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Charles Hipsh (1902-1981) Family Papers

[Jewish Community Archives]

1925-1963

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*Yearbooks, photographs, pamphlets and booklet concerning Hipsh, Jewish community leader, businessman and banker. Also video of Hipsh family.*

### BIOGRAPHY:

Charles Hipsh was born in Kansas City, Missouri in 1902, the son of Harry and Minnie Radgeff Hipsh. He attended Emerson Grade School, Manual Training High School, and graduated from the Kansas City School of Law in 1928.

In 1929, he founded Hipsh Manufacturing Co. (later named Textile Distributors, Inc.), manufacturers of men's neckwear, shirts and hand-woven fabrics. He was past president and founder of the former Empire State Bank, as well as the United Finance Plan Co.

Charles Hipsh married the former Dorothy Wengrover (1916-1990), a Kansas City native, and graduate of Central High School, in 1945. They were active members of Congregation Beth Shalom and several organizations within the Jewish community.

Charles Hipsh served as an officer, board member, or trustee of numerous civic and community organizations. As a result of his civic involvement, he was nominated "Citizen of the Year 1962" by the Unico National, Kansas City Men's Chapter. Former President, Harry S. Truman presented the award to Hipsh and appears in several photographs along with his wife Bess, Charles and Dorothy Hipsh and family.

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## DESCRIPTION:

The collection includes yearbooks, photographs, pamphlets and a booklet concerning Charles Hipsh, and his Unico National "Citizen of the Year 1962" award, presented by Harry S. Truman.

## INVENTORY:

**BOX 001**

- Folder 1. Photographs- family and friends ca. 1880's-1920's
- Folder 2. Photographs- Charles Hipsh, Dorothy, Harlene, Nancy, Miriam, and Ellen Sue, dinner with Harry S. and Bess Truman at Unico National, Kansas City Men's Chapter banquet, May 20, 1962.
- Folder 3. Programs- Navy Day Luncheon, October 27, 1965- Charles Hipsh, Past President of K.C. Navy League; Silver Beaver presentation, December 4, 1963- KC Area Council Boy Scouts of America.
- Folder 4. Booklet- Unico National *I am an American Day Dinner*, honoring Charles Hipsh, the Citizen of the Year, May 20, 1962
- Folder 5. Yearbooks- *The Pandex*, 1925, 1927, 1928. Kansas City School of Law. Charles Hipsh, business manager, 1927 issue.
- Folder 6. Yearbooks- *The Pandex*, 1928. Kansas City School of Law.
- Folder 7. Yearbooks-*The Centralian*, 1931, 1932, Central High School. Dorothy Wengrover.

- Folder 8. Yearbooks-*The Centralian*, 1933. Central High School. Dorothy Wengrover.
- Folder 9. Videotape: Hipsh family