Charles Earl Hoffhaus (1927- ) Papers
1962-1985
34 folders

Chapter drafts of Hoffhaus’s book, Chez les Canses; research materials, maps, brochures and guides, correspondence, photos, clippings, and other articles by him.

BIOGRAPHY:

Attorney Charles E. Hoffhaus was born in Kansas City on August 14, 1927. After graduating from Salina High School, he attended the University of Kansas, where he received a degree in political science. Hoffhaus continued his studies at Yale Law School and returned to Kansas City to practice. During World War II Hoffhaus served as a Navy Petty Officer, 3rd Class for a year. Hoffhaus is an attorney with the firm of Hillix, Brewers, Hoffhaus, Whittaker and Horner.

Hoffhaus is the author of several articles on legal and French colonial history which have appeared in various journals and the Kansas City Star. He has also written one book about French colonial history in the Kansas City area, Chez les Canses. His continuing goal is to highlight contributions that the French made in local history. To this end he was a member of the Lewis and Clark Trail Committee in Kansas, which awarded him its Jefferson Peace Medal in 1970. In addition, Hoffhaus is a founding member of the Chouteau Society, a group dedicated to marking sites of French history in the Kansas City area.

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DESCRIPTION:


INVENTORY:

WRITINGS: CHEZ LES CANSES

Drafts of chapters are arranged in the order in which they were written. Chapter 3, “Fort de Cavagnial,” was originally an article published in the Kansas Historical Quarterly. A copy of the article with editing notes and an excerpt of a very early draft are included in these papers, as well as additions for the book. Similarly, Chapter 4, “Custom of Paris in Mid-America,” was published in the Summer 1965 UMKC Law Review and was slightly edited for the book. A handwritten draft and edited copy of the article are contained in Folder Five.

Folder 1. Précis, drafts of title page, dedication, table of contents, and preface
Folder 2. Chapter One drafts
Folder 3. Chapter Two drafts
Folder 4. Chapter Three drafts
Folder 5. Chapter Four drafts
Folder 6. Chapter Five drafts
Folder 7. Chapter Six drafts
Folder 8. Chapter Seven drafts
Folder 9. Chapter Eight drafts
Folder 10. Chapter Nine drafts
Folder 11. Appendix/Bibliography

**RESEARCH MATERIALS: CHEZ LES CANSES**


Folder 12. Chapter One
Folder 13. Chapter Two
Folder 14. Chapter Three
Folder 16. Chapter Four
Folder 17. Chapter Five
Folder 18. Chapter Six
Folder 19. Chapter Seven
Folder 20. Chapter Seven - Legal documents from the class action suit Dennison vs. Topeka Chambers Industrial Development Corporation
Folder 22. Chapter Eight
Folder 23. Miscellaneous research materials
Folder 24. Maps

**OTHER WRITINGS**


Folder 26. Speeches

**GENERAL RESEARCH MATERIALS**


Folder 28. Clippings

Folder 29. Brochures and guides

**CORRESPONDENCE**

*Correspondence is chiefly research-related, detailing Hoffhaus’ searches for source material and responses to his requests.*

Folder 30. Correspondence, 1962-1966

Folder 31. Correspondence, 1967-1969

Folder 32. Correspondence, 1970-1985

**OTHER MATERIALS**

Folder 33. Clippings about Charles E. Hoffhaus

Folder 34. Photos and slides

**OVERSIZE**

Corp of Engineers Maps, ca. 11 sheets (Location 101376)