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Clyde H. Porter (1889-1958) Collection
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Research notes and papers of Porter and his wife Mae Reed Porter, regarding families engaged in the fur trade in the Kansas City area, and the American West. Included are files on the Chouteau Family of Kansas City, the Charbonneau Family, Moses “Black” Harris, and the Thomas Vasquez Family.

BIOGRAPHY:

Clyde H. Porter was born in St. Louis, Missouri, to Joseph F. and Jennie Henderson Porter. Clyde attended Iowa State College. In 1910 he married Mae Reed, of Des Moines. He served with the Army in World War I. After the war he came to Kansas City. Clyde worked for the Kansas City Power and Light Company for 35 years as manager of its eastern district.

Clyde and Mae Porter were collectors of rare American Indian relics. They donated many of these items to the Kansas City Museum. After his retirement from business, Clyde began assisting his wife Mae Reed Porter in historical research. He made extensive inquiries in an effort to improve the existing historical record on a variety of Western history subjects. Unfortunately, his life span did not allow for completion of all of these studies.

Porter was particularly interested in the unexplored biography of Jean Baptiste Charbonneau, the son of Sacagawea; the Chouteau and Vasquez families. These research materials are included in the collection.

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DESCRIPTION:

The collection contains research materials gathered by Clyde Porter on various families connected to the fur trade in Kansas City and the West.

INVENTORY:

BOX 001

RESEARCH FILES

Folder 1 Porter Correspondence, 1958; Clyde H. Porter obituary
Folder 2 Chouteau Family of Kansas City
Folder 3 Charbonneau Family
Folder 4 Major Moses “Black” Harris
Folder 5 Thomas Vasquez and Family (1 of 5)
Folder 6 Thomas Vasquez and Family (2 of 5)
Folder 7 Thomas Vasquez and Family (3 of 5)
Folder 8 Thomas Vasquez and Family (4 of 5)
Folder 9 Thomas Vasquez and Family (5 of 5)