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59. University of Kansas

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Overview:
The Department of Special Collections contains a wide range of rare books and manuscripts. Its primary charge is the collection and preservation of original sources for use by students of the humanities, of the history of science, and of the history of the book. It presently holds about 250,000 volumes printed since the mid-fifteenth century and about 500,000 manuscripts dating from Antiquity to the present.

Noteworthy collections:
- Howey Collection
  Established in 1978 in honor of the late Richard S. Howey, then Professor Emeritus of Economics, who was largely responsible for the building of the university’s significant collections in economics and economic history, the Howey Collection is made up of printed books and periodicals from the eighteenth century through 1850. The collection broadens our long-standing interest in these subjects from Italy and Great Britain to include most major European countries and their overseas possessions. The department’s holdings in economic history now include over 15,000 volumes of broadsides, acts, speeches, pamphlets, journals, and books. They include major works (for example, 53 editions and translations of Adam Smith’s The Wealth of Nations).
and minor ones, famous writers and those so obscure that not even their names are known. Some indication of the remarkable strength of this collection can be gained by measuring it against the benchmark collection for this subject, the great Kress Library of Business and Economics at Harvard University—approximately 40 percent of the Howey holdings are not represented in that primary collection of economic history.

Manhattan, KS

60. Kansas State University

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Overview:
The archives collect, preserve, and make available for reference all non-current records of and about Kansas State University having permanent historical, legal, administrative or fiscal value. University records are defined as documents, manuscripts, publications, photographs, tape recordings, drawings, maps, microforms, or other documentary materials regardless of physical form or characteristics, bearing upon the activities and functions of the university or its employees. The archives also seek collections of manuscripts, photographs, and related material from individuals, organizations, and companies not associated with KSU which support the major academic departments and research activities of the institution.
Noteworthy collections:

  Ranching records and personal papers of Walter and Frances
  Lewis, Larned, KS.
  Ranching records of “Juniata,” Manhattan, KS, and personal
  papers of Casement, who had national reputation in agricultural,
  ranching, cattle, and quarter horse circles.
  Ranching records and personal papers of Wayne Rogler, Chase
  County, KS.

Topeka, KS

61. Kansas State Historical Society

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businessrecords/index.htm

Overview:

The Kansas State Historical Society collects the unpublished records
of businesses, associations, churches, clubs, and other organiza-
tions in Kansas and the surrounding region. The historical society
holds over 4,200 cataloged manuscript collections totaling over
7,000 cu. feet of material. The manuscript collections are as varied
as Kansas itself. Diaries cover many topics from the territorial to
the modern periods including Native Americans, homesteading,
agriculture, the military, immigrant colonies, and social life. Several
collections document railroad expansion in the state. The files of
the Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe Railway and its predecessors are the largest. The records of the Kansas Town and Land Company, the land sales subsidiary of the Rock Island Railroad, are also available. Businesses are represented by the records of funeral homes, financial institutions, and retail stores.

**Noteworthy collections:**

- Leavenworth Depot & Railway Company (1887–1960). 40 lin. ft. Created by several railroad companies to provide services and maintenance at the depot. Formed in 1887, the company remained active until 1960. The Leavenworth Depot and Railroad Company was organized in 1887 by the Missouri Pacific Railway Co.; the Union Pacific Railway Co.; the Chicago, Rock Island, and Pacific Railway Co.; the Kansas Central Railway Co.; the Kansas City, Wyandotte, and Northwestern Railway Co.; and the Leavenworth, Topeka, and Southwestern Railway Co. to operate a joint depot facility in Leavenworth, KS; active until approximately 1960. The company was only responsible for providing services and maintenance at the depot and divided costs and profits among member companies on a proportional basis. This collection includes minutes from board and stockholder meetings, correspondence, and financial records.