K0032
Louise Wilder Smith Tierney (1910-19??) Papers
1953
3 folders

*Copy of original script of “Fort Osage-Mother of the West”, a play written by Louise Wilder Smith, Missouri native and author, and supporting materials related to its production at the Fort Osage Pageant of 1953.*

BIOGRAPHY:

Louise Wilder Smith Tierney was a Missouri native (May 3, 1910) who was interested in creative writing and historical research. As Louise Wilder Smith, she entered into competition an original script for use in the Fort Osage Pageant in June 1953. Her entry won the competition, and the script was adapted into a play by the John B. Rogers Producing Company. In 1971, she married William L. Tierney. Mrs. Tierney was active in the Kansas City Quill Club, serving as its president in 1980, and in numerous other civic organizations.

PROVENANCE:

These papers were received as a gift from Mrs. William L. Tierney of Kansas City, Missouri, as accession KA0057 on November 4, 1980.

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DESCRIPTION:

These papers include a carbon copy of the 1953 typescript of Mrs. Tierney’s play “Fort Osage–Mother of the West.” There is some press material in the collection as well as a souvenir program for the Fort Osage Pageant of June 22-27, 1953.

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INVENTORY:

Folder 1. Press Material
Included are a press release about the play including a scene by scene description; a newspaper clipping, and a statement by Mrs. Tierney about the script, 1980.

Folder 2. “Fort Osage–Mother of the West”
Carbon copy of Mrs. Tierney’s original script as well as a copy of the John B. Rogers Producing Company adaptation of the script for the stage.

Folder 2. Fort Osage Pageant
A souvenir program for the Fort Osage Pageant, June 22-27, 1953.