



## **C. W. Hoffman Papers (K0122)**

**Collection Number:** K0122

**Collection Title:** C. W. Hoffman Papers

**Dates:** 1887-1896

**Creator:** Hoffman, Christian W.

**Abstract:** The C. W. Hoffman Papers consist of six volumes of handwritten manuscripts and illustrations done by Hoffman. The volumes depict Hoffman's interpretation of the origins of man and earth, along with his views on human evolution, religion, and ethics.

**Collection Size:** 0.20 cubic foot  
(6 folders)

**Language:** Collection materials are in English.

**Repository:** The State Historical Society of Missouri

**Restrictions on Access:** Collection is open for research. This collection is available at [The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Kansas City](#). If you would like more information, please contact us at [kansascity@shsmo.org](mailto:kansascity@shsmo.org). Collections may be viewed at any research center.

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**Preferred Citation:** [Specific item; box number; folder number] *C. W. Hoffman Papers* (K0122); The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Kansas City [after first mention may be abbreviated to SHSMO-Kansas City].

**Donor Information:** The papers were donated to the University of Missouri by University of Missouri-Kansas City General Library on August 14, 1980 (Accession No. KA0032).

**Related Materials:** Additional materials related to the C. W. Hoffman Papers can be found in the following collections:

*Robert M. Snyder, Jr. Collection* (K0025)

**Processed by:** Processed by Rachel Forester, March 2019

**Historical Note:**

C. W. Hoffman's six volumes of handwritten manuscripts, complete with illustrations, detail his ideas of the origins of man and earth, along with his views on evolution, religion, and ethics. Hoffman delivered a lecture based upon the materials at the First Presbyterian Church's Band of Hope Hall at 14<sup>th</sup> and Lucas Place in 1887. Hoffman also presented another lecture on December 9, 1888, at the Workingmen's Self-Culture Club that was organized under the auspices of the Society for Ethical Culture. Both presentations took place in St. Louis, Missouri. No additional historical information was found pertaining to C. W. Hoffman.

**Arrangement:**

The collection has been arranged into six folders. Materials have been kept in original order.

**Scope and Content Note:**

The collection contains six volumes of handwritten manuscripts and illustrations done by Hoffman. The volumes depict Hoffman's interpretation of the origins of man, which coincide with the prevailing scientific attitudes of the time towards racial superiority and ideals regarding race, biology, and human evolution. The bulk of this viewpoint can be found in Part 2, Man, His Progress. The volumes also include his ideas concerning the earth's creation. In addition, the volumes are largely tied to his religious beliefs and his views on ethics. Of interest are the genealogy charts of "the gradual development of mankind from savage to culture" depicted in Part 1. These charts are heavily influenced by the scientific understanding of man's evolution at the time they were written and by biblical history. The volumes also contain printed as well as hand drawn maps of Europe, Africa, the Middle East, and the Americas. Part 1, The Earth and Man, His Origin, contains an index to the six volumes.

**Container List:**

Box 001	f. 1	Part 1, The Earth and Man, His Origin, 1887
	f. 2	Part 2, Man, His Progress, no date
	f. 3	Part 3, Man, His Destiny, no date
	f. 4	Part 4, Man, Miscellany, 1893
	f. 5	Part 5, Science, etc., Evolution, 1894
	f. 6	Part 6, Science and Religion, Ethics, etc., 1896

**Index:**

Index Term	Folder
Biblical & theological studies	1-6
Cephalometry	1-2
Craniometry	1-2
Evolutionary developmental biology	1-6
Human beings--Origin	1-6
Human evolution	1-6

