



## **Janice J. Lee Collection (SP0109)**

**Collection Number:** SP0109

**Collection Title:** Janice J. Lee Collection

**Dates:** 1936-1997

**Creator:** Lee, Janice J. Barber, 1944-

**Abstract:** The Janice J. Lee Collection contains publications related to the radio and entertainment industry in Springfield, Missouri, 35mm slides of Historic Route 66, and oral history interviews from St. Louis-San Francisco Railroad Company employees. The collection also includes audio recordings of the Goodwill Family, Slim Pickins Wilson & Band, and the Old Chuck Wagon Gang.

**Collection Size:** 1 cubic foot  
(21 folders, 15 photographs, 271 slides, 1 volume, 5 CDs, 2 vinyl records)

**Language:** Collection materials are in English.

**Repository:** The State Historical Society of Missouri

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**Preferred Citation:** [Specific item; box number; folder number] *Janice J. Lee Collection* (SP0109); The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Springfield [after first mention may be abbreviated to SHSMO-Springfield].

**Donor Information:** The papers were donated to the State Historical Society of Missouri by Jan Lee on July 3, 2025 (Accession No. SPA0149).

**Related Materials:** Additional materials related to the Janice J. Lee Collection can be found in the following collections:

[KWTO Newsletter Collection](#) (R0834)

[Haden Family Booklets](#) (R1095)

[Goodwill Family Photograph Collection](#) (R1479)

[St. Louis-San Francisco Railroad Company Collection](#) (R1506)

[RadiOzark Record Collection](#) (SP0071)

[Missouri United States Highway 66 Collection](#) (SP0080)

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### **Historical Note:**

Janice “Jan” (Barber) Lee was born in Springfield, Missouri, in 1944, to Ralph Barber and Mary Voyles. Her parents were natives of Laclede County, Missouri, and her father worked for the St. Louis-San Francisco Railroad Company. Jan attended Springfield Public Schools and graduated from Hillcrest High School. She worked in the food services department for Springfield Public Schools before marrying her husband Charles Lee in 1964. The couple moved to Battlefield, Missouri, and had four children.

Jan and Charles played in several bands together including gospel and bluegrass. In the early 1990s, they partnered with guitarist and singer Speedy Haworth to create the Goodwill Trio, a gospel-bluegrass group that performed for local organizations across the Ozarks. Born Herschel Haworth, Speedy was known for his musical background as a member of KWTO radio station’s The Goodwill Family, a cast member of ABC-TV’s Ozark Jubilee, and for his performances with the Porter Wagoner Trio.

Jan and Charles were members of the Missouri Route 66 Association and the Southwest Missouri Camera Club. Between 1990 and 1992, the couple documented their travels along Missouri’s Old Route 66. In addition to photographs, they also spoke with local residents and business owners about their experiences. Using these stories and photographs, Jan presented to local groups about her time on Old Route 66. As of 2025, Jan lives in Battlefield. Charles Lee died on July 6, 2023, and is buried in Stephen Cemetery at Lebanon, Missouri.

### **Arrangement:**

The collection has been arranged into the following 3 series with 1 series:

Entertainment Industry

Publications

St. Louis-San Francisco Railroad

U.S. Route 66

### **Scope and Content Note:**

#### **Entertainment Industry**

This series contains materials related to the entertainment industry in Springfield, Missouri, including ephemera, photographs, and sound recordings. The majority of materials are related to musicians like Speedy Haworth, the Goodwill Family, and Porter Wagoner. The sound recordings consist of two CDs and two 7-inch vinyl records. One CD contains songs from the Old Chuck Wagon Gang and the Goodwill Family; the second CD contains songs from the Slim

Pickins Wilson Band. The 7-inch vinyl records are duplicates, titled "Songs of the Good Will Family." Side A contains the song "Let Him Lead the Way," and Side B contains the song "God Isn't Dead." The vinyl records were produced by Table Rock Records.

The Publications subseries consists of the Haden Family and the Goodwill Family songbooks, and promotional magazines for KWTO-KGBX radio, as well as The Porter Wagoner Show. This subseries also includes KWTO's "The Dial" newsletters from 1942 to 1951. The *Springfield! Magazine* issue from 1997 contains a story about Speedy Haworth and the Goodwill Family. The Entertainment Industry series is arranged by subject and then chronologically. The Publications subseries is arranged by publication date.

### St. Louis-San Francisco Railroad

This series includes three CDs containing oral history interviews of former St. Louis-San Francisco Railroad employees. The interviews were conducted by Jan Lee in 1993 and discuss the former employees' experiences. This series also contains a biographical sketch written by former railroad employee Arthur McClellan. This series is arranged by subject.

### U.S. Route 66

This series contains 35mm slides and a scrapbook related to Jan Lee's travels along United States Highway 66 in Missouri. The slides document sites along the highway between 1990 and 1992, starting in St. Louis and ending in Joplin. In addition to the slides, this series also includes Jan's handwritten notes that she used when presenting her slides to groups across the Ozarks. Her scrapbook consists of correspondence, newspaper articles, maps, photographs, and ephemera. This series is arranged by format and the materials have been left in their original order.

### Container List:

#### Entertainment Industry

Box 001	f. 1	Goodwill Family flour sack, no date
	f. 2	KWTO postcard book, no date
	f. 3	Photographs, circa 1950-1970
	f. 4-14	Publications
	f. 4	<i>Favorites of the Haden Family</i> , circa 1940
	f. 5	<i>KWTO-KGBX: People You Hear and Some You Don't</i> , 1940
	f. 6	KWTO's "The Dial," Oct. 1941-Sept. 1942
	f. 7	KWTO's "The Dial," Nov. 1942-Dec. 1943
	f. 8	KWTO's "The Dial," Dec. 1944-Nov. 1945
	f. 9	KWTO's "The Dial," May 1946, Nov. 1948
	f. 10	KWTO's "The Dial", April 1950, July 1950, Nov. 1950, June 1951, Aug. 1951
	f. 11	<i>The Goodwill Family &amp; Their Collection of Hymns: Book 2</i> , circa 1950
	f. 12	"Porter Wagoner Discography," 1952-1975
	f. 13	<i>The Porter Wagoner Show</i> , circa 1960
	f. 14	<i>Springfield! Magazine</i> , 1997
	f. 15	Chuck Wagon Gang, The Goodwill Family, CD, 1936-1937
	f. 16	Slim Pickins Wilson & Band, CD, no date

f. 17 "Songs of the Goodwill Family," vinyl record, no date

### St. Louis-San Francisco Railroad

f. 18 "Conduct of a Conductor," by Arthur McClellan, no date  
 f. 19 "Frisco Men Stories," Frisco Yards Museum, 1993  
 f. 20 "Frisco Men Stories," Ralph Barber, 1993  
 f. 21 "Frisco Men Stories," Fred Willis, Arthur McClellan, Joe  
 Watson, R.C. Reddick, Eddie Gray, 1993

### U.S. Route 66

f. 22 Slides, 1990  
 f. 23 Slides, 1990-1992  
 f. 24 Jan Lee's program notes, 1992  
 Box 002 v. 1 Route 66 scrapbook, 1946-1993

### Index:

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Arlington (Mo.)	22, 24		Yes
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Barns--Missouri	22-24		Yes
Big Piney River (Mo.)	22, 24		Yes
Bourbon (Mo.)	22, 24		Yes
Bridges--Missouri	22-24		
Carthage (Mo.)	23-24		Yes
Churches--Missouri	22-24		Yes
Colonial Hotel (Springfield, Mo.)	23-24		Yes
Coral Court Motel (Marlborough, Mo.)	22, 24		Yes
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Cuba (Mo.)	22, 24	v. 1	Yes
Devil's Elbow (Mo.)	22, 24	v. 1	Yes
Drive-in theaters	22-24		Yes
Fordland (Mo.)	22-24	v. 1	Yes
Franklin County (Mo.)	22, 24		
Gardenway Motel (Villa Ridge, Mo.)	22, 24		Yes
Gateway Arch (Saint Louis, Mo.)	22, 24		
Gillioz Theatre (Springfield, Mo.)	23-24		Yes
Glenstone Cottage Court (Springfield, Mo.)	23-24		Yes
Grand Falls (Joplin, Mo.)	23-24		Yes
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Index Terms	Folder	Mediums	Image
Halltown (Mo.)	23-24	v. 1	Yes
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Jasper County (Mo.)	23-24		Yes
Jasper County Courthouse (Carthage, Mo.)	23-24		Yes
John's Modern Cabins (Newburg, Mo.)	22, 24		Yes
Joplin (Mo.)	23-24		Yes
Kentwood Hall (Springfield, Mo.)	23-24		Yes
KGBX (Radio station : Springfield, Mo.)	5-6		Yes
KWTO (Radio station : Springfield, Mo.)	2, 5-10		Yes
Laclede County (Mo.)	22, 24	v. 1	Yes
Lawrence County (Mo.)	23-24	v. 1	Yes
Lebanon (Mo.)	22, 24	v. 1	Yes
Lee, Janice J. Barber, 1944-	18-24	v. 1	
Marshfield (Mo.)	23-24	v. 1	Yes
McClellan, Arthur Albert, 1916-2009	18, 21		
Meramec Caverns		v. 1	Yes
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Munger Moss Motel (Lebanon, Mo.)	22, 24		Yes
Niangua (Mo.)	22-24		
Niangua River (Mo.)	22, 24		Yes
O'Reilly General Hospital (Springfield, Mo.)	23-24		Yes
Old Stagecoach Stop (Waynesville, Mo.)	22, 24		Yes
Ozark Courts (Saint Clair, Mo.)	22, 24		Yes
Paris Springs Junction (Mo.)	23-24		Yes
Phelps County (Mo.)	22, 24	v. 1	Yes
Powell, Jim	23-24	v. 1	Yes
Pulaski County (Mo.)	22, 24	v. 1	Yes
Pulaski County Courthouse (Waynesville, Mo.)	22, 24		Yes
Rail Haven Motel (Springfield, Mo.)	23-24		Yes
Railroads--Missouri	22-24		Yes
Rancho Court (Springfield, Mo.)	23-24		Yes
Red Rock Apartments (Carthage, Mo.)	23-24		Yes
Reddick, R. C.	20		
Ritz Theatre (Rolla, Mo.)	22, 24		Yes
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Rolla (Mo.)	22, 24	v. 1	Yes
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Route 66 Barber Shop (Springfield, Mo.)	23-24		Yes
Russell, John T., 1931-2016	23-24		Yes

Index Terms	Folder	Mediums	Image
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Spencer (Mo.)	23-24		Yes
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Starlite Lanes Bowling Alley (Lebanon, Mo.)	22, 24		Yes
Stony Dell Resort (Arlington, Mo.)	22, 24		Yes
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Waynesville (Mo.)	22, 24		Yes
Webster County (Mo.)	22-24	v. 1	Yes
White Sands Motel (Lebanon, Mo.)	22, 24		Yes
Willis, Freddie Dean, 1934-2016	20		
Wilson, Slim "Pickins," 1910-1990	1, 3, 11, 14-17		Yes
Woodall, James Dan, 1924-2001	23-24		Yes