Collection Summary

Title
Drumm Farm Collection

Date
1930-2017

Extent
4 boxes and oversize materials

Name and Location of Repository
Midwest Genealogy Center, Independence (Mo.)

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Name of Creator
Drumm Farm Institute, Independence (Mo.)

Administrative History
Drumm Farm Institute was created by Andrew Drumm in 1919 as part of his will. It was part of his philanthropic efforts to build a home, school, and working farm for boys who had been orphaned or otherwise without a home. Drumm believed that living and working on a farm would help these boys become better citizens. The Institute continued as a school and working farm well into the 20th century. Today the institute is known as the Drumm Farm Center for Children and assists boys and girls in the foster system.

Scope and Content
This collection include photographs of the grounds and buildings, alumni, employees and trustees. Other materials contained in the collection are records of trustees, newspaper clippings, alumni correspondence, 4-H records and historical background on Andrew Drumm. Other items in this collection were part of a display at the Midwest Genealogy Center. Items include books, vintage cookware, photographs, school memorabilia, and other artifacts. Items in the collection range from the 1930s through the 2000s.
Collection Inventory

System of Arrangement
These records are arranged in 5 series.

Series 1, Box 1
Books (3)
- *Farm: A Year in the Life of an American Farmer* by Richard Rhodes
- *4-H Club Scrapbook of Drumm Farm* compiled by George Berkemeier
- *Andrew Drumm Institute: The First 50 Years* by Bill Richards

Drumm Farm Alumni Patch
Future Farmers of America plaques (5)
- Individual Silver Emblem Award Meats, 1947
- Individual Silver Emblem Award Meats, 1949
- Individual Gold Emblem Award Meats, 1949
- Individual Gold Emblem Award Meats, 1949
- Creed Speaking District Winner, 1972

Folder 1, Pamphlets (3)
Folder 2, 4-H Fair photograph [photocopy], July 28, 1933
Folder 3, Andrew Drumm Institute reunion photographs [photocopies] (2)
- July 1949
- July 19, 1997

Metal press plate (1)
Photograph of Mr. Carl Day and Mrs. Ruth Day
Photograph of Mr. & Mrs. Wilburn Cline and Frances Berkemeier
Wood press plates (12)
Folder 4, Photographs FFA Jacket [front & back], antique telephone

Series 2, Box 2
Baseball
Biscuit cutter
Ice pick
Meat tenderizer with joint bone splitter
Metal funnel
Pastry blender
Photograph of Drumm Farm alumni [photocopy]
Plaques (3)
- Future Farmers of America Individual Gold Emblem Award Meats, 1947
- Future Farmers of America First Dairy Production, 1971
- Greater Kansas City Science Fair, First Award, 1952
Polly’s Soda Pop glass bottles [1 green glass & 1 clear glass]
Potato masher
Razor with Gillette Blue razor blades
Spatula
Vegetable peeler
Series 3, Box 3
A&W glass mug
Book: The Hardy Boys Hunting for Hidden Gold by Franklin W. Dixon
Brownie Target Six-20 camera
Drumm Farm t-shirt [green]
Folk Art Festival at Drumm Farm t-shirt [white]
Memories Last Forever t-shirt [white]
Drumm Farm hat [blue]
Green felt with hole cut in middle
Placard from previous display at the Midwest Genealogy Center
Ram bookends (2)

Series 4, Oversize
Book: Andrew Drumm Institute: The Vision of Andrew Drumm compiled by William W. Richards
Drumm Farm Future Farmers of America Patch
Drumm Farm 65th Reunion poster board
Drumm Sweater Patch and 4-H pins
Memorial to Jamie L. Kever
Photograph of Bill Richards, Frances Berkemeier, and George C. Berkemeier from Kansas City Star [photocopy], January 29, 1998
Ribbon Collection poster board
Wood whirligig
69th Annual Drum Farm Alumni Reunion t-shirt – 16 July 2016

Series 5, Box 4
Folder 1, 4-H activities
Item 1, Photo of 1933 4-H Fair attendees
Item 2, Photo of Jackson County 4-H Judging Team: Leon CRENSHAW, George C. BERKEMEIER, John GARRISON, Foster HOCKETT, and Leo MORGAN, 2 copies
Item 3, Photo of Joe WARRIOR and Ed MARTIN, with accompanying note
Item 4, Photo and slide of flowers, with accompanying photo guide
Folder 2, 4-H activities
Item 1, Article from The Examiner, 14 Jun 1929
Item 2, Letter to Joe WARRIOR and Edwin MARTIN from H.R. SMITH, 26 Dec 1939
Folder 3, Alumni Correspondence
Item 1, Letter from Randall E. WINKLER
Item 2, Letter from David H. DYE
Folder 4, Andrew Drumm Farm
Item 1, Copy of original letterhead with a note by Bill (William) RICHARDS, 3 Sep 2004
Item 2, Article by Donna MCGUIRE, The Kansas City Star (?), Jan 1993
Item 3, Article from The Examiner website, 13 Apr 1998
Folder 5, Andrew Drumm Institute
Item 1, List of microfilm documents donated by Bill (William) RICHARDS
Item 2, Article from *The Examiner*, 3 May 1929
Item 3, Article by Jim SCHACHTER, *The Kansas City Star*, 19 Dec 1982
Item 4, Letter to the editor, *The Kansas City Star*, by Edward J. SHELTON
Item 5, Letter to the editor, *The Kansas City Star* (?), by John F. GLADDEN
Item 6, Article by Charles BURKE, *The Examiner*, 13 Aug 1983
Item 7, Two articles from Associated Press

Folder 6, Andrew Drumm Institute
  Item 1, Institute inventory, 31 Aug 1948
  Item 2, Institute inventory, 31 Aug 1958
  Item 3, Enrollment numbers, 1955-1962
  Item 4, Enrollment record, 1957-1958
  Item 5, Employee record, 1957-1962

Folder 7, Andrew Drumm Institute board of trustees
  Item 1, Handwritten list of names and dates, believed to be a record of trustees

Folder 8, *Andrew Drumm Institute Ribbon Collection*
  Item 1, Letter to Martha HENDERSON from Bill (William) RICHARDS
  Item 2, Introduction to book
  Item 3, “How to use this book” instructions

Folder 9, *Andrew Drumm Institute: The Vision of Andrew Drumm* by Bill (William) RICHARDS
  Item 1, Article by Brian BURNES, *The Kansas City Star*, 29 Jan 1998
  Item 2, Photo of Bill (William) RICHARDS, George C. BERKEMEIER, and Frances BERKEMEIER
  Item 3, Title banner, *Blue Springs Star*, 29 Jan 1998
  Item 4, Title banner, *Independence Star*, 29 Jan 1998

Folder 10, Bank of Kiowa; Kiowa, KS
  Item 1, Photo, Dec 1974

Folder 11, Barn planning
  Item 1, Instruction sheet

Folder 12, Beals Hall
  Item 1, Photo of unidentified boys

Folder 13, BERKEMEIER, Frances
  Item 1, Photo believed to be of Frances BERKEMEIER
  Item 2 Slide with accompanying photo guide

Folder 14, BERKEMEIER, George C.
  Item 1, Four nametags with photos
  Item 2, Button with photo
  Item 3, Photo of farm buildings
  Item 4, Two photos of George C. BERKEMEIER and Frances BERKEMEIER (?) on farm, [Dec 1974]
  Item 5, Photo of unidentified people
  Item 6, Copy of envelope

Folder 15, BERKEMEIER, George C.
  Item 1, Photo, believed to have been taken by Mrs. C. LOISELLE
Item 2, Article, *The Examiner*, 23 Jun 1978
Item 3, Article, 20 Jun 1999
Item 4, Captioned photo, *The Examiner*
Item 5, Article, *The Examiner*, 31 Jul 1999

Folder 16, BERKEMEIER, George C. (Mr. & Mrs.)
Item 1, Article by Frank HAIGHT, Jr, *The Examiner*, 24 Jul 1992
Item 2, Article by Frank HAIGHT, Jr, *The Examiner*, 23 Jul 1998
Item 3, Article by Frank HAIGHT, Jr, *The Examiner*, 18 Jul 1997
Item 4, Advertisement, 5 Nov 1986
Item 5, Gift label from “Your first Drumm home” (?)

Folder 17, BILLURIS, George
Item 1, Letter to Bill (William) RICHARDS, 17 May 2002 (NOTE: Photo mentioned in postscript is missing)

Folder 18, Buildings & grounds
Item 1, Assorted photos
Item 2, Assorted photos of Lee’s Summit Road and surrounding area
Item 3, Two copies and slide of aerial view, with accompanying note and photo guide
Item 4, Two copies of a second aerial view

Folder 19, Buildings & grounds
Item 1, Assorted negatives

Folder 20, Buildings & grounds
Item 1, Photo spread

Folder 21, Buildings & grounds
Item 1, Scrapbook cover
Item 2, Photo with accompanying note NOTE: The note misidentifies the photo as the entrance to the Drumms’ home; it is actually the entrance to the Institute

Folder 22, Christmas
Item 1, Four negatives

Folder 23, Class photos, (1932)
Item 1, Photo with identification
Item 2, Two negatives

Folder 24, Class photos, (1933)
Item 1, Two photos; one with identification
Item 2, Three negatives

Folder 25, Class photos (1936)
Item 1, Two photos; one with identification

Folder 26, Class photos (1939-1940)
Item 1, Photo with identification

Folder 27, Class photos 5 (1946)
Item 1, Photo with identification
Item 2, Handwritten identification

Folder 28, CLAYPOLE, James
Item 1, Special Olympics award certificate

Folder 29, COCHEL, W.A. (?)
Folder 30, Contests & awards
- Item 1, Photo of Phillip L. HOPKINS, Russel WALL, and Walter CUMMINGS (?)
- Item 2, Unidentified photo.
- Item 3, Three articles

Folder 31, Costumes
- Item 1, Two negatives

Folder 32, Cowboys
- Item 1, One photo, possibly of Andrew DRUMM’s employees

Folder 33, CREEK, Bob
- Item 1, Two slides
- Item 2, Envelope

Folder 34, Daily life
- Item 1, Assorted photos
- Item 2, List of anecdotes

Folder 35, Daily life
- Item 1, Assorted negatives

Folder 36, DAVIES, Bruce
- Item 1, Photo

Folder 37, DENNIS, Alvin
- Item 1, Photo

Folder 38, DOUGHTY, John
- Item 1, Two copies of photo, 1979
- Item 2, Photo with William SWITZER
- Item 3, Copy of envelope

Folder 39, DOUGHTY, Tim
- Item 1, Seven photos
- Item 2, Copy of envelope

Folder 40, DRUMM, Andrew
- Item 1, Excerpts from *When Kansas Was Young* by Thomas Allen MCNEAL, 1922
- Item 2, Excerpt from article in *Kansas City Star*, 24 Oct 1991
- Item 3, ProQuest Newspaper search results, 23 Sep 1999

Folder 41, DRUMM, Andrew
- Item 1, Article by Bonnie HAAS and Joyce J. BENDER

Folder 42, DRUMM, Andrew
- Item 1, Two copies of will

Folder 43, DRUMM, Andrew
- Item 1, Article by Norris F. SCHNEIDER, *Polled Hereford World*, Jul 1961; *The Times Recorder*, 12 Mar 1961

Folder 44 DRUMM, Andrew
- Item 1, Letter to Bill (William) RICHARDS from Catherine N. (Kay) SCHLICHTING
- Item 2, Business card for Catherine (Kay) SCHLICHTING, Ohio Wesleyan University

Folder 45, DRUMM, Andrew (Mr. & Mrs.)
- Item 1, Two publishers’ proof pages
Item 2, Four photos on two boards
Item 3, Two printed pages
Item 4, Copy of envelope

Folder 46, *The Drumm Beat*
Item 1, Page 1 of newsletter, Nov 1992, Vol. 1 No. 1

Folder 47, Drumm cattle
Item 1, Two photos

Folder 48, DRUMM, Cordelia
Item 1, Letter to Harry (H.R.) NELSON, 31 Dec 1932
Item 2, Letter to Harry (H.R.) NELSON, 21 Dec 1934, and accompanying envelope

Folder 49, DRUMM family history
Item 1, Letter to Bill (William) (?) RICHARDS from Ellen McKenzie WEIDER, 25 Jul 2002
Item 2, Photo of John F. DRUMM
Item 3, Photo of Mary Jane Drumm WEAVER
Item 4, Photo of Estella WEAVER and Bertha WEAVER
Item 5, Photo of Maxwell James WEIDER
Item 5, Copy of letter to Mary WEAVER from Meade MCCLURE, 12 Sep 1916

Folder 50, DRUMM family history
Item 1, Document (19 pages included pages numbered 8 and 9 are missing)

Folder 51, DRUMM family home, folder 1
Item 1, One photo

Folder 52, Drumm Farm Golf Course
Item 1, Article by James DORNBROOK, *The Examiner*, 26-27 Jan 2002
Item 2, Article by Bob LUDER, *The Kansas City Star*, 3 Mar 2002
Item 3, Article by Robert HITE, *The Examiner* website, 21 Mar 1998

Folder 53, DRUMM, John F
Item 1, Copy of article, 1901

Folder 54, *Drumm News*
Item 1, Newsletter, Jan/Feb 1997, Vol. 2, Issue 1

Folder 55, Drumm Ranch; Rosalia, KS
Item 1, Assorted photos
Item 2, Copy of two envelopes

Folder 56, Drumm Ranch; Rosalia, KS
Item 1, Assorted negatives

Folder 57, *The Drumm Special*
Item 1, Three copies of photo

Folder 58, Drumm Street; San Francisco, CA
Item 1, Article by Ted BALLAS
Item 3, *SFHA Quarterly*, Spring 1994, Vol. 12, No. 2. (Note about BALLAS on page 6)
Item 4, Envelope
Folder 59, Drumm sweater
   Item 1, One slide with accompanying photo guide
Folder 60, Drumm Theatre
   Item 1, One photo
Folder 61, Drumm Valley
   Item 1, Assorted photos
    Item 2, Copy of envelope
Folder 62, Drumm Valley
   Item 1, Email to Bill (William) RICHARDS from James DRUMM, 15 Jul 2003
Folder 63, DYE, David H.
   Item 1, Letter to Bill (William) RICHARDS, 20 Jun 1995
Folder 64, DYE, David H.
   Item 1, One photo
Folder 65, East Building/Swinney Hall
   Item 1, Two photos
    Item 2, Excerpt from article, (?) City Times, 12 Nov 1927
Folder 66, East Building/Swinney Hall
   Item 1, Copy of letter to Earl PETTIJOHN and Ethel PETTIJOHN (?) from George C. BERKEMEIER and Frances BERKEMEIER, 30 Dec 1997
    Item 2, Typed transcript of letter
    Item 3, Typed note
Folder 67, EDMONSTON, Bill
   Item 1, Negative
    Item 2, Copy of handwritten identification and envelope
Folder 68, Farming
   Item 1, Assorted photos
Folder 69, Farming
   Item 1, Assorted negatives
Folder 70, FFA activities
   Item 1, Photo of FFA Radio Presentation winning team: David DAVIDSON, Richard RHODES, Stanley RHODES, Loren CRAIN, Russell MAYES, Ray GROVES, Sherman JONES, and Ronald LYNCH
Folder 71, FROST
   Item 1, One photo
Folder 72, GANDY, Tom
   Item 1, Three copies of photo, one with partial identification
Folder 73, GOODWIN, Marian
   Item 1, Letter to George C. BERKEMEIER, and accompanying envelope, 13 Aug 1993
    Item 2, Article by Yvonne MILLER, Alva Review-Courier/Newsgram, 4 Aug 1993
Folder 74, Graduating class of 1932
   Item 1, Article, 27 May 1934
Folder 75, Group photos
   Item 1, Photo of Jim PAYNE, John CZAJHONSHI (?), Ronald RIVERA, Robert JACKSON, George HOETIS (?), and Steve MATSON, 1969
Item 2, Photo of Floyd GLABE (?), Don PEATTIE, Larry DOBBS, and Gary COOPER, 1962
Item 3, Photo of Gary SAMUELS and David KASSELHUT (?), 1963

Folder 76, Group photos
Item 1, Photo of Joe WARRIOR and two other boys
Item 2, Photo of Joe WARRIOR and Ed MARTIN
Item 3, Photo of 1934 judging team (George BILLURIS, Charles GINENS (?), Lewis WHITEHILL, and George PHILLIP)
Item 4, Negatives
Item 5, Envelope, with insert

Folder 77, Group photos
Item 1, Three negatives

Folder 78, HUNT family
Item 1, One photo, 1991
NOTE: This photo is believed to have been sent to/for Mr. and Mrs. BERKEMEIER for their anniversary.

Folder 79, Jackson County Pioneers
Item 1, Excerpt

Folder 80, KELLEY, Earl
Item 1, Letter to Carl DUELL, 6 Jan 1991

Folder 81, LITTLE, Rufus
Item 1, Announcement by Richard A. KING, 12 Jun 1992

Folder 82, Livestock—bees
Item 1, One negative

Folder 83, Livestock—cattle
Item 1, Assorted photos

Folder 84, Livestock—cattle
Item 1, Assorted negatives

Folder 85, Livestock—horses
Item 1, Five photos
Item 2, Five negatives
NOTE: See GANDY, Tom

Folder 86, Livestock—poultry
Item 1, Two photos
Item 2, Assorted negatives

Folder 87, Livestock—sheep
Item 1, Assorted photos

Folder 88, Livestock—sheep
Item 1, Assorted negatives

Folder 89, Livestock—sheep
Item 1, Three photos
Item 2, Partial identification

Folder 90, Livestock—swine
Item 1, One photo
Item 2, One negative

Folder 91, McClure House
Item 1, Article by Amanda CUTRIGHT, The Examiner, 9-10 Jan 1999
Folder 92, MCCLURE, Meade
   Item 1, One photo
Folder 93, MCCLURE (son of Meade?)
   Item 2, One photo
Folder 94, MOORE, Gene
   Item 3, One slide
   Item 4, Copy of envelope
Folder 95, NELSON, Harry (H.R.)
   Item 1, Three photos (NOTE: In the photo of three men, Harry (H.R.) NELSON is on the far right)
Folder 96, NELSON, Harry (H.R.)
   Item 1, Assorted negatives
   Item 2, One envelope with attached note
   Item 3, One photo
Folder 97, O’DELL, Emmett F.
   Item 1, V-Mail letter to Harry (H.R.) NELSON, 31 Oct 1943
   Item 2, Enlarged copy of V-Mail
Folder 98, Poultry judging
   Item 1, Photo of Bob MATSON and Rendell CRABTREE
   Item 2, Copy of accompanying identification
Folder 99, Reunion (1952)
   Item 1, One photo
Folder 100, Reunion (1992)
   Item 1, Assorted photos
Folder 101, Reunion (1997)
   Item 1, Article by Jennifer LAPOLLA, *The Kansas City Star*, 24 Jul 1997
Folder 102, Reunion
   Item 1, Photo of John GARRISON, Harry (H.R.) NELSON, and George LAROCK
   (NOTE: Identification from *Andrew Drumm Institute: the First 50 Years*)
Folder 103, Reunion
   Item 1, Assorted photos, dates unknown
   Item 2, Photo and slide, with accompanying photo guide, 1950 or 1953
Folder 104, RHODES, Richard
   Item 1, Letter to George C. BERKEMEIER and Frances BERKEMEIER, 22 Apr 1994
   Item 2, Article
   Item 3, Article by Brian BURNES
   Item 4, Article, *The Examiner*, 21 Jan 1994
   Item 5, Article by Terry YOUNG, *The Examiner*
Folder 105, RICHARDS, Bill (William)
   Item 1, Letter from Marian J. TODD, 1 Oct 2001
   Item 2, Letter from Joe WARRIOR, 19 Dec 2001
   Item 3, Article by Ken HOBART, *The Examiner*, 10 Nov 1981
   Item 4, Email from Marian J. TODD, 9 Oct 2001
   Item 5, Letter to alumni, 8 Mar 1978
   Item 6, Letter to board of trustees, 30 Jun 1995
   Item 7, Photo and slide, with accompanying photo guide
Folder 106, RIGSBY, LeRay
Drumm Farm Collection

Item 1, Two photos
Item 2, Copy of envelope
Folder 107, SANDLIN, Roger John
  Item 1, Certificate of acceptance, United States Marine Corps, 17 Dec 1965.
Folder 108, School of Ozarks (Hard Work U.—College of the Ozarks), folder 1
Folder 109, Scouts
  Item 1, Photo, two copies
Folder 110, SPENCER, Kelmore W.
  Item 1, Letter to Mr. and Mrs. (Harry [H.R.]?) NELSON, 22 May 1956
  Item 2, Photo, Dec 1966
Folder 111, Sports
  Item 1, Photo of basketball team
  Item 2, Photo of football team
  Item 3, Photo of football game
  Item 4, Photo of another football game, two copies
Folder 112, STAROSTA family
  Item 1, Handwritten note
Folder 113, State Vocational Agricultural contest
  Item 1, Two copies of photo of award winners, *The Kansas City Times*, 27 Apr 1936.
Folder 114, Stock Exchange Bank; Caldwell, KS
  Item 1, One photo NOTE: Identification from *Major Andrew Drumm: An Adventurer who Left a Living Memorial*. MGC call number: B D844
Folder 115, SWINNEY, Edward Fletcher
  Item 1, Manuscript by Deborah E. Swinney DILKS, 22 Jul 1998 NOTE: Includes photo and family chart
Folder 116, Swinney Hall/East Building
  Item 1, Article by James DORNBROOK, *The Examiner*, 25 Jan 2002
Folder 117, SWITZER, Bill
  Item 1, One photo. NOTE: See *DOUGHTY, John*
Folder 118, THOMPSON, Roy
  Item 1, One photo in folder
Folder 119, U Ranch monument
  Item 1, Photo, Dec 1974
  Item 2, Photo, 30 May 1992
  Item 3, Photo of Virginia Guttridge HATFIELD with monument, 30 May 1992
  Item 4, Handwritten note
  Item 5, Article by La-Vere Shoenfelt ANDERSON, *Tulsa Daily World*, 1 May 1932
  Item 6, Address delivered by Meade MCCLURE
Folder 120, Vacation
  Item 1, Assorted negatives
  Item 2, One envelope
Folder 121, Vacation
  Item 3, Assorted photos
  Item 4, Copy of envelope NOTE: Rocky Mountain National Park?
Folder 122, Vacation
Dumm Farm Collection

Item 1, Assorted photos
Item 2, Printed page
Folder 123, Vacation
   Item 1, One photo
   Item 2, Two negatives NOTE: Yellowstone, 1946
Folder 124, Vacation
   Item 1, Assorted negatives
Folder 125, Vacation
   Item 1, Two copies of photo, one with identification NOTE: Jefferson City, 1931
Folder 126, WALL, Russell
   Item 1, One photo with caption
Folder 127, WARRIOR, Joe
   Item 1, Two negatives
   Item 2, Copy of envelope
Folder 128, WILLIS, David
   Item 1, Two photos
   Item 2, Copy of envelope
Folder 129, ZIBUNG, Dennis A.
   Item 1, Article, The Examiner, 12 Jan 2000
Folder 130, Unidentified photos
Folder 131, Miscellaneous
NOTE: These items were donated along with several Dumm Farm and family artifacts, but are not believed to have any connection to the Dumm family, ranch, or Institute

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The collection is open for research use by appointment.

Physical Access
Most records within this collection are housed within archival storage cartons.

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Languages and Scripts of the Material
Materials in the collection are entirely in English.

Immediate Source of Acquisition
This collection was donated by the Dumm Farm Committee.

Accruals
No further accruals are expected for this collection.

Existence and Location of Originals
Originals owned by the Midwest Genealogy Center.
Notes
The following sources were consulted during the preparation of the administrative history:
http://drummforkids.org/who-we-are/who-we-are/