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Introduction
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The collection consists of correspondence, newspaper clippings, and other documents pertaining to family members of Sarah Lewis Bush. Family members include Dr. Charles Wesley Burrill, Surgeon General of the Grand Army of the Republic and a doctor in Kansas City, Missouri, and William A. and Evelyn Burrill Lewis, educators in the early twentieth century in the Kansas City area. Additional materials include a political flyer from 1890 and postcards from the Emery, Bird, and Thayer Company of Kansas City, Missouri.

Sarah Lewis Bush was born on September 17, 1920, in Kansas City, Missouri. Bush graduated from Central High School in 1937, earned her associate’s degree from Kansas City Junior College in 1939, her A.B. from University of Kansas in 1941, and her Bachelor of Science in library science from the University of Illinois in 1943. After graduating with her bachelor’s degree, Busch married Walter Bush in 1946. The couple later moved to California.

Charles Wesley Burrill was born on October 21, 1845, in Pittsfield, Massachusetts. Burrill enlisted in the army during the American Civil War and afterwards attended Rush Medical College and Northwestern School of Medicine. Burrill graduated from the latter in 1872 and practiced medicine in Chicago until settling in Kansas City, Missouri, in 1879. Burrill served as a general practitioner in Kansas City, Missouri, for fifty years. Burrill married Viancie Emery.

Evelyn Burrill was born on January 2, 1876. Burrill attended the University of Illinois and graduated with Phi Beta Kappa honors in 1902. Burrill returned to Kansas City as a teacher and taught in the history department of Central High School of Kansas City, Missouri. Burrill served as the president of the Kappa Kappa Gamma Alumni organization in Kansas City, Missouri. In 1912, Burrill married the head of the history department at Central High School, William A. Lewis. Burrill remained active in the Women’s City Club, the American Association of University Women, and the Kappa Sorority Sisters for many years. Burrill died on April 8, 1966.

William A. Lewis was born on December 1, 1872, at Flagg Station, near Rockford, Illinois. Lewis received a Bachelor of Arts and a Master of Art from the University of Michigan and continued his graduate studies at the Universities of Kansas, Chicago, Cornell, and Harvard. Lewis came to Kansas City in 1902, becoming the head of Central High School’s history department. Lewis later taught at Kansas City Junior College and served as the history and social studies department until his death in 1942.
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Box 1
Charles Wesley Burrill
   Memorial service of C.W. Burrill, letter of sympathy, 1943
   Copy of Charles Burrill’s diploma from Chicago Medical College, 1872
   Reminiscences regarding his medical education in the Northwestern Alumni News, 1936
   Biography 1937
   “Pioneer Doctors of Kansas City”, Kansas City Journal, 1922
   Newspaper clippings
   Medical report 1920
   Jackson County Medical Banquet, 1925
   Newspaper clippings regarding C. W. Burrill, with an emphasis on his position as Surgeon General of the Grand Army of the Republic, 1886-1940
   “Pioneer Life in the Family of George Reid Emery” by Viancie Emery Burrill, 1924
   “Genealogy of the Descendants of John and Mary Burrill” by Charles Wesley Burrill, 1932
   Typed transcriptions of letters written during the Civil War by Edward Burrill, Charles Burrill’s brother
   Calling cards
Evelyn Burrill Lewis
   Biography
   Correspondence, 1894-1964
   Correspondence regarding E. B. Lewis’s death, 1966
“Notes on my week in Canada,” essay by E.B. Lewis, 1949
Grade Books, Central High School, Kansas City, 1905-1911
Clippings regarding Kansas City schools and teachers, 1902-1967
Items regarding Evelyn Lewis’s role as an educator in the community
  Letters to parents forms
  The Falcon, 1911
  A Shakespeare Alumni publication
  Vocabulary list for American Citizenship preparation
Affiliation with the First Congregational Church of Kansas City
  Letters and cards regarding Henry Hopkins
  Christmas card, 1888
Recital program, 1890
Kappa Kappa Gamma directory
Poetry booklet by a student of E. B. Lewis
Central High School course catalogue, 1898-1899
Notebook with list of names, “Xmas 1916”
Recital programs for “Miss Tiffany’s Evenings”
Central High School Programs, 1894-1909

William A. Lewis
  Teaching certificate, 1907
  Teaching contract, 1928
  Correspondence, 1896-1942
  Correspondence regarding William. A. Lewis’s death, 1942
  Newspaper clippings, 1940-1942
  Kansas City Junior College programs
  Clippings concerning Kansas City Junior College
  Fraternity: The Scottish Rite, receipt for dues paid, 1929
  Membership Certificate, 1920
  Memorial Diary: “The Colleagues of William A. Lewis in the Kansas City Junior College, 1941-1942”
  University of Michigan Alumni Association, 1905, 1940’s
  Teachers Savings and Retirement Funds, 1920-1930’s
  Wedding announcement of Evelyn Burrill and William A. Lewis

William C. Lewis
  Resume and biography, 1944
  Correspondence, 1931-1954
  Correspondence regarding W. C. Lewis’s death, 1972

Sarah Lewis Bush
  Wedding announcement and clippings regarding marriage to Walter Bush, 1946

Miscellaneous Items
  Deed granting land in Rialto, California to Sarah Lucinda Hizer Lewis by William A. and Evelyn Lewis, 1912
  Flyer, “Are you in favor of an honest Government? Crisis at hand,” 1890
  Emery Bird Thayer Company, postcards, 1920’s
  Landmarks in Kansas City History, By Professor Bowser
  Clippings, 1900’s-1960’s (3 folders)
Photographs

- Charles Wesley Burrill, Viancie Burrill, the Burrill home and doctor’s office
- Evelyn Burrill Lewis, William A. Lewis
- Students and co-teachers of Evelyn Lewis
- Kansas City residences including Sarah Lewis Bush’s home at 3537 Campbell
- Kansas City High School Graduating Class of 1894
- “Robert Salisbury, My Father,” typewritten narrative by his daughter, Lillian Salisbury Austin, as told to Evelyn Burrill Lewis, 1950.
- Family Photo, 1934
- Photocopy of Jones Store advertisement, 1916
- Florence Bigelow, Della Drake, 1900
- William Powell and Son, Actor, 1931