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The David Stamm Memoir

Collection Number	MS 58
Title	The David Stamm Memoir
Repository	Pittsburg State University, Special Collections & University Archives, Pittsburg, Kansas 1701 S. Broadway Pittsburg, Kansas 66762 (620) 235-4883 speccoll@pittstate.edu
Dates	1867-1917
Collection Size	.25 linear foot
Creator	David Stamm; The one-volume memoir was donated by Dr. David and Elisabeth Gordon in 2005; photos donated by Catherine Meyer Burns in 2021.
Scope and Content	The one-volume memoir was handwritten, from 1903 to 1917, by David Stamm, and is a biographical sketch of his life, family history, and hardships. There are also three photographs of Stamm, including one with his wife, Catherine.
Access Restrictions	This collection is open for access. Researchers must use the collection in accordance with the policies of the Special Collections & University Archives, Leonard H. Axe Library, Pittsburg State University.
Languages	English
Biographical Note	David Stamm was born December 22, 1837 in Salt Creek Township, Holmes County, Ohio, to John and Anna Elizabeth Germann Stamm. When he was five years old, the family moved to Van Wert County, Ohio. As a young man, he learned to clerk in various goods and book stores. He served in the Company H, 139 th Regiment, Ohio National Guard, during the Civil War. David Stamm married Catherine (Kate) Schumm on October 31, 1867. They had 13 children, including a stillborn baby boy in 1868. Other children were John Frederick William (Willie), Louisa Magdalena Elisabeth (Lulu or Lula), and Mary Juliana (Julia), Otto Louis, Henry Albert, David, Catherine, Bertha Emilie, Theresa Rosina, Paul Gerhard, Paula Gertrud, and Carl Ferdinand. In 1883 the family moved to a small farm in Prairie City, Missouri. In November 1887 Stamm purchased a dry goods business and moved his family to Humboldt, Kansas. The family moved again in 1889 when Stamm opened a general

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merchandise store in Pittsburg, Kansas, on the east side of Broadway, between 2nd and 3rd streets, selling goods and groceries for twelve years before retiring. His wife, Catherine, died July 17, 1907. Stamm moved to Fort Scott, Kansas in 1913 and lived there until his death on October 22, 1920. He and his wife are buried in Zion Lutheran Cemetery, Pittsburg, Kansas.

Content Description

This collection consists of a 149-page memoir written from 1903 to 1917, by David Stamm, and pertains to his life, family history and hardships. The diary was transcribed by a Special Collections staff member in 2010. Family tree charts notating family names and dates are also included. Added in 2021 are three photographs. Two are carte de visite photographs of David Stamm, c. 1861, and a photograph of Stamm with his wife Catherine from 1867. There is also a larger photograph of an older David Stamm, undated.