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OCTAVE CHANUTE PAPERS**

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Introduction

The collection consists of eight reels of microfilm concerning the papers of Octave Chanute held by the Library of Congress, which cover the life and career of Chanute during his time in Kansas City. Materials include correspondence, family papers, articles, patents, photographs, sketches, kite diagrams, plans for a railroad bridge across the Missouri River, and newspaper clippings.

Octave Chanute was born on February 18, 1832, in Paris, France. He immigrated to the United States in 1838 and began training as a railroad civil engineer in 1849. Between 1853 and 1863, he worked as a civil engineer with various railroad companies across the United States. During the late 1860s, Chanute, while working as the chief engineer for the Chicago and Alton Railroad, was selected to design and construct a railroad bridge which would span across the Missouri River in Kansas City, Missouri. Later, Chanute was selected to design the Kansas City Stockyards. Chanute also served as a chief engineer for several railroad companies in Kansas in the late 1860s and early 1870s. He died on November 23, 1910, in Chicago, Illinois, and is buried at the Springdale Cemetery and Mausoleum in Peoria, Illinois.

Donor Information

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Papers of Octave Chanute, 1860-1890