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### Marcellus M. Murdock Papers

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#### Restrictions

None

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#### Content Note

Photographs, correspondence, clippings, and artifacts make up the majority of this collection documenting the personal and professional life of Marcellus Marion Murdock. The materials in the collection range from the early 1900s to the 1980s. Also of interest are photographs and biographical information for many members of the Murdock family.

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#### Biography

Marcellus Marion Murdock was born February 14, 1883, in Wichita, Kansas. As a boy he worked in the plant of the Wichita Eagle, the newspaper founded by his father, Col. Marshall Murdock, in 1872. After his 1902 graduation from Wichita High School Marcellus began his professional career with the Wichita Eagle. He worked as a reporter and editor before becoming publisher in 1906, after his father's retirement. His award winning career in the newspaper business lasted more than sixty years. Murdock, a successful businessman in other

ventures, was an accomplished pilot as well. He first learned to fly at the age of forty-six in 1929 and continued his hobby well into his seventies. Marcellus Murdock died March 10, 1970.

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## Detailed Description: Series Listing

<a href="#">Series 1</a>	Box 1-Box 9 FF 9	Marcellus M. Murdock
<a href="#">Series 1.1</a>	Box 1 FF 1-Box 5 FF 22	Correspondence. This series includes correspondence both received by Marcellus Murdock [Box 1 FF 1-Box 3 FF 9] and sent by [Box 3 FF 10-Box 5 FF 22] Murdock. The correspondence is arranged alphabetically by sender/receiver's last name, name of business, or a designation given by Murdock..
<a href="#">Series 1.2</a>	Box 5 FF 23-Box 6 FF 7	Appointment Books. Murdock's appointment books, 1955, 1957-1969.
<a href="#">Series 1.3</a>	Box 6 FF 8-Box 9 FF 2	Subject Files. These files include a variety of materials [correspondence, clippings, literature, photographs, and other] that either interested or involved Murdock. They are grouped by subject matter then arranged alphabetically.
<a href="#">Series 1.4</a>	Box 9 FF 3-Box 9 FF 9	Clippings. Clippings in these files pertain to Murdock and are arranged by decade, 1940-1970.
<a href="#">Series 2</a>	Box 9 FF 10-Box 14 FF 3	Eagle, Inc.
<a href="#">Series 2.1</a>	Box 9 FF 10-Box 9 FF 14	Correspondence. The correspondence in these files was sent or received by Wichita Eagle employees, not including Marcellus Murdock.
<a href="#">Series 2.2</a>	Box 9 FF 15-Box 13 FF 5	Subject Files. The files include a variety of materials that pertain to the workings of the Wichita Eagle. They are arranged by subject matter.
<a href="#">Series 2.3</a>	Box 13 FF 6-Box 13 FF 11	Financial. Financial statements arranged by decade.
<a href="#">Series 2.4</a>	Box 13 FF 12-Box 13 FF 22	Publications. Includes issues of <i>Inside</i> , the Wichita Eagle's in-house publication, arranged chronologically, 1965-1975.
<a href="#">Series 2.5</a>	Box 13 FF 23-Box 14 FF 3	Clippings. The clippings discuss aerospace, John Colburn, The Wichita Beacon, and the Levand Brothers, and are organized by subject.
<a href="#">Series 3</a>	Box 14 FF 4-Box 15 FF 3	KFH Radio
<a href="#">Series 3.1</a>	Box 14 FF 4-Box 14 FF 8	Correspondence. Includes correspondence relating to KFH radio, 1940-1960.
<a href="#">Series 3.2</a>	Box 14 FF 9-Box 14 FF 14	Subject Files. Includes a variety of materials arranged by subject matter.
<a href="#">Series 3.3</a>	Box 15 FF 1-Box 15 FF 3.	Financial. Financial information from the 1950s and 1960s.

<a href="#">Series 4</a>	Box 15 FF 4-Box 20 FF 5	Murdock Family. These files include biographical material, correspondence, financial records, and clippings specific to members of the Murdock family. They are arranged alphabetically.
<a href="#">Series 5</a>	Box 20 FF 6-Box 21 FF 3	Photographs. The series is comprised of photographs found throughout the collection. They majority feature Marcellus Murdock either in groups, alone, or with an aviation theme. Other photos include those of Murdock family members, identified and unidentified people and groups, aircraft and aviation related photos, and a variety of landscapes and buildings. Also included are nine boxes of glass plate negatives which have not been processed at this time.
<a href="#">Series 6</a>	Box 21 FF 4-Box 23	Artifacts. Includes plaques, awards, certificates, and other items from Murdock's personal and professional life.
<a href="#">Series 7</a>	Box 24-Box 26, Oversized Storage, and Hanging Rack	Oversized. This series includes oversized photographs, drawings, and certificates found throughout the collection.

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## Detailed Description: Box and Folder Listing

### Series 1 – Marcellus M. Murdock

#### Series 1.1 – Correspondence

Box 1	FF 1	To Marcellus Murdock Box 1 -Box 3 FF 9 – "A"
Box 1	FF 2	"A"
Box 1	FF 3	"B"
Box 1	FF 4	"B"
Box 1	FF 5	Bever -- Correspondence from the law offices of Bever, Dye, Mustard & Belin
Box 1	FF 6	Bloom, Victoria (Marcellus Murdock's daughter)
Box 1	FF 7	Brown, Britt and family (Marcellus Murdock's nephew)
Box 1	FF 8	"C"
Box 1	FF 9	Chamber of Commerce
Box 1	FF 10	Colwell, Jane and family (Marcellus Murdock's daughter)
Box 1	FF 11	"D"
Box 1	FF 12	Delano, Marcia and family (Marcellus Murdock's niece)
Box 1	FF 13	"E"

Box 1	FF 14	"F"
Box 1	FF 15	Finn School -- Thank you letters written to Murdock by students at Wichita's Finn School, 1965.
Box 1	FF 16	Flautt, Tom and Georgia
Box 2	FF 1	Fleeson -- Correspondence from the law office of Fleeson, Goong, Coulson & Kitch.
Box 2	FF 2	"G"
Box 2	FF 3	"H"
Box 2	FF 4	Henderson, Katherine and Forrest (Marcellus Murdock's niece)
Box 2	FF 5	"I"
Box 2	FF 6	"J"
Box 2	FF 7	Jennings, Janet and family (Marcellus Murdock's daughter)
Box 2	FF 8	"K"
Box 2	FF 9	"L"
Box 2	FF 10	"M"
Box 2	FF 11	Murdock, Marsh (Marcellus Murdock's son)
Box 2	FF 12	Murdock, Paula Hicks (Marcellus Murdock's second wife)
Box 2	FF 13	Murdock, Pearl Jane (Marcellus Murdock's sister)
Box 2	FF 14	Murdock, Victor (Marcellus Murdock's brother)
Box 2	FF 15	"N"
Box 2	FF 16	Neff, Victoria (Marcellus Murdock's niece)
Box 2	FF 17	"O"
Box 2	FF 18	"P"
Box 2	FF 19	"R"
Box 2	FF 20	"S"
Box 2	FF 21	"S"
Box 3	FF 1	"T"
Box 3	FF 2	"U"
Box 3	FF 3	"V"

Box 3	FF 4	"W"
Box 3	FF 5	"W"
Box 3	FF 6	Wichita State University -- Correspondence from various faculty and staff of Wichita State University (University of Wichita)
Box 3	FF 7	Young -- Correspondence from Arthur Young & Company
Box 3	FF 8	"X, Y, Z"
Box 3	FF 9	From Marcellus Murdock Box 3 FF10-Box 5 FF 22 – Unidentified -- Sender is either unidentified or illegible
Box 3	FF 10	"A"
Box 3	FF 11	Arkansas -- Correspondence to various recipients regarding Murdock's property in Arkansas
Box 3	FF 12	Arkansas -- Correspondence to various recipients regarding Murdock's property in Arkansas
Box 3	FF 13	Associated Press
Box 3	FF 14	"B"
Box 3	FF 15	"B"
Box 3	FF 16	Bloom, Victoria (Marcellus Murdock's daughter)
Box 3	FF 17	Brown, Britt (Marcellus Murdock's nephew)
Box 3	FF 18	"C"
Box 3	FF 19	"C"
Box 3	FF 20	Colwell, Jane and family (Marcellus Murdock's daughter)
Box 3	FF 21	"D"
Box 4	FF 1	Delano, Marcia and family (Marcellus Murdock's niece)
Box 4	FF 2	Delano, Marcia and family (Marcellus Murdock's niece)
Box 4	FF 3	"E"
Box 4	FF 4	"F"
Box 4	FF 5	Fleeson -- Correspondence sent to the law office of Fleeson, Gooing, Coulson & Kitch
Box 4	FF 6	Flautt, Tom and Georgia
Box 4	FF 7	"G"

Box 4	FF 8	"H"
Box 4	FF 9	"H"
Box 4	FF 10	Henderson, Katherine (Fleeson) and family (Marcellus Murdock's niece)
Box 4	FF 11	"I"
Box 4	FF 12	"J"
Box 4	FF 13	Jennings, Janet and family (Marcellus Murdock's daughter)
Box 4	FF 14	"K"
Box 4	FF 15	"K"
Box 4	FF 16	"L"
Box 4	FF 17	"M"
Box 4	FF 18	"M"
Box 4	FF 19	"M"
Box 5	FF 1	Murdock, Marsh (Marcellus Murdock's son)
Box 5	FF 2	Murdock, Pearl Jane (Marcellus Murdock's sister)
Box 5	FF 3	Murdock, Victor (Marcellus Murdock's brother)
Box 5	FF 4	"N"
Box 5	FF 5	Neff, Victoria (Marcellus Murdock's niece)
Box 5	FF 6	"O"
Box 5	FF 7	"P"
Box 5	FF 8	"P"
Box 5	FF 9	"R"
Box 5	FF 10	"R"
Box 5	FF 11	"S"
Box 5	FF 12	"S"
Box 5	FF 13	"S"
Box 5	FF 14	"T"
Box 5	FF 15	"U"

Box 5	FF 16	"V"
Box 5	FF 17	"W"
Box 5	FF 18	"W"
Box 5	FF 19	Wichita State University
Box 5	FF 20	William Allen White School of Journalism and Foundation
Box 5	FF 21	"X, Y, Z"
Box 5	FF 22	Unidentified. The items in this folder are either unidentified, illegible, or do not have a last name available.

### **Series 1.2 – Appointment Books**

Box 5	FF 23	Appointment Books -- 1955 and 1957
Box 5	FF 24	Appointment Books -- 1958 and (2) 1959
Box 5	FF 25	Appointment Books -- (2) 1960
Box 6	FF 1	Appointment Books -- (2) 1961 and 1962
Box 6	FF 2	Appointment Books -- (2) 1963
Box 6	FF 3	Appointment Books -- (2) 1964
Box 6	FF 4	Appointment Books -- (2) 1965
Box 6	FF 5	Appointment Books -- 1966 and 1967.
Box 6	FF 6	Appointment Books -- 1967 and 1968.
Box 6	FF 7	Appointment books -- 1969.

### **Series 1.3 – Subject Files**

Box 6	FF 8	Aviation -- Folder includes (2) 1963 Owner's Manuals for B55 Beechcraft Baron, index cards with typed operating instructions, signed publication "Smitty" his Exploits of Early Day Jumping by Smitty the Jumper, and purchase orders for various aircraft, (2) Licenses for Cessna C-3 (1938 and 1939), Invoice for purchase of OX-5 Travel Air Biplane (1928), and several association cards.
Box 6	FF 9	Aviation -- correspondence and materials regarding insurance coverage for aircraft.
Box 6	FF 10	Aviation -- correspondence and clippings regarding the article "The Growing Menace of the Private Plane"

Box 6	FF 11	Awards -- Includes various awards, citations, and certificates received by Marcellus Murdock.
Box 6	FF 12	Biographical Information -- Folder includes biographical information and anecdotes of Marcellus Murdock.
Box 6	FF 13	Chamber of Commerce-Wichita -- Minutes of the Aviation Steering Committee (1960), Minutes of the Industrial Committee (1960-1961), Minutes of the Board of Directors (1961), Agreement between Kansas Centennial Commission and Wichita Chamber of Commerce (1960), Industrial Activities Reports (1960-1961), meeting notices and correspondence.
Box 6	FF 14	Chamber of Commerce-Kansas State -- Minutes of the Past Director's Club Organization Committee (1961), Minutes of the Past Director's Club (1961), Organization chart for 1959-1961, correspondence, and certificates to Marcellus Murdock as Member fo the Kansas State Chamber of Commerce (1961-1962).
Box 6	FF 15	Conquistadores Del Cielo -- Membership Lists (1953, 1956, 1957), Rules and by-Laws (1957), Winter Fiesta menu with photograph (1940), and correspondence.
Box 6	FF 16	Farming -- correspondence, Producer's Note and Loan Agreements (1957, 1958).
Box 6	FF 17	First National Bank -- financial information as well as correspondence. The majority of the materials are from the 1960s, but folder also includes some earlier pieces.
Box 6	FF 18	Friends University -- Campaign Executive Committee Work Book, 1967.
Box 6	FF 19	Historic Wichita, Incorporated -- Includes information regarding Historic Wichita, Inc. and the beginning of Cowtown
Box 6	FF 20	Howse, A. E. -- Includes a Policy Statement from the Board of City Commissioners on Equus Beds Water Supply Negotiations (1955), typed address given by Howse at McConnell Air Force Base on the Occasion of Armed Forces Day (1956), typed public statement by Howse made at City Commission Meeting (1955), Report of the Lester-Howse- Sub-Committee with Respect to a Policy for the Employment of Professional Services, typed statement by Howse with Respect to the Annexation of Certain Land North of the City Limits Between Broadway and Oliver, Transcript of Statement by Howse with Respect to the Annexation of Certain Land North of the City Limits Between Broadway and Oliver made at City Commission Meeting (1956), Transcript of remarks by Howse with Respect to Racial Problems Made at City Commission Meeting (1956), Transcript of Remarks by Howse with Respect to Proposed Survey of the police Department made at City Commission Meeting (1956), Statement on Water matters made by Howse before the Kansas State Water Resources Board (1956), Summary Report on Water Situation made by Howse at City Commission Meeting (1956), Mayor's Advisory Committee Water Report, and correspondence
Box 6	FF 21	Hunting -- Includes materials regarding duck hunting including correspondence, a property lease, and a report on ducks (1960)



Box 7	FF 1	Income Tax -- Includes tax returns and other tax related materials for 1909 and 1913-1918.
Box 7	FF 2	Income Tax -- Includes tax returns and other tax related materials for 1919 and 1920.
Box 7	FF 3	Income Tax -- Includes tax returns and other tax related materials for 1921-1925
Box 7	FF 4	Income Tax -- Includes tax returns and other tax related materials for 1950s.
Box 7	FF 5	Income Tax -- Includes tax returns and other tax related materials for 1950s.
Box 7	FF 6	Income Tax -- Includes tax returns and other tax related materials for 1960s.
Box 7	FF 7	Income Tax -- Includes tax returns and other tax related materials for 1960s.
Box 7	FF 8	Investments -- Includes stock certificates and other materials regarding investments made by Murdock.
Box 7	FF 9	Kansas Gas & Electric -- Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders (1959, 1961).
Box 7	FF 10	Masonic -- correspondence, meeting minutes, news releases, and promotional/informational materials from several Masonic organizations including Midian Temple, The Cabiri, the M. W. Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. , and the Kansas Masonic Foundation.
Box 7	FF 11	Metropolitan Wichita Council -- correspondence, meeting notices and memos, lists of members, Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws, Minutes of Meeting of the incorporators of Metropolitan Wichita Council.
Box 7	FF 12	Mid-Arkansas Valley Development Association (MAVDA) -- correspondence, clippings, and, meeting minutes, and promotional publications (1960s).
Box 7	FF 13	Mid-Arkansas Valley Development Association (MAVDA) -- correspondence, clippings, and, meeting minutes, and promotional publications (1960s).
Box 7	FF 14	Mid-Arkansas Valley Development Association (MAVDA) -- A Feasibility Study of the Extension of Navigation in the Arkansas Valley Above Catoosa, Oklahoma for MAVDA by Dr. F. O. Woodard, Dr. Richard E. Olson and R. T. Phillips (1966).
Box 7	FF 15	Murdock Luncheon "68 Years of Service" -- correspondence and guest list regarding the luncheon held in honor of Marcellus Murdock's 68 years of service, 1966.
Box 8	FF 1	Murdock Luncheon "68 Years of Service" -- correspondence and guest list regarding the luncheon held in honor of Marcellus Murdock's 68 years of service, 1966.

Box 8	FF 2	Murdock Luncheon "68 Years of Service" -- correspondence regarding the medallions made to honor Marcellus Murdock for his 68 years of service, 1966.
Box 8	FF 3	Nation Conference on Christians and Jews (NCCJ) -- clippings and correspondence regarding Marcellus Murdock receiving the NCCJ Brotherhood Award for 1965.
Box 8	FF 4	Oil Properties -- certificates, correspondence, and financial information regarding oil properties and royalties(1920s-1970s)
Box 8	FF 5	Old Mission Mausoleum Endowment Fund -- Report on Examination (1957, 1958), Accountant's Report (1966, 1967, 1968)
Box 8	FF 6	OX-5 Club -- correspondence, 1960s
Box 8	FF 7	OX-5 Club -- Constitution, By-Laws, and Roster book (1956), Constitution, By-Laws, and Roster book (1968), National Reunion souvenir program (1961), Kansas Wing roster (1960), National Roster (1962), three issues of OX5 News (1960s), OX5 Prop Wash from Wichita, Air Capitol of the World (Prairie Club Edition), Murdock's Certificate of Membership and two membership cards
Box 8	FF 8	Property -- deeds, correspondence, appraisals, agreements and other materials regarding various property owned by Murdock
Box 8	FF 9	Property -- deeds, correspondence, appraisals, agreements and other materials regarding various property owned by Murdock
Box 8	FF 10	Royal Order of Jesters -- correspondence, promotional publications, roster books, and Murdock's membership certificate, 1960s.
Box 8	FF 11	Sigma Delta Chi -- correspondence and meeting notices, 1960s.
Box 8	FF 12	Trust Account -- Includes statements and correspondence regarding the Marcellus M. Murdock Trust, 1950s and 1960s.
Box 8	FF 13	Trust Account -- Includes statements and correspondence regarding the Marcellus M. Murdock Trust, 1950s and 1960s.
Box 8	FF 14	Wichita Centennial Celebration -- Includes correspondence, transcript of a talk made by W. L. White at the Wichita Centennial Celebration (1969), Centennial Parade Committee meeting minutes, Wichita Centennial News Vol. 1 No. 9, program, souvenir copy of Wichita Eagle, Vol 1 No. 1, story "A Fire, A Mystery and a Murder," Indexing of Curtise Woods book History of Wichita
Box 8	FF 15	Wichita University/Wichita State University -- Includes clippings, photographs, correspondence, and applications for the Murdock Award given to a student in the College of Business, 1963-1966. Also includes Articles of Incorporation of Wichita State University Endowment Association (1965), By-Laws of Wichita State University Endowment Association
Box 8	FF 16	William Allen White Foundation -- correspondence, meeting minutes (1967, 1970), Report to the Board of Directors (1969-1970), Annual Report (1968-1970), Budget (1970-1971)

Box 8	FF 17	William Allen White Foundation -- correspondence, regarding Marcellus Murdock receiving the William Allen White Foundation Award for 1961. Folder also includes (4) photographs of Murdock, certificate, transcript of address given by Clyde Reed at the award luncheon, and transcript of Murdock's remarks at award luncheon.
Box 9	FF 1	William Allen White Foundation -- scrapbook of clippings and correspondence regarding Marcellus Murdock receiving the William Allen White Foundation Award for 1961. Pages have been removed from binder.
Box 9	FF 2	William Allen White Foundation -- scrapbook of clippings and correspondence regarding Marcellus Murdock receiving the William Allen White Foundation Award for 1961. Pages have been removed from binder.

### **Series 1.4 – Clippings**

Box 9	FF 3	Clippings -- 1940s.
Box 9	FF 4	Clippings -- 1950s.
Box 9	FF 5	Clippings -- 1960s.
Box 9	FF 6	Clippings -- 1960s.
Box 9	FF 7	Clippings -- 1970s.
Box 9	FF 8	Clippings -- 1970s.
Box 9	FF 9	Clippings -- date unknown.

### **Series 2 – Wichita Eagle, Inc.**

#### **Series 2.1 – Correspondence**

Box 9	FF 10	Brown, Britt. Correspondence and memos sent and received, 1960s.
Box 9	FF 11	Colburn, John. Correspondence and memos sent and received, 1960s.
Box 9	FF 12	Colburn, John. Correspondence and memos sent and received, 1960s.
Box 9	FF 13	Colburn, John. Correspondence and memos sent and received, 1960s.
Box 9	FF 14	Long, Richard M. "Dick." Correspondence and memos sent and received, 1960s.

#### **Series 2.2 – Subject Files**

Box 9	FF 15	Adams, Stanley -- resume and correspondence regarding his interest in the Wichita Eagle, 1962
Box 9	FF 16	Advertising Department -- rate cards (1959, 1960, 1961, 1965), Planbook for Profits (1962), market research and report books (1950s)

Box 9	FF 17	Airplane Crash -- clippings, photographs, correspondence, statements, journal of manuscript notes, and a 1960 weekly calendar regarding the 1960 crash of the Eagle/KFH plane. The crash killed three members of the Wichita Eagle news staff.
Box 9	FF 18	(ANPA) American Newspapers Publishers Association -- correspondence and member information, 1960s
Box 10	FF 1	Annual Report -- 1959 Wichita Eagle Annual Report
Box 10	FF 2	Associated Press -- correspondence, copy of agreement with Eagle, certificate
Box 10	FF 3	Audit -- Includes audit reports, 1936 and 1962
Box 10	FF 4	Beauty Contest -- Final Standings from the Eagle's 1923 Rudolph Valentino Beauty Contest
Box 10	FF 5	Board of Directors -- Includes correspondence, meeting minutes for the Board of Directors of Wichita Eagle Publishing Company, Stockholders of Wichita Eagle, Inc., Board of Directors of Wichita Eagle, Inc., Stockholders of Prairie Improvement Company, Inc., and Board of Directors of the Wichita Eagle and Beacon Publishing Co., Inc., 1950s and 1960s
Box 10	FF 6	Board of Directors -- includes correspondence and meeting minutes for the Board of Directors of Wichita Eagle Publishing Company, Stockholders of Wichita Eagle, Inc., Board of Directors of Wichita Eagle, Inc., Stockholders of Prairie Improvement Company, Inc., and Board of Directors of the Wichita Eagle and Beacon Publishing Co., Inc. 1950s and 1960s
Box 10	FF 7	By-Laws -- By-Laws, Articles of Incorporation, and Amendments of the Wichita Eagle, Inc. (1947) and By-Laws of Wichita Eagle Publishing Company, Inc.
Box 10	FF 8	Consumer Analysis -- reports 1950s and 1962
Box 10	FF 9	Data Conference -- conference notebook from the Data Conference The S. C. Beckwith Special Agency and The Evening Eagle, 1928
Box 10	FF 10	Eagle Building (217 South Market Street) -- correspondence, proposals, and financial information, 1950s
Box 10	FF 11	Eagle Printing & Lithograph Company -- correspondence and financial information, 1960s
Box 10	FF 12	Editorial Department -- correspondence, financial information, and clippings, 1960s
Box 10	FF 13	Editorial Department -- correspondence, financial information, and clippings, 1960s
Box 10	FF 14	Employee Handbook
Box 10	FF 15	Employment Agreements -- copies of employment agreements for Marcellus Murdock, John Colburn, Clyde W. Speer, Marcellus Murdock and Britt Brown, 1963

Box 10	FF 16	Fire Inspection Reports, 1960s
Box 10	FF 17	Hall, Beth -- Travel clippings, desk calendars (1957, 1962, 1965), photographs, resume, and "Family Recollections" by Frank Nelson Gardner
Box 10	FF 18	Hall, Beth -- court documents, receipts, correspondence, and other materials for the Petition of Allowance for expenses paid by Hall during Marcellus Murdock's illness and death in Pennsylvania, 1970.
Box 11	FF 1	Historical -- Includes historical information about the Eagle
Box 11	FF 2	Insurance -- Report for Insurance Coverage 1964 and 1966
Box 11	FF 3	Japan -- Includes clippings, correspondence, and ephemera regarding Marcellus Murdock's trip to Japan in 1956 to attend the International Press Institute Conference.
Box 11	FF 4	Kansas Better Newspaper Contest -- press release, list of contest winners, 1961
Box 11	FF 5	Kirk, Dr. A. E. -- correspondence, expense reports, and clippings, 1950s-1960s
Box 11	FF 6	Kitch, Paul -- clippings and a copy of the Report of the Subcommittee To Investigate the Administration of the Internal Security Act and Other Internal Security Laws to the Committee on the Judiciary United States Senate, 84th Congress, 2nd Session regarding the recording of jury deliberations by Kitch
Box 11	FF 7	Lawsuit -- court documents, correspondence, statements, and clippings regarding the Anti-Trust lawsuit filed against the Eagle, 1950s
Box 11	FF 8	Lawsuit -- court documents, correspondence, statements, and clippings regarding the Anti-Trust lawsuit filed against the Eagle, 1950s
Box 11	FF 9	Lawsuit -- court documents, correspondence, statements, and clippings regarding the Anti-Trust lawsuit filed against the Eagle, 1950s
Box 11	FF 10	Lawsuits -- court documents, financial information, clippings, statements, and correspondence, regarding the "Trade-Out" lawsuit concerning Eagle employees, 1960s
Box 11	FF 11	Lawsuits -- court documents, financial information, clippings, statements, and correspondence, regarding the "Trade-Out" lawsuit concerning Eagle employees, 1960s
Box 11	FF 12	Lawsuits -- court documents, financial information, clippings, statements, and correspondence, regarding the "Trade-Out" lawsuit concerning Eagle employees, 1960s
Box 11	FF 13	Lawsuits -- court documents, financial information, clippings, statements, and correspondence, regarding the "Trade-Out" lawsuit concerning Eagle employees, 1960s
Box 11	FF 14	Lineage Report -- Lineage Reports, 1950s-1960s

Box 11	FF 15	Macy's Parking Garage -- copy of agreement between Macy's and Wichita Eagle, 1964
Box 11	FF 16	Merger -- correspondence, agreements, clippings, meeting minutes and other materials related to the merger of the Wichita Eagle Publishing Company, Inc. into the Beacon Newspaper Corporation, Inc. to become the Wichita Eagle and Beacon Publishing Company, Inc., 1960
Box 11	FF 17	Merger -- correspondence, agreements, clippings, meeting minutes and other materials related to the merger of the Wichita Eagle Publishing Company, Inc. into the Beacon Newspaper Corporation, Inc. to become the Wichita Eagle and Beacon Publishing Company, Inc., 1960
Box 12	FF 1	Merger -- correspondence, agreements, clippings, meeting minutes and other materials related to the merger of the Wichita Eagle Publishing Company, Inc. into the Beacon Newspaper Corporation, Inc. to become the Wichita Eagle and Beacon Publishing Company, Inc., 1960
Box 12	FF 2	Newspaper history -- clippings, drafts, and research materials detailing the history of newspapers in Kansas
Box 12	FF 3	Newspaper history -- clippings, drafts, and research materials detailing the history of newspapers in Kansas
Box 12	FF 4	Organization Charts -- departmental organization charts and phone directory
Box 12	FF 5	Plant Layout Analysis for Wichita Eagle and Beacon by Technical Service Co., Denver, Colorado, 1961
Box 12	FF 6	Prairie Improvement Company -- annual meeting minutes (1960), financial statements (1960-1963)
Box 12	FF 7	Purchase of Eagle-Beacon -- correspondence, financial information, and inquiry into the purchase of Eagle-Beacon, 1962
Box 12	FF 8	Purchase of Eagle-Beacon -- correspondence, financial information, and inquiry into the purchase of Eagle-Beacon, 1962
Box 12	FF 9	Readership Study -- Readership Study of the Sunday Wichita Eagle and Beacon, 1965
Box 12	FF 10	Retirement -- Includes materials regarding retirement plans, 1950s-1960s
Box 12	FF 11	Santa Fe Railway -- correspondence, warranty deed, and bill of sale for purchase of land from the Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe Railway System, 1966
Box 12	FF 12	Schleppey Report -- report on newsroom operation by Bloor Schleppey, circa 1955
Box 12	FF 13	Stockholder Presentation -- presentation to the stockholders of the Wichita Eagle of plans for the future, 1950s
Box 12	FF 14	Surveys -- Survey of Local Newspaper Distribution (1939), Marcellus Murdock's list of top ten foreign and domestic newspapers survey form, TV survey results (date unknown), Results of Survey Pertaining to Editorial

Page (date unknown), list of newspapers used in 1955 survey

Box 12	FF 15	"This I Believe" -- correspondence, photograph of unidentified firemen, and scripts of This I Believe columns
Box 12	FF 16	Tokyo -- materials regarding Marcellus Murdock's trip to Tokyo (1956) for the International Press Institute Conference.
Box 12	FF 17	United Fund -- correspondence, financial statements, and reports, 1960s
Box 12	FF 18	United Fund -- correspondence, financial statements, and reports, 1960s
Box 12	FF 19	United Fund -- correspondence, financial statements, and reports, 1960s
Box 12	FF 20	United Fund -- correspondence, financial statements, and reports, 1960s
Box 13	FF 1	Wichita Beacon -- court documents, correspondence, audit reports, financial information, and clippings regarding the Wichita Beacon v. Wichita Eagle district court case, #W-1937, 1950s
Box 13	FF 2	Wichita Beacon -- Transcript of testimony introduced at hearing before the Kansas State Tax Commission, 1934
Box 13	FF 3	Wichita Beacon -- Financial Statements, 1960
Box 13	FF 4	Wichita Eagle Engravers -- correspondence, financial information, and Annual Ratio Survey of the Photoengraving Industry 1967 Opening Data, 1960s
Box 13	FF 5	Winrod, Gerald -- includes clippings and typed stories concerning Gerald Winrod, 1930s

### **Series 2.3 – Financial**

Box 13	FF 6	Finances -- 1940s. Includes Financial Statements, 1945.
Box 13	FF 7	Finances -- 1950s. Includes Financial Statements for 1957-1959.
Box 13	FF 8	Finances -- 1960s. Includes Financial Statements for 1960-1961.
Box 13	FF 9	Finances -- 1960s. Includes Financial Statements for 1962-1963.
Box 13	FF 10	Finances -- 1960s. Includes Financial Statements for 1964-1965.
Box 13	FF 11	Finances -- 1960s. Includes Financial Statements for 1967-1969.

### **Series 2.4 – Publications**

Box 13	FF 12	Inside, 1965
Box 13	FF 13	Inside, 1966
Box 13	FF 14	Inside, 1967

Box 13	FF 15	Inside, 1968
Box 13	FF 16	Inside, 1969
Box 13	FF 17	Inside, 1970
Box 13	FF 18	Inside, 1971
Box 13	FF 19	Inside, 1972
Box 13	FF 20	Inside, 1973
Box 13	FF 21	Inside, 1974
Box 13	FF 22	Inside, 1975

### **Series 2.5 – Clippings**

Box 13	FF 23	Clippings -- Aerospace. Photocopied clippings from the Wichita Eagle bound and titled Aerospace: Wichita Perspective by John Zimmerman, 1966
Box 13	FF 24	Clippings -- Colburn, John. 1960s-1970s.
Box 13	FF 25	Clippings -- Levand brothers and/or Wichita Beacon. 1930s-1960s.
Box 14	FF 1	Clippings -- Levand brothers and/or Wichita Beacon. 1930s-1960s.
Box 14	FF 2	Clippings -- Levand brothers and/or Wichita Beacon. 1930s-1960s.
Box 14	FF 3	Clippings -- Sale of the Wichita Beacon, 1960s.

### **Series 3 – KFH**

#### **Series 3.1 – Correspondence**

Box 14	FF 5	Correspondence, 1950s
Box 14	FF 6	Correspondence, 1960s
Box 14	FF 7	Correspondence, 1960s
Box 14	FF 8	Correspondence, 1960s

#### **Series 3.2 – Subject Files**

Box 14	FF 9	Channel 3 Television -- court documents, correspondence, and list of stockholders of Wichita Television Corp., Inc., 1950s
Box 14	FF 10	KFH v. Taylor Radio and Television Corporation, 1950s
Box 14	FF 11	Learjet Promotion Contest, 1969



Box 14	FF 12	Minutes -- Minutes of the Stockholders' and Directors' annual meetings, 1950s-1960
Box 14	FF 13	Sale of Station -- correspondence, clippings, agreements, and financial information regarding the sale of radio station KFH, 1963.
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### **Series 3.3 – Financial Information**

Box 15	FF 1	Financial Information, 1950s
Box 15	FF 2	Financial Information, 1960s
Box 15	FF 3	Financial Information, 1960s

### **Series 4 – Murdock Family**

Box 15	FF 4	Murdock family -- family tree, transcriptions of clippings, correspondence, and research materials about the Murdock family.
Box 15	FF 5	Murdock family -- family trees, transcriptions of clippings, correspondence, and research materials about the Murdock family.
Box 15	FF 6	Murdock house -- photocopied photographs, drawing of floor plan, section from Old Cowtown Museum's interpreter's manual, photocopied clippings and correspondence detailing the house located on the corner of St. Francis and Murdock.
Box 15	FF 7	Colwell, Jane -- photocopied clippings regarding her death, 1963.
Box 15	FF 8	Delano, Marcia and family -- clippings, correspondence, and biographical material
Box 15	FF 9	Murdock, Mabelle Claire -- court documents regarding the Mabelle Murdock Estate, and Income Tax Returns 1917-1926
Box 15	FF 9A	Murdock, Marcellus -- two death certificates, funeral program, and other items from funeral service
Box 15	FF 10	Murdock, Marsh -- correspondence and clippings (these are about his ex-wife Sally Murdock)
Box 15	FF 11	Murdock, Colonel Marshall M. -- clippings, a compilation of transcribed clippings, biographical material, and typed remembrances from Marcellus of his father
Box 15	FF 12	Murdock, Paula Hicks -- two letters, photocopied clippings, and copy of Birth Affidavit
Box 15	FF 13	Murdock, Pearl Jane -- correspondence and financial documents regarding the Pearl Jane Murdock Trust, and personal Income Tax returns 1917-1926. Also includes clipping of Paul Eaton's suicide.

Box 15	FF 14	Murdock, Pearl Jane -- correspondence and financial documents regarding the Pearl Jane Murdock Trust, and personal Income Tax returns 1917-1926
Box 15	FF 15	Murdock, Roland P. and Louise -- correspondence, transcribed clippings, Winter 1956-57 issue of Art in America with article about the Roland P. Murdock collection
Box 15	FF 16	Murdock, Thomas Benton -- two Birthday Memorials (collected photocopied clippings), a photocopied version of the Birthday memorial, and another set of photocopied clippings
Box 16	FF 1	Murdock, Victor -- Biographical information including a copy of the finding aid for The Victor Murdock Papers held by the Library of Congress
Box 16	FF 2	Murdock, Victor -- Correspondence. Folder includes general correspondence sent and received by Victor Murdock
Box 16	FF 3	Murdock, Victor -- Correspondence. Telegrams and letters of congratulation to acknowledge Murdock's nomination for congressman from the Seventh District, 1903
Box 16	FF 4	Murdock, Victor -- Correspondence. Telegrams and letters of congratulation to acknowledge Murdock's nomination for congressman from the Seventh District, 1903
Box 16	FF 5	Murdock, Victor -- Correspondence. Telegrams and letters of congratulation to acknowledge Murdock's nomination for congressman from the Seventh District, 1903
Box 16	FF 6	Murdock, Victor -- Correspondence. Letters sent to Marcellus Murdock from libraries acknowledging the the gift of It May Chance of Wheat, 1966
Box 16	FF 7	Murdock, Victor -- Financial. 1918 Income Tax Return, 1945 Estate Tax Return, Estate of Victor Murdock Statistical Data Relating to The Wichita Eagle The Wichita Beacon Radio Station KFH Company Years 1925-1945, Estate of Victor Murdock Graphs Showing Statistical Data Relating to The Wichita Eagle The Wichita Beacon Radio Station KFH Company Years 1925-1945, correspondence.
Box 16	FF 8	Murdock, Victor -- Publications. 2 copies of Constantinople The Fantastically Delicate and Dirty, 3 copies of "Wheat. . .," including an original page from 1962 Eagle and Beacon
Box 17		Murdock Victor -- Microfilm Reels, Container 1 - Container 10
Box 18		Murdock Victor -- Microfilm Reels, Container 11 - Container 19 and Container 21- Container 24
Box 19		Murdock Victor -- Microfilm Reels, Container 25 - Container 31
Box 20	FF 1	Murdock, Victoria (Bloom) -- 1929 insurance policy, 1912 Statement of Personal Property, various medical receipts, and correspondence
Box 20	FF 2	Murdock, Victoria Mayberry -- biographical information, transcribed clippings, Taxpayer's Brief for Estate of Victoria Murdock

Box 20	FF 3	Neff, Victoria Eaton -- correspondence, 1962 Estate Tax Return, copy of Last Will and Testament
Box 20	FF 4	Pemberton, Brock -- "Enter Madame" 1920 expense and income report, clippings, "Enter Madame" financial statements
Box 20	FF 5	Pemberton, Brock -- "Enter Madame" Assignments

## Series 5 – Photographs

Box 20	FF 6	Photographs -- Marcellus Murdock--portraits and informal. Also included are miscellaneous photos including Murdock's funeral procession, a Murdock crest, and photographs of the Marcellus Murdock cement cast.
Box 20	FF 7	Photographs -- Marcellus Murdock -- aviation related portraits and informal.
Box 20	FF 8	Photographs -- Marcellus Murdock with others. Some photographs are identified on back side.
Box 20	FF 9	Photographs -- Marcellus Murdock with others. Some photographs are identified on back side.
Box 20	FF 10	Photographs -- Marcellus Murdock with others. Some photographs are identified on back side.
Box 20	FF 11	Photographs -- Marcellus Murdock with others. Some photographs are identified on back side.
Box 20	FF 12	Photographs -- Marcellus Murdock with others. Some photographs are identified on back side.
Box 20	FF 13	Photographs -- Murdock family -- includes photographs of Colonel Marshall M. and Victoria (Mayberry) Murdock. Includes are a photo featuring Louise Caldwell, Victoria Mayberry, and R. P. Murdock, and a photo with Col. Marshall Murdock holding Marsh Murdock while Marcellus looks on (1904). Also includes a small photograph with an envelope marked "Mabelle Armour Murdock"
Box 20	FF 14	Photographs -- Murdock family -- includes photographs of Victor Murdock.
Box 20	FF 15	Photographs -- Murdock family -- includes photographs of Mabelle Claire, Paula Hicks, and Pearl Jane Murdock, and the families of Marc Murdock and Janet Jennings.
Box 20	FF 16	Photographs -- People and/or groups. These photographs do not feature Marcellus Murdock.
Box 20	FF 17	Photographs -- People and/or groups. These photographs do not feature Marcellus Murdock.
Box 20	FF 18	Photographs -- Aviation. These photographs do not feature Marcellus Murdock, but do feature others associated with the aviation industry including Dwane Wallace, Walter and Olive Ann Beach, William Lear, J. Earl Schaeffer, Kansas OX5 Club Members, Roscoe Turner, and others.

Box 20	FF 19	Photographs -- Aviation -- Includes photographs of aircraft and aviation plants. This folder includes photographs of Clyde Cessna with early aircraft.
Box 20	FF 20	Photographs -- Aviation -- Includes photographs of aircraft and aviation plants.
Box 20	FF 21	Photographs -- Aviation -- Includes photographs of aircraft and aviation plants.
Box 20	FF 22	Photographs -- Other -- File includes photographs of structures including the Eagle building, Pine Hollow cabin, lodge in Texas, Victory Store, and other unidentified photographs of the interiors and exteriors of structures.
Box 21	FF 1	Photographs -- Other -- File includes identified and unidentified photographs of landscapes, including aerials of Wichita, and other outdoor scenes.
Box 21	FF 2	Photographs -- Sampling of photographic plates found throughout the collection.
Box 21	FF 3	Photographs -- 9 boxes of glass plate negatives. Each box has a few printed pictures included, believed to give some indication as to subject.

### **Series 6 – Artifacts**

Box 21	FF 4	Artifacts -- Plaque: Congratulations from the Crown Jewelry Co. to the Murdocks upon the 75th Diamond Anniversary of the Wichita Eagle July 27, 1947
Box 21	FF 5	Artifacts -- Plaque: Marcellus M. Murdock Recognition Award With Sincere Appreciation for his Contribution to the Development of the Aviation Industry in America and the Growth of Wichita as Air Capitol Of The World Presented by Wichita Historical Museum Association, May 25, 1966.
Box 21	FF 6	Artifacts -- Plaque: In Recognition Wichita Eagle & Beacon The Pageant of Progress June 29, 1969 Wichita Centennial Year
Box 21	FF 7	Artifacts -- Plaque: Marcellus Murdock OX 5 Meritorious Achievement Presented 1962
Box 22	FF 1	Artifacts -- Plaque: Marcellus M. Murdock
Box 22	FF 2	Artifacts -- Marcellus M. Murdock "68 Years of Service" medallion (1966) small and large version
Box 22	FF 3	Artifacts -- "M. [arshall] M. Murdock For Governor" campaign ribbon
Box 22	FF 4	Artifacts -- 50th Anniversary Medal Authorized by Congress and the President of the United States Awarded in 1967 to Marcellus Murdock for Outstanding Contributions to American Agriculture Presented by the Federal Land Bank of Wichita
Box 22	FF 5	Artifacts -- Marcellus M. Murdock Chairman of the Board and Marcellus M. Murdock President & Publisher name plates

Box 22	FF 6	Artifacts -- Aviation related pieces including Radio Compass training model, Air Navigation Protractor, Tru-Flight Calculator, and Marcellus Murdock's keys to a Beechcraft Baron
Box 22	FF 7	Artifacts -- Marcellus M. Murdock signature stamp and Passport
Box 22	FF 8	Artifacts -- Desktop pen holder with Marcellus M. Murdock name plate
Box 22	FF 9	Artifacts -- large gavel set and smaller gavel with a "Midian" plate attached
Box 22	FF 10	Artifacts -- Sampling of letterhead, press passes, and business cards for Marcellus Murdock, The Wichita Eagle, The Wichita Eagle and Beacon, KFH, and the OX 5 Club
Box 23		Artifacts -- Marcellus Murdock's financial ledger (1927-1930) and (1952-1965); 78 rpm recording KFH mobil news unit reporting from Dillon store event- Mr. Murdock and Mr. Dillon (May 1961); "Marcellus M. Murdock Publisher" desk nameplate; metal crafted airplane with oversized photo of Murdock's head attached; 1939 Conquistadores del Cielo Memory Book; Eagle Comrades 1927, photograph scrapbook of Eagle employees; buffalo carving Presented by Wichita Chamber of Commerce to Marcellus M. Murdock for Outstanding Service Kansas Centennial 1861-1961; ceremonial hood (in 1963 Murdock was awarded an honorary degree from Wichita State University -- Doctor of Humane Letters).

## Series 7 – Oversized

Box 24	Oversized-- PHOTOGRAPHS: "The Sanctum" (Marshall Murdock's office interior); Jane Murdock in wedding gown; Marcellus in flying machine; Trail Blazing to Steamboat Springs, Colorado by Marcellus Murdock via Byway, Railway, Highway, and Airway; Kansas OX 5 Wing Meeting: Hap Saunders, Marcellus Murdock, William P. Lear, Sr. with engine; Douglas Ave. looking West from Fourth Ave. June 1st, 1887; First Church in Wichita; Marshall Murdock in office; portrait of Horace Greely; unidentified boys and girls church choir; "Mother and Child" Boeing B-29 and PT-13; large group standing outside of International Business Machines office; businessmen at Hotel Lassen, December 15, 1936 (back of photo has identifications); Murdock in aircraft; Murdock and Queen(?) of Parade; copy of portrait of Frank Phillips (from PHILNEWS); women of the Hypathia Club featured on a souvenir and supplement to the Mirror; Marcellus Murdock in foreign country street vending scene. DRAWINGS: two of Marcellus Murdock, one of Marshall Murdock. OTHER: front pages of the September 25, 1960 Wichita Beacon- Final Home Edition and September 20, 1980 Wichita Beacon- final issue as separate newspaper, Centennial issue of the Enterprise-Chronicle , Burlingame, Kansas newspaper; letter to Victor Murdock from David Leahy with a manuscript note from Marshall Murdock including index finger drawing. CERTIFICATES: State of Kansas Commendation to Marcellus Murdock in grateful recognition of exceptionally meritorious service rendered to the State of Kansas for the 1969 Inaugural held in Wichita; Life Member of the Royal Order of Jesters; aviation related certificate in Spanish
Box 25 (Oversized Storage)	Oversized-- PHOTOGRAPHS: William A. White, signed by White and inscribed "For Katherine Murdock with love," April 1926; Roscoe Turner, signed and inscribed to Marcellus; Sidney A. Moss, signed and inscribed to Marcellus; Marcellus with Frank Carlson, signed and inscribed to Marcellus; Bishop Carroll, signed and inscribed to Marcellus; Will Rogers with Chas H.

Babt [?], signed by both and inscribed to Marcellus; Marcellus with fish; Colonel Marshall M. Murdock; Victoria (Mayberry) Murdock (2); 1961 Press Room; copy of Eagle building; German Fokker D VII; Mt. McKinley at 5000 feet, Murdock flying plane, 1949; Beechcraft Model D18S in flight over plant; pair of Beechcraft Model D18S in flight; Murdock with livestock [?]; Bennett & Roberts Oil Rig #3, Adams Ranch, Meade County, Kansas; President Kennedy delivering his State of the Union Message (1961); four sketches of Marcellus Murdock, sketch of Colonel Marshall Murdock, some are signed "John Mannix '56;" Sherman House 1865 by Charles Overall, signed and inscribed to Marcellus in Memory of the 1930 National Air Races, Chicago; unknown signed and inscribed print (1942); CERTIFICATES: from The Associated Press (1918); Disabled American Veterans (1948); Braniff Airways (1948); The Associated Press (1948); The Associated Press (1955); Kansas Chapter of the National Conference of Christians and Jews (1965); broadside "Who Is The Liar?" regarding Max Levand and The Wichita Beacon taxes (1934); large rendering of Wichita Eagle and Beacon building by D. Brinton with four smaller copies

Box 26  
(Oversized  
Storage)

Framed painting of Marcellus Murdock and a framed painting of Marcellus Murdock as a fireman.

Oversized  
Storage

Oversized-- storyboard-like drawing of Murdock and aviation related events; cost estimate, artists rendering, and architectural drawings of a proposed building for the Wichita Eagle Publishing Co., Inc.(1960); letter from Ann Lord to Mr. Murdock, September 8, 1930; paintings of events in Marcellus Murdock's life (artist unknown) that are part of a mini-biography now found in Box 6 FF 12; nine page manuscript of interview between Marcellus Murdock and Gov. Jenkins of Oklahoma, February 27, 1902 (accompanying envelope states this is Murdock's first effort at reporting; Architectural drawing of Murdock's garden

Hanging Rack

Framed photograph collection titled "Trail Blazing to Steamboat Springs, Colorado by Marcellus Murdock via Byway, Railway, Highway, and Railway."

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