising great returns in stock. 4-11-1906.

Series 2 – Biographical Information

Box 1	FF 7	Reprint of <i>Kansas City Journal</i> article on Fife and his interest in Kansas oil fields and Colorado gold mines. Includes information on career as an evangelist. 1-12-1905.
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