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Introduction
Approximately 0.3 cubic feet.

The papers consist of nine speeches written and delivered by Frank Faxon. Additional materials include an unfinished autobiography of James C. Horton and a resolution written by Faxon and adopted by the Commercial Club honoring James K. Burnham.

Frank Allen Faxon was born on May 29, 1948, in Scituate, Massachusetts, to Asaph Allen and Mercy Lincoln Manson Faxon. The Faxon family moved to Lawrence, Kansas, in 1857, where he became associated with the drug company of B. W. Woodward and Company. In 1878, Faxon moved to Kansas City, Missouri, and became a partner in the firm of Faxon, Horton, and Gallagher. Later, the wholesale drug company would become Faxon and Gallagher.

In 1887 Faxon assisted in the organization of the Commercial Club of Kansas City, Missouri, which, would later become the Chamber of Commerce. Faxon would service as the organization’s third president and is credited with selecting the Club’s motto: “Make Kansas City a good place to live in.”

Faxon married his first wife, Catherine “Kate” Lacey Darlington (1847-1884) in Chester County, Pennsylvania, in 1871. He married in second wife, Frances Darlington in 1892. Faxon died on September 30, 1912, and is buried in the Oak Hill Cemetery in Lawrence, Kansas.

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Resolutions honoring James K. Burnham, no date
Faxon speeches to
  John Jay Banquet, no date
  Greenwood Club in honor of Karnes, no date
  Fourth annual meeting of the Western Wholesale Drug Association, no date
  Manual Training School, 1900
  Graduating class of Central High School, 1901
  Athenaeum Club entitled, “Mutual relations of capital and labor–New Zealand,”
    1901
  Honoring Gardiner Lathrop, 1905
  Golden Anniversary celebration for P. I. Ridenaur, 1908
  Forefather’s Day celebration in Lawrence, Kansas, 1911