INTRODUCTION
The collection consists of property deeds connected to the Chouteau and later the Guinotte families, as well as other early settlers in Kansas City, Missouri.

DONOR INFORMATION
The collection was donated to the University of Missouri as part of the collection of the Native Sons of Greater Kansas City on 7/17/1990 (Accession No. KA0590). It was donated to that organization by James G. Guinotte.

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH
Joseph Guinotte was born in Belgium in 1815. He was a civil engineer who was sent in the early 1840’s by King Leopold I to assist in the construction of a railroad in Mexico. When war broke out between the United States and Mexico in 1846, Guinotte traveled to the Chouteau settlement near the Kansas River. He purchased 1,200 acres from the Chouteaus and proceeded to recruit Belgian immigrants to work the rich Missouri River bottomland.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE
The collection contains three property deeds connected to the Chouteau and later the Guinotte families. Introductory notes precede each property deed as guidance on the document’s information.

PREFERRED CITATION
Specific item; box number; folder number; Joseph Guinotte (1815-1867) Papers (K0472); The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Kansas City [after first mention may be abbreviated to SHSMO-KC].

FOLDER LIST

f. 1 Property deeds, 1836-1849
The Kansas Town Company, 1849
Andre and Sarah Roi to François Chouteau, 1836
John and Cinthia Trapp to François Chouteau, 1836
LOCATION NOTE
   Materials in this collection are housed onsite.

SUBJECT TERMS

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