Robert Hoester Papers  
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Collection Title: Robert Hoester Papers


Creator: Hoester, Robert G.J., 1924-2006

Abstract: Correspondence and manuscript material used in writing the book, Judicial Tyranny, the Palmyra Incident and the Mary Susan Goodwin case. Manuscript material includes revision material, editing, and handwritten notes.

Collection Size: 0.6 cubic feet  
(14 folders)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

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Historical Note:

Robert G.J. Hoester was born on May 12, 1924, in Boulder, Colorado. His parents were Julius Charles and Helen Hoester. His father fought in World War I and succumbed to the effects of
mustard gas when Robert was 21 years old. Robert was named for three of his father’s war buddies. Robert served in the Naval Air Corps in the Pacific during World War II.

Robert was a former Pioneer quarterback and became a lifelong resident of Kirkwood, Missouri. His wife was Elaine Hoester. Robert and Elaine had two sons, Greg and Doug, and one daughter, Tina.

He became a circuit judge for the St. Louis District Court and served in that position for 42 years, including time as a senior judge in retirement.

Hoester served as an elder in the First Presbyterian Church of Kirkwood and was a volunteer at St. Luke’s Hospital for 17 years. He was past president of the Kirkwood Historical Society and in private life he was a writer, poet, farmer, and golfer.

Robert G.J. Hoester died on October 23, 2006, in Kirkwood, St. Louis, Missouri.

**Arrangement:**

The collection has been arranged into the following two series:

- Correspondence
- Manuscript Material

**Scope and Content Note:**

**Correspondence**

This series contains a letter from Robert G.J. Hoester, Judge of the Circuit Court of St. Louis County, to Mr. Michael Hart, Peper, Martin, Jensen, Maichel & Hetlage, Attorneys a Law, St. Louis, Missouri, dated November 15, 1991. The letter is a request from the Judge for the law firm to forward a final draft of the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Judgment and Decree regarding the case of Elizabeth Ann Catalona v. Rockwood R-IV School District, 1991.

**Manuscript Material**

This series consists of several versions of manuscript material related to book that was published, entitled, *Judicial Tyranny*. The material includes revisions, editing, handwritten notes, and a certificate of copyright registration for the book. Among the manuscript material used for this book is the study of a case involving Mary Susan Goodwin, who was a hearing officer for the Juvenile Court in the City of St. Louis, and her civil rights law suit against Judge William Corrigan in the late 1970s. Also manuscript material in which Judge Hoester examines the execution of ten men at Palmyra, Missouri, on October 20, 1862, and its legal implications, entitled, the *Palmyra Incident*. Also manuscript material including *A Magnificent Generation*, in which Judge Hoester comments on himself and the men who fought in World War II, 1983, 1991.

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