



Claud M. Hoffman Collection (SP0063)

Collection Number: SP0063

Collection Title: Claud M. Hoffman Collection

Dates: 1976-2018

Creator: Hoffman, Claud M., 1931-

Abstract: The Claud M. Hoffman Collection contains booklets compiled by Claud Hoffman concerning his life, military career, family genealogy, and local history topics. The booklets include copies of photographs, maps, historic documents, and additional information written by Hoffman.

Collection Size: 1 cubic foot
(22 folders)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

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Donor Information: The collection was donated to the State Historical Society of Missouri by Claud M. Hoffman on April 30, 2019 (Accession No. SPA0067).

Related Materials: Additional materials related to the Claud M. Hoffman Collection can be found in the following collections:

University of Alaska Anchorage, *Claud Hoffman Papers* (HMC-1218)

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Biographical Note:

Claud M. Hoffman was born on October 24, 1931, north of El Dorado Springs, Missouri to George L. and Bernice L. (Downs) Hoffman. He attended school at both the Jackson country grade school and Sand Ridge country school in Cedar County, Missouri graduating from El Dorado Springs High School in 1949. In 1951, he volunteered for the draft, enlisting in the United States Army. He spent 17 months overseas, mostly in Korea with the 40th Infantry Division.

After leaving the Army he worked as a surveyor in California and Alaska. There he met and married Nola May LaGrange in 1957 and together they had two children. He worked for the Alaska Department of Natural Resources in a variety of roles including Chief of the Cadastral Survey and Director of the Division of Technical Services. His responsibilities include state land surveys, setting requirements for gas and oil leases, and the State Recorders Office. He retired in 1982, returning to Cedar County, Missouri in 1998. Nola died in 2005 and Claud returned to California in 2015.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged into the following three series:

Genealogy
Military
Research

Scope and Content Note:

Genealogy

This series contains booklets with materials related to the Hoffman, Downs, and Daniel families. The booklets contain family tree information, copies of photographs and historical documents. The series is arranged chronologically.

Military

This series consists of materials pertaining to Claud M. Hoffman's service in the United States Army. Hoffman served overseas with the 40th Infantry Division during the Korean War. The booklets include a chronology of his services overseas and memorials to Korean War Veterans. This series is arranged chronologically.

Research

This series contains booklet compiled concerning history topics of interest to Hoffman. The topics include historic bridges in the Ozarks, the history of the Osage, and surveying in Alaska. This series is arranged chronologically.

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