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CHARLES VATTEROTT DISSERTATION COLLECTION

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Introduction

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This collection contains correspondence, articles, oral history interviews, and photographs collected by Cornelia Frances Sexauer for her 2003 thesis, "Catholic Capitalism: Charles Vatterott, Civil Rights and Suburbanization in St. Louis and the Nation 1919-1972." Charles Vatterott was a real estate and civil rights activist, who was instrumental in creating the St. Louis Interracial Justice council in 1944. He also established the Vatterott Foundation in 1948 to improve educational and career advancement opportunities for ethnic and religious minorities.

Real estate developer Charles Vatterott helped create the St. Louis Catholic Interracial Justice Council in 1944. In 1948 he established the Vatterott Foundation to improve educational and career advancement opportunities for ethnic and religious minorities. He was a Catholic activist, previously involved in recruiting for annual retreats organized by the Jesuits. His development projects included the planned white St. Louis suburb of St. Ann and DePorres, a subdivision intended to provide single-family dwellings for black families. In the mid-1960s, Vatterott became involved in the civil rights demonstration in Selma, Alabama, and thereafter remained active in the civil rights movement. Vatterott died of a stroke during a fishing trip in Arizona on April 9, 1971.

Donor Information

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