



Argentine High School Scrapbook (KSCOLL 12)

The Argentine High School Cornerstone Collection is comprised of documents and ephemera from a scrapbook documenting the school's history.

Descriptive Summary

Creator: Unknown

Title: Argentine High School Scrapbook Collection

Dates: 1892-1965

Size: One box, 30 folders

Location: Kansas Room, 2nd floor workroom, closed stacks

Administrative Information

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Collection Description

This collection consists of documents, newspapers, brochures, programs, invitations, and photographs, from Argentine High School events from 1892 to 1964.

Historical Note

Argentine High School first existed as a space in other school buildings for the very few students studying at the high school level. In 1891, Bertha May Belle was the first student to graduate high school in Argentine. By 1901, there were 88 students and the Superintendent was asking for more rooms, more books for the library, and more equipment for science instruction. The high school occupied space in a brick building at 24th and Silver, which had once housed City Hall and the City Jail.

The new Argentine High School building was erected at 22nd and Elmwood (now Ruby) in 1908, and was spacious enough to accommodate the growing number of high school students in the Argentine area. The west section of the nine-room brick building was completed in 1908 and by September of that year, it was occupied by six teachers and 100 students. Argentine was annexed by Kansas City in 1910 and the school merged with USD 500. By 1918, the enrollment at Argentine reached 200 and a gymnasium and cafeteria were installed. F. L. Schlagle served as principal from 1919 to 1924 when he became Superintendent of Schools. By 1935 enrollment totaled 1,130 with 29 teachers on staff.

The original 1908 building was razed in 1954 and a new building was constructed in 1955-56. The 1972-1973 school year was Argentine's last year as a high school before J. C. Harmon High School opened and Argentine was converted to a middle school.

Arrangement Note

The collection remains in its original order, which is primarily chronological.

Scope and content note

Items in the collection range in date from 1892 to 1965 and cover a wide variety of Argentine High School history including commencement, school plays and other activities, sports, and newspapers.

Related Collections

Kansas City, Kansas High School Yearbook Collection
Kansas City, Kansas Public Schools Photograph Collection

Collection Inventory**BOX 1**Folder 1

Corsage and dance memo, no date

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Folder 3

Argentine Memories, three pages, 1991

Folder 4

List of first graduates of Argentine High School, 1892

Folder 5

Argentine High School graduation programs, 1893, 1894

Folder 6

Argentine High School graduation announcement, Class of 1900, commencement program, 1902

Folder 7

Argentine High School commencement programs, 1903, 1904

Folder 8

Argentine High School commencement programs, 1905, 1906

Folder 9

Commencement program, 1917
25th Annual Alumni banquet program

Folder 10

Photograph, Argentine High School football team, 1910

Folder 11

Emerson and Franklin School completion exercises program, 1911
Argentine High School commencement invitations, 1917, 1918

Folder 12

Emerson and Franklin School completion exercises program, 1911
Emerson graduating exercises program, 1913
Argentine High School and Central football game program, 1926

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Emerson graduating exercises programs, January 1914, May 1914

Folder 14

Emerson graduating exercises program, January 1914
Council of Clubs recital program, 1921

Folder 15

Unidentified class photographs

Folder 16

Argentine High School class photos, no dates

Folder 17

Argentine High School commencement programs, 1935

Folder 18

Argentine High School Varsity letters

Folder 19

Argentine High School student photos, ca. 1938

Folder 20

Newspaper clipping titled "F. L. Schlagle Honored for Service to Education", no date

Folder 21

Folded notecard featuring image of Argentine High School

Folder 22

Printed photo cards featuring Argentine High School, no date

Folder 23

Argentine High School Varsity letter

Folder 24

Colt Club 1961-1962 brochures
East Kansas League basketball tournament program, 1964
Argentine Mustangs football sticker

Folder 25

Printed pages with calls used by the Varsity cheerleaders

Folder 26

Various programs:

Music Time, April 29, 1960

The Mikado, no date

Music for an Autumn Evening, November 20, 1964

Folder 27

Argentine High School Carnival ticket, September 29, 1964

Folder 28

Various programs:

Bye Bye Birdie, May 1 and 2, 1964

Class of 1964, short plays (*The Clod*, *The Sisters McIntosh*, *The Ugly Duckling*)

April 3, 1964

The Diary of Anne Frank, April 2, 1965

Calamity Jane, no date

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Music contract, Argentine High School, January 10, 1966

Folder 30

Argentine High School event photos, no date

Items not boxed:

The Argentinian, Friday, February 25, 1938 edition

The Argentinian, Friday, January 24, 1941 edition

The Argentinian, Tuesday, October 12, 1965 edition