



## George Sweet Hovey Papers (K1421)

**Collection Number:** K1421

**Collection Title:** George Sweet Hovey Papers

**Dates:** 1935-1941

**Creator:** Hovey, George Sweet, 1865-1947

**Abstract:** The George Sweet Hovey Papers consist of letters, photographs, programs, and newspaper clippings related to Hovey and his career at the Inter-State Bank in Kansas City, Missouri.

**Collection Size:** .6 cubic foot  
(8 folders, 4 photographs)

**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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**Donor Information:** The papers were donated to the State Historical Society of Missouri by Christopher Dalton on August 28, 2021 (Accession No. KA2547).

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### Historical Note:

George Sweet Hovey was president of the Inter-State National Bank in Kansas City, Missouri. Hovey was born in Henderson Harbor, New York, on October 3, 1865, and grew up on Gallup Island in New York. Hovey eventually moved to Missouri and graduated from Trenton High

School in 1885. After high school, Hovey studied shorthand at Davenport Business College in Iowa before gaining employment at the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railway Company in Trenton, Missouri. During his four years working for the railroad, Hovey became interested in banking and went on to work at the Kansas National Bank for two years. While there, he purchased an interest in the Bank of Horton in Kansas and was elected cashier. He held the position until he joined Inter-State National Bank in 1901. He became president of Inter-State National Bank in 1908. Hovey married Grace Boone and they had several children, including Mary Esther. They lived in 1005 Valentine in Kansas City, a house they commissioned for construction. George Sweet Hovey died on February 16, 1947.

**Arrangement:**

The papers are arranged chronologically.

**Scope and Content Note:**

The George Sweet Hovey Papers consist of records related to George Sweet Hovey and his career at the Inter-State National Bank in Kansas City, Missouri. Included within the collection are letters, programs, and photographs.

Folder one contains the speech George Sweet Hovey gave at his high school graduation in 1885 along with a letter to an old classmate, Mary Esther Dalton, from 1935.

Folder two, contains newspaper clippings from 1935 reporting on George Sweet Hovey's life and career. They include reports of his 75<sup>th</sup> birthday and his accomplishments as president of Inter-State National Bank.

Folder three contains volume XXIV, issue 2 of "The Kansas City Banker," from 1938 which includes an article written by George Sweet Hovey.

Folder four contains a program from Governor Forrest C. Donnell's inauguration.

Folder five contains a copy of "The Widening Trail: Fifty Years with the Inter-State national Bank of Kansas City," which provides a history of the Inter-State National Bank.

Folder six contains items 10, 11, 12 of Jacob L. Loose's Last Will and Testament, in which George Sweet Hovey is listed as one of the first Directors of the estate.

Folder seven contains undated photographs of George Sweet Hovey and his wife Grace Boone Hovey.

Folder eight contains a photograph of the interior of their house at 1005 Valentine in Kansas City, Missouri.

**Container List:**

Box 001	f. 1	George Sweet Hovey's High School Oration, 1885
	f. 2	Newspaper Clippings, 1935
	f. 3	<i>The Kansas City Banker</i> , 1938
	f. 4	Inaugural Ceremonies State of Missouri, 1941

- f. 5            *The Widening Trail: Through Fifty-Five Years with the Inter-State*, 1945
- f. 6            Items 10, 11, 12 of Jacob L. Loose's Last Will and Testament,  
no date
- f. 7            Photographs of George Sweet Hovey and Grace Boone Hovey,  
no date
- f. 8            Photograph of 1005 Valentine Interior, no date

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