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**Finding Aid - Manhattan, Kansas carte de visite
photographs (P2000.01)**

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Manhattan, Kansas carte de visite photographs

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Summary information

Repository:	Richard L. D. and Marjorie J. Morse Department of Archives and Special Collections
Title:	Manhattan, Kansas carte de visite photographs
Reference code:	P2000.01
Archon Collection ID [323] :	323
Date:	1863-1866 (creation)
Physical description:	1.00 Linear Feet, 1.00 Box Post-Fire Oversize Extent: Boz 1 (9x12); 509S: 19/6/4
Physical storage:	2.5" flip top, letter: Box 1, A83412162165
Language:	English
Language:	Latin

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

George Burgoyne (1834-1923) was the first professional photographer to operate a studio in Manhattan, Kansas. Born in England, Burgoyne established residence in Kansas Territory in 1857. Two years later he founded his photographic studio, specializing in Carte de visite portraits. His business flourished for 31 years, until his retirement in 1890.

The earliest extant views of Manhattan have been attributed to Burgoyne.

"Early Days in Riley County." Manhattan Nationalist 29 November 1923.

1890, he sold his studio to George F. Dewey and retired to a fruit farm that he owned in California. See "Reduction in Prices." Manhattan Mercury 5 June 1890 and "George Burgoyne has sold his photograph gallery." Manhattan Mercury 6 June 1890.

Custodial history

It received accession number P2000.01. 2 views (1863 & 1864) missing. 8 negatives are being digitized.

Scope and content

The collection consists of four Carte de visites (CdV) documenting Manhattan, Kansas and spanning the years 1863-1866. The photographs have been attributed to George Burgoyne (active Manhattan 1859-1890), and were presumably taken from his studio window. At the time of acquisition (2000), all four views bore penciled identifications on the versos, each image identified as Burgoyne's work, each subject identified and dated. Some of this information was presumably transferred from an album that once included the pictures.

The earliest CdV, dated 1863, includes Manhattan's main street, Poyntz Avenue, looking towards the East. The second, dated 1864, presents the town's residences, outhouses, and dirt streets in the direction of Bluemont Hill to the North. The third and fourth images return to the easterly vantage point of the 1863 image. One shows phalanx U.S. troops crossing the mouth of the Big Blue River as part of the Indian Expedition on 28 June 1865. The final Carte de visite, dated 1866, reveals the addition of new commercial buildings along the city's main artery.

The collection is an important one for frontier Manhattan, as it includes the earliest known views of its commercial and residential districts.

Notes

Immediate source of acquisition

Acquisition Source: Institutional purchase 2000

Acquisition Method: Purchase.

Acquisition Date: 20000210

Arrangement

This collection is arranged chronologically.

Restrictions on access

No Access restriction: All materials open for research.

Conditions governing use

The researcher assumes full responsibility for observing all copyright, property, and libel laws as they apply.

Note [General]

Preferred Citation: [Item title], [item date], Manhattan, Kansas carte de visite photographs, Box [number], Folder [number or title], Morse Department of Special Collections, Kansas State University Libraries.

Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published
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Access points

- Kansas life and culture (subject)
- Military history (subject)

Collection holdings

46027 - Box 1

Title: Box 1

Archon Collection Content ID [alternative]: 46027

Publication status:

Published

File: 46028 - Folder 1: Manhattan, Kansas Looking East [Poyntz Avenue], 1863. Geo. Burgoyne, Photo (attribution)

Title: Folder 1: Manhattan, Kansas Looking East [Poyntz Avenue], 1863. Geo. Burgoyne, Photo (attribution)

Archon Collection Content ID [alternative]: 46028

Note [General]: This view of Manhattan, KS, in 1836 looking east toward the river shows many prairie schooners, horses, and mules on Poyntz Avenue. Unpublished photograph by George Burgoyne.

Publication status:

Published

File: 46029 - Folder 2: Manhattan, Kansas Looking North [Bluemont Hill], 1864. Geo. Burgoyne, Photo (attribution)

Title: Folder 2: Manhattan, Kansas Looking North [Bluemont Hill], 1864. Geo. Burgoyne, Photo (attribution)

Archon Collection Content ID [alternative]: 46029

Note [General]: This view looking north toward Bluemont Hill was likely taken at 4th Street & Poyntz Avenue, and shows many residential houses, outhouses, and dirt streets. Unpublished photograph by George Burgoyne.

Publication status:

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File: 46030 - Folder 3: Manhattan, Kansas Looking East [Poyntz Avenue], Indian Expedition, June 28, 1865. Geo. Burgoyne, Photo (attribution)

Title: Folder 3: Manhattan, Kansas Looking East [Poyntz Avenue], Indian Expedition, June 28, 1865. Geo. Burgoyne, Photo (attribution)

Archon Collection Content ID [alternative]: 46030

Note [General]: This view shows troops crossing the mouth of the Big Blue River on an Indian Expedition, in the Eastern part of Manhattan in on June 28, 1865. Photograph by George Burgoyne.

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File: 46031 - Folder 4: Manhattan, Kansas Looking East [Poyntz Avenue], Aug. 4, 1866. Geo. Burgoyne, Photo (attribution)

Title: Folder 4: Manhattan, Kansas Looking East [Poyntz Avenue], Aug. 4, 1866. Geo. Burgoyne, Photo (attribution)

Archon Collection Content ID [alternative]: 46031

Note [General]: This view of Manhattan on Aug. 4, 1866, is looking East on Poyntz Avenue and features some new buildings added since the 1863 photo. Photograph by George Burgoyne.

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File: 46032 - Folder 5: 8 negatives, with 2 images of the 4 views of Manhattan, Kansas, 1863-1866. Geo. Burgoyne (attribution)

Title: Folder 5: 8 negatives, with 2 images of the 4 views of Manhattan, Kansas, 1863-1866. Geo. Burgoyne (attribution)

Archon Collection Content ID [alternative]: 46032

Note [General]: These 8 negatives consist of 2 images for each of the four views of Manhattan spanning 1863-1866. Photographs by George Burgoyne.

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