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Bert O. Keeney Collection

Collection Number	MS 195
Title	The Bert O. Keeney Collection
Name and Location of Repository	Pittsburg State University, Special Collections & University Archives, Pittsburg, Kansas
Dates	1932 – 2002
Collection Size	3.5 linear feet
Creator	Bert Keeney Family
Scope and Content	A collection of biographical information, correspondence, Pittsburg State University materials, art topics, financial, legal, photographs, newspaper clippings, media, artifacts, and miscellaneous materials of former university art professor, Bert O. Keeney.

Access Restrictions This collection is open for access

Languages English

Biographical Note Bert Orville Keeney was born November 20, 1909, in Chadron, Nebraska and died August 14, 2002, in Pittsburg, Kansas. He graduated from Rushville High School, in Rushville, Nebraska. He received undergraduate degrees from Chadron State College in English and Industrial Arts. He received a master's degree from Kansas State Teachers College (now Pittsburg State University) in Industrial Education. He later attended the University of Minnesota and received a second master's degree in Education. In 1936, Mr. Keeney began working as a faculty member of the Winfield [Kansas] Public Schools. In 1939 he married Lily Coleman, and the couple had two children. Mr. Keeney served in World War II in the Naval Reserve. He began his college teaching career at Kansas State Teacher's College in 1946. During his time at KSTC he was able to establish the metalsmithing, ceramics, and sculpture programs. He remained at Pittsburg until he retired in 1977. During his career, one of his pieces "sterling silver coffee services" was exhibited at the Metropolitan Museum of Arts in New York City. After his retirement, Mr. Keeney focused on developing a studio for sculpture and ceramics at his residence.

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