

Shawnee Mission Future Farmers of America
Date Span: 1934-1960; Bulk Dates: 1938, 1950, and 1953

The Shawnee Mission Future Farmers of America Records is a collection of annual scrapbooks documenting activities of the Shawnee Mission Future Farmers of America. The 15 scrapbooks chronicle the activities of the chapter at Shawnee Mission Rural High School from 1929-1960. The scrapbooks were created annually as entries in the "National Better Chapter Contest of Future Farmers of America" in Washington D.C.¹ The largest series in the collection is a scrapbook from 1950 with 233 photographs. Smaller scrapbooks contain photographs, correspondence, minutes, printed matter, newspaper clippings, and one report without photographs.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Source: Johnson County Libraries and Betty Swiontek

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ORGANIZATIONAL SKETCH

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| 1929 | Shawnee Mission Chapter began (November 8). |
| 1929 | First Parent's Banquet (November) ² |
| 1929 | Ed Moody, first chapter president ³ |
| 1930 | Forrest Trager, first Shawnee Mission chapter orator, placed second in state public speaking contest. ⁴ |
| 1930 | First Electric Incubator donated by Mr. Leland Wilson, the inventor ⁵ |
| 1931 | First Annual Officer's School, a meeting of ten chapters of the F.F.A. for the purpose of instruction and exchange of ideas among chapter officers (December 6) ⁶ |
| 1931 | First electric hotbed used ⁷ |
| 1931 | Member Bill Trager became chapter's first State Farmer. ⁸ |

¹ Scrapbook; "Shawnee Mission F.F.A. 1934-1935," 1993.022.002., Record of the Johnson County Museum; Museum Collection, Shawnee, KS.

² Ibid. p.156

³ F.F.A. Shawnee Mission Chapter, "The Owl's Nest 1950-1951, V.XVII;" p. 12., 1977.14.16a., Record of the Johnson County Museum; Museum Collection, Shawnee, KS.

⁴ Ibid.

⁵ Scrapbook; "Shawnee Mission F.F.A. 1934-1935," p.170., 1993.022.002., Record of the Johnson County Museum; Museum Collection, Shawnee, KS.

⁶ "F.F.A. Training School Held at S.-M. Sept. 22." *The Mission*; Scrapbook; "Shawnee Mission F.F.A. 1934-1935," p.234., 1993.022.002., Record of the Johnson County Museum; Museum Collection, Shawnee, KS.

⁷ Scrapbook; "Shawnee Mission F.F.A. 1934-1935," p.174, 220., 1993.022.002., Record of the Johnson County Museum; Museum Collection, Shawnee, KS.

- 1932 Owl's Nest publication established⁹
- 1932 First annual Christmas party and food/clothing drive for the needy¹⁰
- 1933 Cabin at Tonganoxie, a cooperative effort between several F.F.A. chapters, was completed¹¹
- 1934 First Annual F.F.A. Judging Contest sponsored by the Johnson County Fair¹²
- 1934 First chapter feed grinder bought.¹³
- 1934 Won "Best Chapter Contest."¹⁴
- 1935 Battery Brooder Broiler Project¹⁵
- 1935 Shawnee Mission Chapter chosen as one of three chapters to represent the state of Kansas in the national chapter contest (March 31)¹⁶
- 1935 "Shawnee Mission Aggie Notes" column appeared weekly in the Suburban News and the Northeastern Johnson County Herald.¹⁷
- 1935 Chapter won the National Better Chapter contest.¹⁸
- 1935 Award was a trip to Homestead, Florida.¹⁹
- 1935 500 battery broiler project started and completed with profit²⁰
- 1938 Electric hotbeds and electric incubators used for the last time.²¹
- 1938 First Farm Machinery Sale²²
- 1939 First year helping at National Headquarters for the F.F.A. National Convention, held at Municipal Auditorium, Kansas City, MO.²³
- 1940 F.F.A. trip to Washington D.C. (May 27)²⁴
- 1940 Shawnee Mission F.F.A. won KMBC radio contest.²⁵

⁸ F.F.A. Shawnee Mission Chapter, "The Owl's Nest 1950-1951, V.XVII;" p. 12., 1977.14.16a., Record of the Johnson County Museum; Museum Collection, Shawnee, KS.

⁹ Scrapbook; "Shawnee Mission F.F.A. 1934-1935," p.146., 1993.022.002., Record of the Johnson County Museum; Museum Collection, Shawnee, KS.

¹⁰ Ibid. p.211

¹¹ F.F.A. Shawnee Mission Chapter, "The Owl's Nest 1950-1951, V.XVII;" p. 12., 1977.14.16a., Record of the Johnson County Museum; Museum Collection, Shawnee, KS.

¹² Scrapbook; "Shawnee Mission F.F.A. 1934-1935," p.182., 1993.022.002., Record of the Johnson County Museum; Museum Collection, Shawnee, KS.

¹³ F.F.A. Shawnee Mission Chapter, "The Owl's Nest 1950-1951, V.XVII;" p. 12., 1977.14.16a., Record of the Johnson County Museum; Museum Collection, Shawnee, KS.

¹⁴ Ibid.

¹⁵ Scrapbook; "Shawnee Mission F.F.A. 1934-1935," p.185., 1993.022.002., Record of the Johnson County Museum; Museum Collection, Shawnee, KS.

¹⁶ Ibid.

¹⁷ Ibid. 242.

¹⁸ F.F.A. Shawnee Mission Chapter, "The Owl's Nest 1950-1951, V.XVII;" p. 12., 1977.14.16a., Record of the Johnson County Museum; Museum Collection, Shawnee, KS.

¹⁹ Garver, Harold. *By the Owl; Story of Shawnee Mission, Kansas, Chapter of F.F.A.* 1977. p.72
Record of the Johnson County Museum; Research Library, Shawnee, KS.

²⁰ F.F.A. Shawnee Mission Chapter, "The Owl's Nest 1950-1951, V.XVII;" p. 12-13., 1977.14.16a.
Record of the Johnson County Museum; Museum Collection, Shawnee, KS.

²¹ Ibid.

²² Ibid.

²³ Ibid.

²⁴ Garver, Harold. 96.

²⁵ Ibid. 103.

- 1942 No district contests held on account of the “tire situation” during the war. Last time state contest was held until after the war.²⁶
- 1942 Chapter Minstrel Show held to raise money to buy war bonds. First scrap iron drive.
- 1943 No “Owl’s Nest” on account of paper shortage due to WWII. Chapter members lost in the war; Harold Hites, Frank Alden, Robert McAnanay, and Chris Davidson. Memorial corner in school dedicated with a service flag and pictures of these men.²⁷
- 1945 Members Robert Fuqua and Marvin Prinds lost their lives in WWII.
- 1945 Chapter presented a radio program at station KSAC in Manhattan.²⁸
- 1946 F.F.A. created a large “V” as a stage prop for the “Victory Celebration” held at Municipal Auditorium. “Victory Celebration” was held to honor the veterans of WWII and those lost (among them 11 from the Shawnee Mission F.F.A. chapter).²⁹
- 1948 John Allison won State Oration Contest. Don Bogard won De Kalb award.
- 1948 Jack Dunham won chapter’s speaking contest.
- 1948 Chapter featured in Sears Foundation film, *That Inspiring Task*.³⁰
- 1948 School name changed to “Shawnee Mission High School.”³¹
- 1949 “Star American Farmer Ceremony” held at Municipal Auditorium. Chapter built large stars and a small stage for the ceremony.
- 1949 Chapter featured in “Agricultural Education Magazine.”
- 1949 Celebrated 20th anniversary at the annual Parent-Son Banquet.³²
- 1951 Shawnee Mission represented Kansas in the F.F.A. National Chapter Contest³³
- 1951 Won National Gold Emblem Award.³⁴
- 1952 Last year of “Owl’s Nest” publication.³⁵
- 1953 Won National Golden Emblem Award.³⁶
- 1953 Oklahoma Air Trip given by Capitol Air Service of Manhattan, Kansas.³⁷
- 1954 F.F.A. 25th Anniversary Celebration at Municipal Auditorium³⁸
- 1954 F.F.A. air tour of area farm land for a soil conservation study.³⁹

²⁶ F.F.A. Shawnee Mission Chapter, “The Owl’s Nest 1950-1951, V.XVII;” p. 12-13., 1977.14.16a. Record of the Johnson County Museum; Museum Collection, Shawnee, KS.

²⁷ Ibid.

²⁸ Ibid.

²⁹ Garver, Harold. 125.

³⁰ The Owl’s Nest 1950-1951. Shawnee Mission Chapter, Merriam, KS V.XVII, P. 14, 1977.14.16a

³¹ Wikipedia Contributors, “Shawnee Mission School District.” Wikipedia, the free Encyclopedia www.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shawnee_Mission_School_District#Shawnee_Mission_North_High_School (accessed July 6, 2008).

³² Scrapbook; “Shawnee Mission F.F.A. 1948-1949,” 1993.022.003., Record of the Johnson County Museum; Museum Collection, Shawnee, KS.

³³ Shawnee Mission High School. *The 1951 Indian*. Merriam, Kansas; p. 136-137., 1992.048.009 Record of the Johnson County Museum; Museum Collection, Shawnee, KS.

³⁴ Garver, Harold. 69.

³⁵ Ibid. 52.

³⁶ Ibid. 69.

³⁷ Ibid. 138.

³⁸ Scrapbook; “Shawnee Mission F.F.A. 1959-1960.” 1994.029.001., Record of the Johnson County Museum; Museum Collection, Shawnee, KS.

- 1957 New Orleans trip, last trip taken.⁴⁰
- 1958 Name of high school changed to “Shawnee Mission North.”⁴¹
- 1959 Chapter participation at the dedication of the Agricultural Hall of Fame.⁴²
- 1961 Harold Garver retired (June 2)⁴³
- 1961 After retiring, Harold Garver donated F.F.A. trophies, original chapter charter, ribbons, and farm equipment to Shawnee Mission park board and they were displayed for a time at the Antioch Shelter House. Shawnee Mission Chapter of F.F.A. dissolves.⁴⁴
- 1977 Harold Garver donated the banners, trophies, and other F.F.A. related materials previously housed at Shawnee Mission Park to the Johnson County Museum.⁴⁵

COLLECTION DESCRIPTION

The Shawnee Mission Future Farmers of America Records (hereafter referred to as “Shawnee Mission F.F.A.”) chronicle the Shawnee Mission F.F.A. from 1929-1960. The Shawnee Mission F.F.A. operated from 1929-1961. Harold Garver served as F.F.A. chapter advisor from its inception.⁴⁶ The Shawnee Mission Rural High School, which opened in 1922, served as the home of the Shawnee Mission F.F.A.⁴⁷

The early ideas leading to the establishment of the Future Farmers of America developed after vocational agriculture experiment for local boys at the Shawnee Indian Manual Labor School in 1839.⁴⁸ The National Future Farmers of America was founded in 1928 in Kansas City. In 1929, the official F.F.A. colors-national blue and corn gold were adopted.⁴⁹ The colors represent the “national blue of the flag” and the “golden color of ripened corn.”⁵⁰ The F.F.A. emblem was also adopted in 1929. It consists of five symbols: the plow, representing labor and tillage of the soil; the owl, representing wisdom; the rising sun, representing progress; a cross-section of an ear of corn, representing common agricultural interests; and an American eagle surmounting the

³⁹ Ibid.

⁴⁰ Harold Garver. *By the Owl; Story of Shawnee Mission, Kansas, Chapter of F.F.A.* 1977. p.164
JC History-Topical; Clubs/Groups/Schools. Record of the Johnson County Museum of History;
Public Research Library. Shawnee, KS.

⁴¹ Wikipedia Contributors, “Shawnee Mission School District.” Wikipedia, the free Encyclopedia
www.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shawnee_Mission_School_District#Shawnee_Mission_North_High_School
(accessed July 6, 2008).

⁴² Garver, Harold. 169.

⁴³ Scrapbook; “Shawnee Mission F.F.A. 1959-1960.” 1993.022.007., Record of the Johnson County
Museum; Museum Collection, Shawnee, KS.

⁴⁴ Ibid.

⁴⁵ Garver, Harold. 3.

⁴⁶ Garver, Harold. 2.

⁴⁷ Ibid. 13.

⁴⁸ Scrapbook; “Shawnee Mission F.F.A. 1934-1935,” p.1., 1993.022.002., Record of the Johnson County
Museum; Museum Collection, Shawnee, KS.

⁴⁹ Ibid.

⁵⁰ Garver, Harold. 10.

cross-section off the ear of corn, representing the national scope of the organization. The emblem also includes the letters “F.F.A.” and the words “Agricultural Education.”⁵¹

This collection of scrapbooks came to the museum over several years through two sources--an independent donor, and the Johnson County Libraries. The independent donor, Betty Swiontek, found several of the scrapbooks at the annual Johnson County Libraries’ used book sales. The rest of the scrapbooks came directly from the Johnson County Libraries (in 1993, 1996, and 2005) after being retired from the reference section of the libraries. It is assumed to be an incomplete collection.⁵²

The scrapbooks in this collection follow a standard format. Each scrapbook contains the categories; “General Interest,” “Supervised Practice,” “Cooperative Activities,” “Community Service,” “Leadership Activities,” “Earnings and Savings,” “Conduct of Meetings,” “Scholarship,” and “Recreation Activities.”

The “General Interest” category contains general information about Johnson County, the Shawnee Mission Rural High school, the vocational agriculture department, and the Shawnee Mission F.F.A.

The “Supervised Practice” category contains information about project improvement devices and individual project records.

The “Cooperative Activities” section contains information regarding crops, livestock, the “Owl’s Nest” publication, the annual parent’s banquet, F.F.A. camps, and F.F.A. officers.

The “Leadership Activities” section contains information regarding the F.F.A. Officer’s School, contests, chapter publicity, student council, initiation of new members, and activities of State Farmers and F.F.A. State delegates,

The “Earnings and Savings” section contains information about the chapter treasury, member dues, emergency loan fund, and fund raising activities such as; the pop stand, advertising in the Owl’s Nest, and the truck and fruit project.

The “Conduct of Meetings” category contains information about weekly meetings, monthly night meetings, executive board meetings, attendance, and committee meetings.

The “Scholarship” section contains information regarding the honor roll, chapter averages, grade records, scholarship letters, and F.F.A. graduates.

⁵¹ “The F.F.A. Emblem.” *Mississippi Chapter of FFA*. www.ais.msstate.edu/FFA/emblem.html

⁵² Key periods are not represented by the extant scrapbooks. Clues to chapter activities may be found in surviving issues of the *Owl’s Nest* (1932-1952) and yearbooks from Shawnee Mission high school. The *Indian* yearbooks for 1943 and 1944 give a particularly good overview of the war-time activities.

The “Recreation Activities” category contains information about F.F.A. camps, athletics, the annual parents’ banquet, and special outings.

Each scrapbook places these categories in different orders and the amount of information within each varies from year to year.

SERIES DESCRIPTION

Museum

Label/

Location

Series

1993.22.2

(S-4/C-5)

1935 SCRAPBOOK

The scrapbook contains 201 photographs, typewritten information, newspaper clippings, ribbons, artwork, the Owl’s Nest publication, and various other paper items.

1993.22.6

(S-4/C-6)

1938 SCRAPBOOK

The scrapbook contains a typewritten report, newspaper clippings, and 39 photographs.

1996.101.1

(S-4/C-6)

1938 SCRAPBOOK

The scrapbook contains 39 photographs, newspaper clippings, a dried plant, brochures, charts, project information, membership information, and other paper items

1996.101.2

(S-4/C-6)

1939 SCRAPBOOK

The scrapbook contains 158 photographs, letters, newspaper clippings, and other paper items.

1996.101.3

(S-4/C-6)

1940 SCRAPBOOK

The scrapbook contains 161 photographs, letters, newspaper clippings, and other paper items.

1993.22.3

(S-4/C-5)

1948 SCRAPBOOK

The scrapbook contains 137 photographs, papers, newspaper clippings, letters, and charts.

1994.29.3

(S-4/B-1)

1950 SCRAPBOOK

The scrapbook contains 173 photographs, newspaper clippings, typed text, programs, brochures, charts, awards, and letters.

1996.101.4

(S-4/C-6)

1950 SCRAPBOOK

The scrapbook contains 233 photographs, typed text, newspaper clippings, awards/ certificates, letters, 1950 Football Program, and copy of “The Owl’s Nest 1950-51.

- 2005.104.1 1951 SCRAPBOOK
(S-4/C-5) The scrapbook contains 118 photographs, newspaper clippings, letters, and other paper items
- 1993.22.1 1952 REPORT
(S-4/C-6) The scrapbook contains 28 page bound report with table of contents, mimeographed pages, and 15 photographs.
- 1993.22.4 1953 SCRAPBOOK
(S-4/C-6) The scrapbook contains no photos, but includes postcards, letters, typed text, and other paper items
- 1996.101.5 1953 SCRAPBOOK
(S-4/C-6) The scrapbook contains 133 photographs, magazine clippings, a pamphlet from 25th Annual Parent-Son Banquet, other pamphlets, and newspaper clippings
- 1994.29.1 1954 SCRAPBOOK
(S-4/B-1) The scrapbook contains 82 photographs, typed text, letters, newspaper clippings, ticket stubs, and pamphlets
- 1994.29.2 1955 SCRAPBOOK
(S-4/B-1) The scrapbook contains 121 photographs, typed text, letters, certificates, newspaper clippings, ticket stubs, charts, and a pamphlet for the "Sixth Annual Spring Flower Show"
- 1993.22.7 1959 SCRAPBOOK
(S-4/C-6) The scrapbook contains 83 photographs, newspaper clippings, and typed text

ITEM LEVEL INVENTORY

- 1993.022.002 1935 SCRAPBOOK
- Description: Brown book-type binding. Gold colored text on spine: "SHAWNEE-" "MISSION" "CHAPTER" "MERRIAM, KANSAS" "1934 - 35" "FUTURE FARMERS" "OF AMERICA"
The scrapbook documents a year in the life of the F.F.A., Shawnee Mission Chapter.
Scrapbook was entry in 1935 "National Better Chapter Contest of Future Farmers of America" in Washington D.C.
- Contents: Photographs- 201
Pages in scrapbook-341

Three fair ribbons

Typewritten table of contents

Typewritten information on most pages

Original art used to illustrate the pages cataloged as 1977.014.119 and 1977.014.120

Undated newspaper clipping (possibly from late 1940s) from scrapbook: "Scrapbook Home after Wandering" reports on the history of the 1935 project scrapbook and its history.

Sections: General Interest, Supervised Practice, Cooperative Activities, Community Service, Leadership Activities, Earnings and Savings, Conduct of Meetings, Scholarship, and Recreation Activities.

General Interest contains historical information on community, school, vocational agriculture department, and F.F.A. chapter

Supervised Practice contains project improvement devices and individual's project records

Cooperative Activities contains information on the "Truck and Fruit" project, "The Owl's Nest" publication, annual parent's banquet, F.F.A. Camp, installation of officers, Cow Testing Association, egg laying contest, electric incubators, pop stand, judging contest, exchange list, mineral mixing, battery brooder project, and F.F.A. bottle caps project

Community Service contains information on BWD testing, poultry culling, soil testing, milk testing, pruning, County Fair exhibits, welfare work, demonstrations, lawn improvement, treating seed potatoes, judging contests, school services, P.T.A. exhibit, new vocational department in Colorado, and a dairy barn floor building project

Leadership Activities contains information on the F.F.A. Officer's School, judging contests, farm mechanics contest, project tour, publicity, student council, class and home room officers, orator, National Chapter Contest, State F.F.A. president, Chapter officers, election of officers, installation of new officers, initiation of new members, State farmers, State delegates, visit of national adviser, State Fair program, project tour, and Hoard's Dairyman contest

Earnings and Savings contains information on the treasurer's report, F.F.A. Truck and Fruit project, dues, pop stand, BWD testing, advertising in Owl's Nest, electric hotbeds, battery brooder, and emergency loan fund

Conduct of Meetings contains information on weekly meetings, monthly night meetings, parliamentary proficiency, executive board meetings, attendance, and committee meetings

Scholarship contains information on honor roll, chapter average, grade records, honor roll announcements, scholarship letters, and F.F.A. graduates

Recreation Activities contains information on F.F.A. camp, athletic meetings, parents' banquet, installation of new officers, basketball, softball, and special outings

1993.22.6

1938 SCRAPBOOK

Description: This is a bound scrapbook with black divider pages and white pages with carbon copy typewritten text. The brown faux leather cover and pages are tied together with a tan color shoestring at the left. The shoestring is looped through two holes in the cover and pages. The front cover has worn text and a large logo of the F.F.A. Text above the logo: "SHAWNEE MISSION CHAPTER." Text within logo: "VOCATIONAL FFA AGRICULTURE." Text below the logo: "FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA."

Contents: Typewritten report
Newspaper clippings
39 photographs (Many of the photographs have become detached. There are adhesive tape and glue stains on many of the photographs)

Sections: Supervised Practice, Cooperative Activities, Community Service, Leadership, Earnings and Savings, Scholarship, Conduct of Meetings, Recreation, and General.

Supervised Practice includes home projects, "Owl's Nest," scholarship information

Cooperative Activities includes projects as the feed grinder, hotbeds, battery brooder, incubator operation, hen battery, seed testing and treating, soil testing, orchard project, spraying, mineral mixing, athletic meetings, special outings, F.F.A. camp, soft ball, F.F.A. bulletin boards, F.F.A. library, and cow testing association

Community Service includes bind weed control campaign, home improvement, school landing, and welfare work

Leadership includes information on the installation program, advanced degree, public speaking contest, illustrative material, state delegation, project tour, other school offices, sixth annual F.F.A. officer's school, shop contest, publicity, exchange service, F.F.A. judging squad, and State president

Earnings and Savings contains chapter inventory, individual savings, dues, concessions at games, football programs, project labor income, and public sales

Scholarship includes information on academics

Conduct of Meetings includes information on organization of material, parliamentary proficiency, executive board meetings, monthly night meetings, and weekly meetings

Recreation includes information on F.F.A. basketball

General Interest includes information on shop, members in farm management class, livestock and crops classes, lawn improvement, pruning fruit trees, poultry culling, caponizing, judging contests, Summerfield scholarship, and program of work

1996.101.1

1938 SCRAPBOOK

Description: Large oversize vertically oriented hardcover scrapbook. Covers are painted--front with Indian scene, FFA logo, and the words: "The Dawn of a New Era. SHAWNEE-MISSION CHAPTER MERRIAM, KANSAS; 1938—1939." At the left corner is "Robert Bell 1938." Back cover is painted with a sunflower with the Kansas state seal in center. "Ad Astra per Aspera." Painter of covers is Robert Bell. Scrapbook has yellow pages printed in blue lettering of FFA logo, topic of page, etc.

Contents: 151 black and white photographs
Newspaper clippings, a dried plant, brochures, charts, project info, membership info, etc.

Sections: General Interest, Supervised Practice, Cooperative Activities, Community Service, Leadership Activities, Earnings and Savings, Conduct of Meetings, Scholarship, and Recreation Activities.

General Interest contains Newspaper clippings, FFA brochure; "What it is, What it does."

Supervised Practice contains newspaper clippings, hand written "Summer Report" for home projects, individual reports for boys, and part of a dried plant

Cooperative Activities contains newspaper clippings, flier for "Second Annual Public Sale," radio program transcript for 3/25/1939 on station

KMBC, program from "Annual Parent's Dinner," ticket from "Annual Parent's Dinner," copy of "The Owl's Nest" 1938-39, and a receipt from "Herald Printing Company" for yearbook printing

Community Service contains newspaper clippings, copy of "Home Improvement Report," and a letter from State Board for Vocational Education

Leadership contains newspaper clippings, letter from Kansas State College of Agriculture and Applied Science, directory of home room officers, program for "Eighth Annual F.F.A. Officer's Training School," radio program transcript for 4/22/1939 on station KMBC, letter from "Successful Farming" magazine, and a ticket from "Shawnee Mission Chapter of F.F.A. Alumni Meeting"

Earnings & Savings contains newspaper clippings, program from 10/7/1938 Football game, and card from "F.F.A. Annual card Benefit"

Conduct of Meetings contains newspaper clippings, list of "Standing Committees for Year 1938-1939," letter from Robert Bell to the Agricultural Commissioner, Mr. L.E. Hawkins, letter from Robert Bell to Mr. Ray L. Cuff, and ballot for election of F.F.A. offices

Scholarship contains a letter from State Board for Vocational Education and grades for each boy

Recreation contains newspaper clippings, letter from the Tournament Committee to H.D. Garver, flier from "Inter-Community Fun Night and Talent Contest," and scripts from two plays

1996.101.2

1939 SCRAPBOOK

Description: Large heavy scrapbook with textured cloth-covered cardboard covers
Front cover has title and F.F.A. logo embossed in gold
Text on front cover: "FUTURE FARMERS; of; AMERICA;
VOCATIONAL; FFA; AGRICULTURE; OFFICIAL SCRAP BOOK."

Contents: Letters, newspaper clippings, and other paper items:
Pages from "Successful Farming" magazine of February 1940 included illustrated article on the chapter.
A letter to the F.F.A. boys in WWII from Harold Garver
Flier and newspaper clippings from musical, "Kansas Cotton Pickers"
Graphs & charts
2 copies of "The Owl"
158 photographs- one group photograph is from 1936.

Sections: Supervised Practice, Cooperative Activities, Community Service, Leadership, Earnings and Savings, Conduct of Meetings, Scholarship, Recreation, and General

1996.101.3 1940 SCRAPBOOK

Description: Large heavy scrapbook with textured cloth-covered cardboard covers. Front cover has title, chapter name, year and FFA logo embossed in gold. Text on front cover above logo: "FUTURE FARMERS of AMERICA" Text on front cover below logo: "OFFICIAL SCRAP BOOK SHAWNEE-MISSION CHAPTER 1940-41"

Contents: Letters, newspaper clippings, and other paper items
A section near the back about F.F.A. visit to Washington, DC in 1940
The Owl's Nest
Pamphlet from F.F.A. Annual Parent Banquet
Pamphlet from the 21st Annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet, Manhattan, KS.
Reports
Transcripts from radio program
Member lists
Description of "Photos taken at Merriam Kan."
Permit
161 photographs
Loose items are in folder stored with scrapbook marked; "Loose Papers."

Sections: Supervised Practice, Cooperative Activities, Community Service, Leadership, Earnings and Savings, Conduct of Meetings, Scholarship, Recreation, and General

1993.22.2 1948 SCRAPBOOK

Description: Wooden Binding with text "Shawnee Mission Chapter Future Farmer of America" etched in front cover. Bound with leather and shoe string. Back of front cover, drawing "20th Anniversary 1929-1949, World War!! 8 Gold Stars 129 Members in service, Shawnee Mission."

Contents: 137 photos
Blue construction paper dividers with tabs
Papers, newspaper clippings, letters, charts
Folder containing loose materials

Sections: Supervised Practice, Cooperative Activities, Community Service, Leadership, Earnings and Savings, Conduct of Meetings, Scholarship, Recreation, and General

Supervised Practice includes chapter roll, photos of each boy, description of each boy's activities

Cooperative Activities includes information about the 1948 national convention's "Star Farmer Ceremony" held at Municipal Auditorium, and construction of a bale loader

Community Service includes newspaper clippings, letters, information about Annual Christmas Party, and P.T.A. Carnival

Leadership includes newspaper clippings, information on Judging contest in Ottawa, KS., postcards, letters, a pamphlet on a safety conference at Municipal Auditorium, and election ballot for group offices

Earnings & Savings includes typed information, letter, newspaper clipping

Conduct of Meetings includes typed pamphlet describing year's work

Scholarship includes newspaper clipping

Recreation includes newspaper clipping, letters, and photos of Annual Parent-Son Banquet

General includes photos of shop work, newspaper clippings, and letter

1994.29.3

1950 SCRAPBOOK

Description: 1950-1951 F.F.A. Shawnee Mission Chapter Scrapbook
Wooden, blue cover, screws and leather binding
Cover with yellow painted text "SHAWNEE MISSION CHAPTER
MERRIAM, KANSAS 1950 FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA."
F.F.A. emblem painted in center of cover. Within emblem there is text,
"VOCATIONAL FFA AGRICULTURE."

Contents: Newspaper clippings, typed text, programs, brochures, charts, awards,
letters, etc.
173 black and white photos

Sections: Supervised Practice, Cooperative Activities, Community Service,
Leadership, Earnings and Savings, Conduct of Meetings, Scholarship,
Recreation, and General

1996.101.4

1950 SCRAPBOOK

Description: Thick hard cover scrapbook. Covers are blue cloth-covered cardboard.
Front cover and spine embossed in gold with FFA logo and text,

“Shawnee Mission Chapter, Merriam, Kansas 1950-1951.” Text on spine in white "Ref. 630.62" In gold on spine and cover: "SHAWNEE-MISSION CHAPTER; MERRIAM, KANSAS; 1950-51."

Contents: 233 Photographs included
Newspaper clippings
Typed text
Awards and Certificates
Letters
1950 Football Program
Copy of “The Owl’s Nest 1950-51.”

Sections: Chapter Organization, Chapter Membership, Supervised Practice, Cooperative Activities, Community Service, Leadership, Earnings and Savings, Conduct of Meetings, Scholarship, Recreation, General

2005.104.1 1951 SCRAPBOOK

Description: Scrapbook with brown wood binding
Yellow text on front cover: "SHAWNEE-MISSION" and black text "CHAPTER 1951-52" above and below a Yellow and black hand-painted logo of the Future Farmers of America

Contents: 118 photographs, newspaper clippings, letters, and other paper items.

Sections: Supervised Farming, Cooperative Activities, Community Service, Leadership, Earnings Savings, Conduct of Meetings, Scholarship, Recreation, and General

1993.22.1 1952 REPORT

Description: Report for Shawnee-Mission Chapter of the Future Farmers of America. Written in black permanent marker on cover is text, “Shawnee Mission Chapter; Merriam, Kansas; F.F.A.; Future Farmer of America.”

Contents: Photographs: 15
28-page bound report with table of contents.
Mimeographed pages.

Sections: Supervised Farming, Cooperative Activities, Community Service, Leadership, Earnings Savings, Conduct of Meetings, Scholarship, Recreation, and General.

Supervised Practice contains photos

Co-Operative Activities contains information on battery brooders, field corn, sow ring, buying & selling, football programs, L.S. medicine cabinets, Owl's Nest, insect sprays, arc welder, and concessions

Community Service contains weed control, fire prevention, livestock loss prevention, pruning, seed testing, soil testing, culling, seed treating, demonstration plots, tattoo, Crusade for Freedom, Cancer Drive, Polio Fund, Red Cross, Boy Scouts, Civilian, Defense, and F.F.A. bulletin boards

Leadership includes information on Leadership School, State Delegates, Green Hand Officers, individual reports, committee membership, chapter teams, district speaking contest, chapter speaking contest, state F.F.A. speaker, state chapter contest, national chapter contest, radio programs, and publicity awards

Earnings and Savings includes investment in farming, co-operative project, life insurance, increase in net worth, chapter inventory, and chapter budget

Scholarship contains chapter average, scholastic improvement, school honor roll, and chapter recognition

Recreation contains National convention, two-day trip, F.F.A. "fun night", Christmas Party, and square dance

Conduct of Meetings contains weekly meetings, Green Ag Club, ritual, chapter equipment, and monthly night meeting

Committees contains scholarship, chapter sow ring, chapter property, photography, recreation, chapter improvement, community service, public relations, buying & selling, contests & awards, and livestock loss prevention

General contains requirements for chapter membership, F.F.A. road signs, individual markers, and newspaper publicity

1993.22.4

1953 SCRAPBOOK

Description: 25th Anniversary Edition F.F.A.
107-page bound report

Contents: Report of Accomplishments by Shawnee Mission Chapter, Merriam, Kansas, Future Farmers of American 1953-1953, Representing: Kansas Association
Newspaper clippings, postcards, typed items, hand written items

1996.101.5

1953 SCRAPBOOK

Description: Three ring binder with light blue cloth covered cardboard covers. FFA logo in bright yellow and blue glued to front is partially missing. Chapter name written gold beneath log. Text on front cover: "Shawnee-Mission; Chapter"

Contents: 1952-53 Shawnee-Mission FFA scrapbook materials; magazine clippings, pamphlet from 25th Annual Parent-Son Banquet, pamphlet- "Welcome California Future Farmers," newspaper clippings
133 photographs

Sections: Supervised Farming, Cooperative Activities, Community Service, Leadership, Earnings & Savings, Meetings, Recreation, General

1994.29.1

1954 SCRAPBOOK

Description: 25th Anniversary Scrapbook: 1954 F.F.A. Scrapbook
Blue binding with gold text on cover; "FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA; SHAWNEE MISSION CHAPTER; SILVER ANNIVERSARY YEAR; 1954."
Painted gold FFA emblem with: Eagle holding wheat and shield, Owl on a Plow, and blue text "Vocational FFA Agriculture."

Contents: Typed text, letters, newspaper clippings, ticket stubs, pamphlets
81 photographs

Sections: Supervised Farming, Cooperative Activities, Community Services, Leadership, Conduct of Meetings, Earnings and Savings, Scholarship, Recreation, and General.

1994.29.2

1955 SCRAPBOOK

Description: Blue binding with gold text on cover; "FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA; SHAWNEE MISSION CHAPTER; MERRIAM, KANSAS; 1955."
Painted gold FFA emblem with: Eagle holding wheat and shield, Owl sitting on a Plow, and blue text "Vocational FFA Agriculture."

Contents: Typed text, letters, certificates, newspaper clippings, ticket stubs, pamphlet for "Sixth Annual Spring Flower Show", charts, 121 black and white photographs

Quote from first page: "Chapter Story; The past chapter year has been the most difficult one in twenty five years of its history. Not even exceeded by the 1950-51 year when the building program completely disrupted the entire school. Even then, this chapter suffered less than the past 1954-55 year. Our classroom had to be used for an academic class; leaving only our shop room for class AND shop activities..."

Sections: Supervised Farming, Cooperative Activities, Community Service, Leadership, Earnings and Savings, Scholarship, Conduct of Meetings, Recreation

1993.22.7

1959 SCRAPBOOK

Description: F.F.A. 1959-60 Scrapbook
Bound scrapbook with gray pages. The scrapbook has a dark blue cover with a faux leather texture. The pages are held inside the cover with two sets of metal rings. The front cover has the FFA logo at the center. Text above the logo: "FUTURE FARMERS" "of" "AMERICA." Text below the logo: "OFFICIAL SCRAP BOOK" "SHAWNEE-MISSION CHAPTER."

Contents: The scrapbook contains newspaper clippings and typed text
88 photographs- black and white and color.

Sections: Supervised Farming, Cooperative Activities, Community Service, Leadership, Earnings and Savings, Scholarship, Conduct of Meetings, Recreation

FOR REFERENCE; OTHER F.F.A. ITEMS IN COLLECTION

OBJECTS:

<u>Museum Label</u>	<u>Object</u>	<u>Date</u>
1972.045.000	Owl's Nest	1940
1977.014.052	F.F.A. Jacket	
1977.014.053	Hat	
1977.014.054	Pennant	
1977.014.055	Banner	
1977.014.056	F.F.A. Jacket	
1977.014.057	Patch	
1977.014.058	Necktie	
1977.014.059	Shirt, Shorts	
1977.014.060	Pin	1929
1977.014.061	Pin	
1977.014.062	Pin	
1977.014.063	Plaque	
1977.014.064	Plaque	1952
1977.014.065	Plaque	1954
1977.014.066	Plaque	1959
1977.014.067	Plaque	1951
1977.014.068	Plaque	1960
1977.014.069	License	
1977.014.070	Plaque	1935
1977.014.071	Plaque	1955
1977.014.072	Plaque	1956
1977.014.073	Plaque	
1977.014.074		
1977.014.075		
1977.014.076		
1977.014.077		
1977.014.078		
1992.013.001-2	1935-1936	
Cap, booklet		
1992.097.013		
Monograph		
1996.046.144	1946	
Program		

PHOTOGRAPHS:

<u>Photographs</u>	<u>Date</u>
1977.014.001-051	1947
1977.014.076	1940
1977.014.115	1953
1977.014.118	1941
1980.002.008	1954
1984.025.001	1934
1996.046.206-207	