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INTRODUCTION

Correspondence, business and law firm records, civic, political, legislative, and personal papers of a German American family of Brunswick, Missouri.

DONOR INFORMATION

The Benecke Papers were donated to the University of Missouri over the years from 1955 to 1992 by Joanna B. Townsend, R.W. Benecke, L.W. Benecke, and William Townsend and Blake Sasse. Complete accession information can be found in the collection's information folder.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

LOUIS BENECKE (1843-1919). Louis Benecke was born May 1, 1843, in Stiege, Germany to Heinrich Ludwig Theodore Benecke and Johanna Auguste Bock. His grandfather was a Lutheran minister, and served in the German Legion. His father was a teacher and Supervisor of the Forrest district of Stiege, Hartzmountain, who resigned because of his democratic views and emigrated to Brunswick, Missouri with his family in 1856.

In Germany Louis was on the Boy's Freischussen at the age of eleven. He and his brother, Robert, were admitted to Blankenburg College and Robert was a graduate. In Brunswick Louis attended High School for three months in 1857. In 1858 he was Liederkranz at the Brunswick and Turner Association. From 1857 to 1860 he clerked for F.C. Sasse, the Hotel Harry House, the Dry Goods Store of William Ladd and Company and its successor Mr. Dickey.

In 1861 at age 18, he joined a Union Militia Company, but he withdrew when the company became secessionist. On September 11, he was mustered into Company H, 18th Missouri Volunteers. In 1862 he was promoted to sergeant, taken prisoner at the Battle of Shiloh with General Prentiss, and paroled October 19, 1862. In 1863 he received an honorable discharge on account of a disability contracted in a rebel prison. On June 8, 1864 he was commissioned Lieutenant, Company E, 35th Enrolled Missouri Militia; placed on special duty in Company B (independent Company); recruited a company for U.S. Volunteers, which was assigned as Company I, 49th Missouri Volunteers, on November 17, and placed in command of the District of Chariton County under General Fisk. He went south with his regiment to New Orleans; was detailed as Assistant Inspector General under General Carr, 16th Army Corps at Montgomery, Alabama; and on August 2, 1865, he was mustered out with his regiment.

Louis married Josephine Amerlan of Schwedt, Prussia, June 23, 1868, at the Prescott House, New York, Reverend Foersch officiating. They had seven children (two dying in infancy--a daughter in 1873, a son in 1884)--Dora, Lucia (Lucy), Louis A., Otto K., and Waldo Theodore (Ruby W.).

The Civil War was to continue to exert an influence on Benecke's life. Upon his discharge in 1866, he was naturalized, admitted to the bar of Chariton County, elected Justice of

the Peace, and was a claims agent for adjusting and collecting war claims against the government and the Missouri war debt. In 1887 he organized the first G.A.R. post at Brunswick, and subsequently served as post commander, Judge Advocate, Senior Vice Department Commander, and was a delegate to national encampments. He was Department Commander, G.A.R., Department of Missouri, March 1895-April 1896. In 1894 he was commander of the Loyal Legion. Instrumental in the organization of the Federal Soldiers' Home, St. James, he served as President of the Board of Trustees.

In 1876 charges were brought against Benecke and others for withholding claim and pension funds from black claimants. Court cases resulted in his suspension as an attorney, but the U.S. Supreme Court reversed the lower court's decision and he was exonerated. Benecke also attempted to exonerate himself from charges that he participated in the drowning of a confederate sympathizer. His *Historical Sketch of the Sixties in Chariton County*, "Chariton County Episode of 1864," addressed these charges as well as describing diversions practiced by him and his men in Keytesville and surrounding areas.

Benecke kept subject files on pension policies, and maintained a lifelong correspondence with John Cox, fellow pension claim agent; members of his militia company; G.A.R. officials; and other veterans. He sought reimbursement for Spencer rifles furnished his company of volunteers at his own expense, and until his death, he continued to be concerned with pension legislation and the needs of veterans and their families.

Immediately after his return home from the war, Benecke took an active part in politics and civic activities. He was the first Chariton County Republican chairman. He attended every State Convention from 1866-1908, except two; was a delegate to all congressional, senatorial, and judicial conventions of his district, and was a member of the state Republican committee in 1868. In 1868 he applied to Governor Fletcher for a position as his attaché. He was an alternate delegate to the national Republican convention in 1888, 1892, and 1896. A delegate in 1908, he served on the committee to notify Vice President Sherman.

Benecke served as a state senator for the 5th congressional district, 1869-1875. An avid anti-prohibitionist, he was the author of the Chariton County local option bill, which served as a model for similar legislation throughout the state. He introduced legislation against religious and temperance fanatics, and wrote numerous articles and speeches. He introduced several other senate bills and two senate resolutions including an act to prevent drunkenness, and introduced the first bill that removed all restrictions on ex-confederate soldiers. He was chairman of the state senate committee on banks and corporations. Joseph Pulitzer served as Benecke's clerk in 1872.

Benecke's respect for his German heritage is evident. He served on the Chariton County Board of Immigration, 1867-1876. Through his position on the board, and being an agent for, 1859 for various steamship lines, he was able to secure homes and employment for German and other immigrants, as well as arranging their passage from Europe to America, and their transportation westward to Brunswick and Chariton County. In his position as director of the public schools, he placed many German teachers in positions throughout the United States, often continuing a correspondence with them and their families. As an attorney he secured inheritances from Europe for many immigrants. As director of the First National Bank, he was given their foreign exchange business, handling exchanges through Knauth, Nachod and Kuhne Foreign Bankers, New York, for whom he was a correspondent. German veterans appealed to him for aid in securing their pensions and war claims. He was a columnist in the German press, and a local correspondent for the *Westliche Post* corresponding frequently with E. Pretorius.

In 1880 Benecke was the only practicing Republican attorney in Chariton County. He had been admitted to the Chariton County Bar in 1866, and became Brunswick City Counsellor in 1875. His office was located in the 1st National Bank Building on the corner of Broadway and Jackson Street in Brunswick. Use of the firm name "Benecke and Benecke" was first made in 1906 at which time his son, Ruby W. Benecke, was admitted to the bar and joined his father as a partner. Louis retired in 1914, and when he died in 1919, the name was not changed.

Benecke's business interests were extensive. He served on the board and was also legal council for the Brunswick and Chillicothe Railroad, and helped bring the first railroad to Brunswick. He donated grounds for the Brunswick Brick and Tile Company and served in various official capacities with other members of his family.

He also owned the Brunswick Manufacturing Company, the Brunswick Mineral Bath Company, and the Missouri Manufacturing and Trading Company. He sold wood from his extensive timberlands, and rented farms, buildings, dwellings and other properties from his vast real estate holdings.

He was instrumental in bringing the first telephone to Brunswick and was president of the Chariton County Telephone Company. He maintained several dealerships selling telephones as an agent for J.H. Holcomb and Company; gas and gasoline engines for Weber Engine Company, Kansas City; school and opera chairs for the Racine Furniture Company; calligraphic writing machines for the Parker, Ritter, Nichols Stationery Company, St. Louis; interest tables for the U.S. Central Publishing Company, Hartland, Wisconsin; and farm machinery.

He served as president and manager of the Brunswick Water Works Company, and general manager of the Brunswick gas and mineral well. He and his son Ruby W. were insurance agents representing numerous companies and serving as company attorneys.

Apparently satisfied with his role in state politics, his various business endeavors, and his law practice, Benecke declined the nomination for lieutenant governor in 1872, a nomination for Congress, and an offer to go to Europe in the Consular Service.

Benecke's civic activities mirrored his political and business interests. He organized and became a trustee of the German Lutheran Church in 1867. He was seven times mayor of Brunswick, served on the city council and was city attorney.

He served as director of the public schools, board of education member, township clerk, and was a member of the board of directors of the High School for 38 years, resigning in March 1908. He was considered a prominent German writer on the subject of education. The first colored school in Brunswick received support and funds through his efforts.

A notary public, he kept a notarial record for 1875-1887. He was a county bridge commissioner and was instrumental in obtaining funding for the Grand River Bridge while encountering opposition from the Carroll County Court and F.H. Warner, a local ferryboat man. He served as director of the Elliott Grove Cemetery Association.

Benecke was a member of several secret organizations, holding administrative offices in each. The Brunswick Turn Verein, incorporated in 1867, had Benecke as its recording secretary.

He was Deputy Gross Barden, German Order of Harugari [D.O.H.], 1881; Grand Dictator, Knights of Honor, 1886, and a charter member of Chariton Lodge No. 2112.

His anti-clerical stance arose from various churches' positions on secret societies and prohibition, and he withdrew his membership from the German Lutheran Church. He sent his children to the Presbyterian Sunday school.

The first meeting of the Brunswick Literary and Social Club was held in Benecke's office, May 25, 1888. He was vice president of the Brunswick Library Association and

attempted to convert the old Sol Smith Russell home into a public library. He was secretary of the Brunswick Commercial Club in 1910, and a delegate to the Trans-Mississippi Commercial Congress.

Benecke's interests were impressive in scope. He subscribed to twenty-seven magazines and twenty-one newspapers. He wrote historical sketches of the Civil War; spoke before numerous organizations including the Teachers' Institute, Brunswick, on education, temperance and prohibition, politics, the German issue and foreign policy.

An avid duck hunter and sportsman, he was president of the Cut-Off Fishing and Hunting Club, owning land on both sides of the west branch of the Cut-Off lake, a lake about three miles long and from 1/8 to 1/2 miles wide, having been formed by the Missouri River leaving its old bed. The lake became a famous resort for fishing parties from St. Louis, Alton, St. Joseph, and Kansas City. Benecke formed the club to regulate use by outsiders.

He supported state game laws and was a delegate to the Conservation Congress. A mounted eagle graced a wall of his law office. He was president and spokesman for a local group of the Missouri River Navigation Congress, and was a delegate to waterway conventions in New Orleans and Washington.

An inventor, Benecke obtained patents on brackets, a chuck, calendars, and a water motor. As an attorney he handled patents for clients, often acquiring a financial interest and later assignment of their patents. He was a weather observer for the U.S. Weather Bureau and invented weather instruments.

On a personal note, Benecke was a lover of good tobacco, beer, music, and had a taste for sweets, ordering through merchants in St. Louis. He exhibited a fine tuned sense of humor and his charity was evident in his actions as well as his remarks. In response to a veteran complaining of delay in processing of his pension increase, Benecke accuses the current administration of delaying actions and writes the pensioner, "I ask you not to die till after the next election." In a letter to the Protective League of American Showmen, Benecke describes Congress as the "grandest show we have had for years."

Benecke kept exhaustive business records and records of his correspondence, even copyrighting his system of letter register in 1873. He filled over fifty volumes of letterbooks alone. In December of 1895, he prided himself on his voluminous output saying, "I...receive and mail more letters than any one person in this town!"

His clothes were tailor made and he corresponded frequently with his tailors in Jefferson City and St. Louis. At the age of 69, he was 5 feet 10 inches tall, weighed 204 pounds, and was still sporting a beard and mustache.

He and his wife, Josephine, traveled to Germany in the fall of 1907 and Josephine died in November of the following year. Confined to his home by ill health for most of 1918 and 1919, he prepared several lawsuits and worked on numerous title abstracts. He died the summer of 1919.

LOUIS A. BENECKE (1873-). Louis A. Benecke was born December 25, 1873, the eldest son of Louis and Josephine Benecke. He was a graduate of Washington University, 1896, and Benton Law School, 1901. His first employment was with Stupp Brothers Bridge and Iron Company, St. Louis, 1896. He was an instructor at the Manual Training School, Washington University; worked for his uncle Robert at the Cramer Dry Plate Works, testing plates; and became vice president of the Cupples Woodenware Company, St. Louis. He married Juliet Sharp in 1920.

Louis was a prolific writer. His letters to his parents while a student at Washington University and Benton Law School are in the correspondence section of his father Louis's papers. His letters to his brother, Ruby Waldo, are in the section containing Ruby's papers. He kept on top of the Benecke family finances, also corresponding with his sister, Lucia, in Chicago, her husband and sons, and his niece Alma, daughter of his sister, Dora. These letters are also in Ruby W. Benecke's papers as his sister and niece mailed them to Ruby after receiving and reading them.

OTTO K. BENECKE (1875-1957). Otto K. Benecke was born October 16, 1875, second son of Louis and Josephine Benecke. As a youth, he was on the Brunswick baseball team. He was a registered pharmacist in Brunswick, a Justice of the Peace, and served as assistant postmaster and postmaster for eight years. In 1900 he was commissioned as a deputy game and fish warden. He served as a librarian for the Brunswick Library Association, and also wrote weather reports for the *Brunswick*. Music was an interest, and he played in the Brunswick Band and was a musical instrument dealer. He also helped with his father's insurance business. He died in 1957.

His papers include his commission as game and fish warden, personal and political correspondence, a deed and land abstract, Justice of the Peace case files and papers, 1936-1940, and his postmaster papers. His papers are in the Chariton County and City of Brunswick series of the collection.

RUBY W. BENECKE (1884-1973). Waldo Theodore (Ruby W.) Benecke was born in Brunswick, Missouri, September 22, 1884, to Louis and Josephine Benecke. He was educated in the public schools of Brunswick, was a graduate of Smith Academy, St. Louis; Washington University; and St. Louis Law School. Admitted to the bar in 1906, he joined his father in partnership in the firm of Benecke and Benecke. The firm retained the name after his father's death in 1919.

Benecke also joined his father in the insurance and real estate business. Their insurance agency had three employees. After his father's death, Benecke continued to operate the agencies as well as various dealerships including Maxwell cars and trucks, Metz cars, Moline tractors, and Goodrich Tires, 1909-1924; Grebe and Silver Marshall radios, 1924-1932; and Williams Oil-O-Matic Heating in partnership with R.V. Bartow, 1925-[1929].

A Republican, he was a candidate for prosecuting attorney in 1912; a candidate for state representative in 1940, 1944, and 1946; and served as a member of a statewide committee for a one-house legislature. He served as Chairman, Chariton County Central Committee, 12 years; 2nd Congressional District Committee, six years; and the 6th Senatorial District Committee, six years. Benecke made the motion to admit women to membership in the State Republican Committee. His niece Alma Benecke Sasse was state chairman of the Women's Republican Committee.

In 1943 he was a 6th Senatorial District delegate to the Constitutional Convention. He served as secretary-treasurer of the Constitutional Convention Association, 1947-1963, and was chairman of the special planning committee for the first annual meeting.

Benecke was Brunswick City Attorney, 1910-1914; U.S. Commissioner, Northern Division, Eastern District, Missouri, 1913-1934; Conciliation Commissioner, Chariton County, 1934-1943; Prosecuting Attorney, Chariton County, 1942-1943; member and treasurer of the 12th Judicial Circuit Bar Association; member and secretary-treasurer of the Chariton County Bar

Association; and served as a member of the Missouri Bar Association's Committee on State and Local Taxation and chaired the committee in 1948-1949.

He was chairman of numerous charity drives, and vice chairman of the Chariton County Local Welfare Council, 1922. He was assistant postmaster, 1911-1915, and postmaster, 1921-1934, U.S. Post Office, Brunswick. He and his brother, Otto were meteorological reporters for the U.S. Department of Commerce, Weather Bureau.

As a child he was baptized "Waldo Theodore Benecke" in the Lutheran Church, but he joined the Episcopal Church when he married Eleanor Floy Magruder, daughter of W. Magruder, Sr., October 25, 1911. They had one son, Louis Waldo "Wally", and one daughter, Joanna Josephine. Benecke died in 1973.

LOUIS WALDO BENECKE (1913-). Louis Waldo Benecke was born December 28, 1913, son of Ruby Waldo and Eleanor Magruder Benecke. A 1932 graduate of Junior College, New Mexico Military Institute, Roswell, New Mexico, he attended the University of Wisconsin, earned an A.B. degree and a law degree from the University of Missouri, passing the bar in October 1938. He was a 1st lieutenant in the Army Reserves. He worked with his father in the firm of Benecke and Benecke.

Louis's papers include his Army extension course materials and maps; law school notes; 1939 yearbook; case files and papers as a Chariton County Justice of the Peace, 1940-1946; correspondence; and miscellaneous items.

ROBERT BENECKE (1835-1903). Robert Benecke, older brother of Louis, was born in the town of Braunschweig, Stiege, Duchy of Brunswick, 1835. A graduate of Blankenburg College, he wished to be a civil engineer. He was a volunteer in the German Brunswick Army. After immigrating with his family in 1856, he opened a photo gallery in Brunswick and, later, one in St. Louis at 4th and Market. As a pioneer photographer, he contributed many articles to photo journals and publications, editing a column "Echoes from Europe" in the *St. Louis Photographer*. He was the first photographer west of the Mississippi who made artotypes. His picture of Governor Sterling Price adorned many publications. Several of Robert's artotypes are in the collection.

During the Civil War he served in the 18th Regiment, Missouri Volunteers. He married Mary Koenig of St. Louis. They had four children: Olga (Mrs. A.L. Schuster), Anna (Mrs. H. Poss), Josephine (Mrs. F. Usher) and Theodore. At the time of his death in 1903 he was superintendent of the G. Cramer Dry Plate Company, St. Louis. An obituary appears in V. 57.

Robert and his brother, Louis, corresponded extensively, and their letters, written in German, are in Louis Benecke's correspondence and letterbooks. Robert's son, Theo, also wrote occasionally to his uncle Louis.

JOSEPHINE AMERLAN BENECKE (1845-1908). Josephine Amerlan was born in 1845 in Prussia. On June 23, 1868 she married Louis Benecke in New York at the Prescott House, the Reverend Foersch officiating. She and Louis had seven children, two dying in infancy. She is mentioned frequently in family correspondence, and the collection includes her letters, written in German, to her husband and her daughter, Lucia. There are letters, also written in German, to Josephine from her sisters, Frieda and Auguste, and other relatives still living in Germany, 1858-1909. Her brothers Otto, a watchmaker, jeweler, and optician; and Hugo, lived in the U.S., and corresponded frequently with her husband, Louis.

DORA BENECKE SASSE (1869-1928). Dora Benecke was born December 3, 1869, the daughter of Louis and Josephine Benecke. She married Frederick Sasse, a Brunswick attorney, and they had a daughter, Alma. Dora attended Pritchett Institute, Glasgow, and wrote children's books. Letters to her family, photographs, and school items are in the collection. She died September 6, 1928.

LUCIA (LUCY) BENECKE ZILLMAN. Lucia Benecke was the daughter of Louis and Josephine Benecke. She married Christian C.H. Zillman, a Chicago attorney. They had four sons: Theodore, Dean of Men, University of Wisconsin; Christian; Bill; and Louis, a chiropractor. Lucia attended the Pritchett Institute, Glasgow, studied medicine under German scientists and boarded with a German family in St. Louis. Her poetry was published in the *Midland Poetry Review* during the 1940s. Photographs, newspaper clippings, letters to her family, and letters written to her in German from her mother, and from her Aunt Freida in Germany are in the collection.

ALMA BENECKE SASSE TROXELL. Alma Benecke, the daughter of Dora and Frederick Sasse, was born on January 26, 1893 in Brunswick, Missouri. She was the granddaughter of Louis and Josephine Benecke. She attended Vassar from 1911 to 1912, and then the University of Missouri until 1915 when she graduated. Sasse was active in the suffragist movement and was Chairman, Women's Division of the Missouri Republic State Committee. At a Kansas City Lincoln Day Banquet in 1922, she was the only woman on the program. She began writing novels and short stories and published two mystery novels, *The Mystery of the Chinese Box* (1939) and *Terry Carvel's Theater Caravan* (1943). She also ghostwrote the original edition of the Nancy Drew book, *The Mystery at the Ski Jump* (1952). There are letters to her grandfather; her uncle, Ruby W. Benecke; and other family members; newspaper clippings, photographs and school items in the collection. She died on December 18, 1967 in Seattle, Washington.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The Beneckes emigrated from Germany in 1856 and settled in Brunswick, Missouri. This collection of their family papers is invaluable for research in black history; business, ethnic, local, military, political, social, and women's history; and for genealogists. The collection chronicles the lives, careers, and family relationships of four generations of Beneckes. The bulk of the papers are those of Louis Benecke and his son, Ruby W. Benecke.

The collection is divided into ten series: **Business Records, Chariton County and City of Brunswick Records, Louis Benecke Papers, Military Papers, Law Firm Records, Ruby W. Benecke Papers, Family Papers, Maps and Plats, Photographs and Pictorial Items, and Volumes.**

Over ten decades of business practices are covered in the **Business Records** series. Records of the Brunswick Brick and Tile Company, Brunswick companies and dealerships, Benecke Insurance and Real Estate Agencies, the Elliott Grove Cemetery Association, and Chariton County cemetery records are in this series.

Official city and county records; church records; and records of civic, social and fraternal clubs, and secret societies; public schools; and Brunswick postmasters comprise the **Chariton County and City of Brunswick Records** series.

The **Louis Benecke Papers**, consisting of Benecke's correspondence, legislative and political papers, personal papers, and subject files are the bulk of the collection. Notable correspondents include Carl Schurz, Missouri governors, politicians, government and railroad officials, editors, foreign consuls, and veterans.

The correspondence includes claims and business, legal, personal, and family correspondence. There are letters to Benecke as agent for collecting and adjusting claims against the government for back pay, bounty, pensions, and other war claims; U.S. law suits v. Benecke and others. Personal letters deal with Brunswick matters, law cases, land sales, farm land rentals and crops, securing land titles, legislation and politics, railroads; accounts with booksellers, merchants, and druggists. Family correspondence includes letters in German from his brother, Robert, a St. Louis photographer, and Louis's wife Josephine, and follows each year's business and personal correspondence. Letters from his children chronicle their student and college days, businesses, and family lives. His subject files include Missouri River lands and navigation, Cut-Off Hunting and Fishing Club, Germans, Grand River Bridge, patents, and temperance and prohibition of the 1880s and 1890s

The **Military Papers** series includes Civil War documents, diaries, and papers; regimental histories of the 18th and 49th Missouri Infantry Volunteers; Louis Benecke's manuscripts, book, and articles, war claims and pension agent files, records as Department Commander of the G.A.R., officer of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion and other veterans' organizations; and records of the Federal Soldiers Home, St. James.

There are excellent descriptions of battles, military life, medical care, health concerns, and correspondence on legislation of concern to veterans. A black claims section and descriptive list of black soldiers offer an overview of the black military experience and black social history.

Three generations of attorneys are represented in the **Law Firm Records** series, which includes case and client files, circuit and probate court records, land records, and European collections.

The **Ruby W. Benecke Papers** comprise approximately 15.6 linear feet of the Benecke Family Papers. They include his correspondence, records and case files as U.S. Commissioner, Eastern District of Missouri, Northern Division, and U.S. Conciliation Commissioner; Bar Associations material including correspondence, minutes, treasurer's reports, financial records; Constitutional Convention papers; Constitutional Convention Association papers; personal papers including personal and family correspondence, financial records, insurance and land records; political papers including correspondence, poll books and voter lists, campaign literature, and ephemera.

Papers of Ruby Benecke also appear throughout other sections of the collection including the business records section, law firm records section, and miscellaneous family papers and photographs sections. Descriptions of his school and college days in St. Louis appear in letters to his family in the family correspondence sections of his father's papers.

A **Family Papers** and miscellany series includes Benecke genealogical items; women's correspondence, written in German, 1858-1924; school items; Young Men's Christian Association papers; and papers of Otto K. (Ruby's brother) and Louis Waldo (son of Ruby) Benecke.

Maps and Plats, Photographs and Pictorial Items, and **Volumes**, which correspond to the series arrangement of the folders, comprise the remaining three series.

Additional subjects for research are agriculture, city and county government, colored schools, the depression, diplomacy, education, landlord and tenant relationships, the media,

medicine and medical care, pension legislation, development of Missouri's Republican party, railroad expansion, religion, and the war years of the 1910s and 1940s.

FOLDER LIST

Business Records, 1868-1940 Series

Records of Brunswick, Missouri, companies, businesses, dealerships; Elliott Grove Cemetery Association; 1st National Bank, Brunswick; insurance agencies. Real estate records of Louis and Ruby W. Benecke including rental accounts.

SEE: Chariton County and City of Brunswick series for records of Brunswick Light and Water Company (f. 495).

- f. 1 Allen and Benecke's Restaurant, n.d.
- f. 2-10 Brunswick Brick and Tile Company, 1891-1916.
- f. 11 Brunswick and Chillicothe Railroad, 1868-1872.
- f. 12 Brunswick Manufacturing Company, 1884.
- f. 13 Brunswick Mineral Bath Company, 1891-1892, 1897.
- f. 14-16 Chariton County Telephone Company, 1885-1887.
- f. 17-68 Dealerships, 1882-1940. Louis Benecke sold telephones as an agent for J.H. Holcomb and Company 1882-1887. In partnership with H.S. Freeman, he sold gas and gasoline engines of the Weber Engine Company, Kansas City, and others, 1904-1909. Ruby W. Benecke held dealerships for Maxwell cars and trucks, Metz cars, Moline tractors, and Goodrich tires, 1909-1924; Grebe and Silver Marshall radios, 1924-1932; Williams Oil-O-Matic Heating in partnership with R.V. Bartow, 1925-[1929]. L.W. Benecke, Ruby's son, held an Evinrude Motors dealership, 1939-1940.
- f. 69-136 Elliott Grove Cemetery Association, 1881-1947. Record books, incorporation papers; minutes and notes; financial and legal records including litigation papers in *Association v the Merchant estate*; deeds and stock certificates; cemetery plats; election ballots; Brunswick Cemetery Association incorporation papers; correspondence, and miscellany. In addition are cemetery records for City Cemetery, Elliott Grove Cemetery, Catholic Cemetery, and other Chariton county cemeteries; funeral notices; photographs; advertising ephemera. There are gaps in the minutes and financial records. Only lot ownership was recorded in the early years, not burials.
- f. 137-159 First National Bank, Brunswick, n.d., 1887-1911.
- f. 160-254 Insurance agencies, 1879-1970.
 - f. 160-218 Company correspondence.
 - f. 219-237 Client files.
 - f. 238-247 Financial records.
 - f. 248-254 General correspondence.
- f. 255-263 Knauth, Nachod and Kulne Foreign Bankers, New York, 1888-1919.
- f. 264 Missouri Manufacturing and Trading Company, 1875.
- f. 265 Wood sawing accounts and records. Miscellany.
- f. 266-280 Louis Benecke, Miscellaneous business records, 1867-1917, 1927. Agreements, contracts, and leases for his vineyard, farmlands, buildings, dwelling houses, and

- other properties. Legal documents placed with him for safekeeping. Tenant file. Rent receipts. Correspondence, memorandums and circulars on agricultural land investments in Chariton County and other areas and states.
- f. 281-368 Benecke and Benecke, Agents, 1920-1962. Records of rental accounts for properties in Brunswick and farms in Carroll and Chariton counties owned and/or managed by Ruby W. Benecke as agent of Benecke and Benecke.

Chariton County and City of Brunswick Records, 1860-1963 Series

- f. 369-379 Chariton County Board of Immigration, 1867-1876. The state legislature authorized formation of immigration societies in 1867 to promote immigration to Missouri. Organizational materials, minutes, financial statements, accounts and receipts, statistical reports, correspondence, handbooks and other printed materials, genealogical and miscellaneous items.
- f. 380-425 Chariton County Justices of the Peace, 1910-1946. Dockets of Chariton County justices of the peace; indices. Case files and papers of Louis Waldo Benecke, Attorney and Justice of the Peace, 1936-1940; Otto K. Benecke, Justice of the Peace, 1940-1946. Files include justice of the peace commissions, legal correspondence, agreements and contracts, receipts, court records, summons, memorandums, and miscellaneous items removed from dockets.
- f. 426 Chariton County Notarial Record, 1875-1888.
- f. 427-711 City of Brunswick
- f. 427-541 City Papers and Records.
 - f. 427-518 Louis Benecke Papers, 1866-1919. Papers of Louis Benecke as Mayor, 1866-1869, 1877-1885; as councilman, 1873, 1875-1876, 1886-1893; as city attorney, 187_, 1900-1902.
 - f. 534-541 Ruby W. Benecke, City Attorney and City Clerk, 1928, 1953-1963.
 - f. 542-554 Churches.
 - f. 542-543 German Lutheran Church.
 - f. 544-554 St. Paul's Episcopal Church.
 - f. 555-623 Civic, social and fraternal clubs and organizations.
 - f. 555-560 Brunswick Commercial Club, n.d., 1904-1926.
 - f. 561-567 Brunswick Library Association, 1891-1915.
 - f. 568-569 Brunswick Literary and Social Club, 1888.
 - f. 570-571 Brunswick Silver Cornet Band, 1886-1910.
 - f. 572-573 Brunswick Steam Yacht Club, n.d., 1885-1887.
 - f. 574-582 Brunswick Turn Verein, 1866-1869.
 - f. 583-588 German Order of Harugari, 1874-1911.
 - f. 589 Order of the Eastern Star, Brunswick chapter, n.d.
 - f. 590-592 Brunswick Lodge, No. 34, Independent Order of Odd Fellows.
 - f. 593 Knights of Honor, Chariton Lodge, No. 2112, Brunswick, 1880.
 - f. 594-623 Knights of Honor, Grand Lodge of Missouri, 1880-1915.
 - f. 623A The Good Templars, Brunswick.
 - f. 624-689 Brunswick Public Schools, 1863-1919. Correspondence; minutes of township meetings and board of education; teachers' applications, contracts, and reports; accounts, notes, and receipts; record book, 1867-1869; poll books,

1868, 1890, and 1907; voter lists; records of Colored School; enumerations of children; contractors' bids; school bonds; catalogues and advertising ephemera; miscellany.

- f. 690-711 U.S. Post Office, Brunswick, n.d., 1907-1935. Postmaster correspondence. Carroll County citizens' petition for rural route, 1908; map. Employee vacation records, 1923-1934. Carrier time cards. Change of address records. Reports. Charges against mail carriers; customer complaints. Accounts.

Louis Benecke Papers, 1817-1919 Series

- f. 712-1479 **Correspondence, 1856-1919** Subseries
 f. 712-713 1856-1869
 f. 714-782 1870-1876
 f. 735-738 Correspondence--Lexlow and Voight, 1868-1872.
 f. 739-743 Correspondence--Private, 1872.
 f. 744-763 Correspondence--Claims and Business, 1873-1876.
 f. 764-782 Correspondence—"Private," 1873-1876.
 f. 783-795 Correspondence, 1877.
 f. 796-807 Correspondence, 1878.
 f. 808-819 Correspondence, 1879.

Folders of correspondence and corresponding volumes of letterbooks:

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| f. 820-831 | 1880 | V. 32,33, Letterbooks G, H |
| f. 832-844 | 1881 | V. 33, Letterbook H |
| f. 845-856 | 1882 | V. 33, Letterbook H |
| f. 857-869 | 1883 | V. 33, Letterbook H |
| f. 870-884 | 1884 | V. 33,34, Letterbook H, I |
| f. 885-899 | 1885 | V. 34, Letterbook I |
| f. 900-913 | 1886 | V. 34,35, Letterbook I, K |
| f. 914-927 | 1887 | V. 35, Letterbook K |
| f. 928-943 | 1888 | V. 35,36, Letterbook K, L |
| f. 944-958 | 1889 | V. 36-38, Letterbooks L, M, N |
| f. 959-971 | 1890 | V. 38, Letterbook N |
| f. 972-984 | 1891 | V. 38, Letterbook N |
| f. 985-997 | 1892 | V. 38, Letterbook N |
| f. 998-1009 | 1893 | V. 39, Letterbook O |
| f. 1010-1027 | 1894 | V. 39,40, Letterbooks O, P |
| f. 1028-1044 | 1895 | V. 40,41, Letterbooks P, R |
| f. 1045-1063 | 1896 | V. 41,42, Letterbooks R, S |
| f. 1064-1080 | 1897 | V. 42,43, Letterbooks S, U |
| f. 1081-1096 | 1898 | V. 43, Letterbook U |
| f. 1097-1114 | 1899 | V. 43, Letterbook U |
| f. 1115-1131 | 1900 | V. 43,44, Letterbooks U, V |
| f. 1132-1148 | 1901 | V. 44,45, Letterbooks V, W |
| f. 1149-1166 | 1902 | V. 45,46, Letterbooks W, X |
| f. 1167-1181 | 1903 | V. 46, Letterbook X |
| f. 1182-1199 | 1904 | V. 47, Letterbook Y |

f. 1200-1211	1905	V. 47,48, Letterbook Y, Z
f. 1213-1227	1906	V. 48, Letterbook Z
f. 1228-1242	1907	V. 48, Letterbook Z
f. 1243-1259	1908	V. 49, Letterbook I
f. 1260-1283	1909	V. 50, Letterbook II
f. 1284-1303	1910	V. 49, Letterbook I
f. 1304-1323	1911	V. 49,50, Letterbooks I, II
f. 1324-1341	1912	V. 50, Letterbook II
f. 1342-1361	1913	V. 50, Letterbook II
f. 1362-1381	1914	V. 50, Letterbook II
f. 1382-1404	1915	V. 50, Letterbook II
f. 1405-1423	1916	V. 50, Letterbook II
f. 1424-1440	1917	V. 50, Letterbook II
f. 1441-1463	1918	
f. 1464-1479	1919	

There are no letterbooks for 1918-1919.

f. 1480-1803 **Legislative and Political Papers, n.d., 1861-1919** Subseries. Active in Republican politics, Benecke attended every Republican State Convention from 1866-1908, except two; was a delegate from Chariton County to all congressional, senatorial, and judicial conventions of his district. He served as chairman of the Chariton County Republican Committee, 1866, and was a member of the State Republican Committee in 1868. He was state senator for the 5th Congressional district, 1870-1874; author of the Chariton County local option bill which served as a model for similar legislation throughout the state; an alternate delegate to the Republican National Convention, 1888, 1892, and 1896; and a delegate to the Republican National Convention, 1908. He served as chairman of the Republican Congressional Committee, 1892, and in 1908 was on the committee to notify Vice President Sherman. Benecke's legislative and political papers are divided into three sections: chronological, Republican Club papers, and miscellany. The chronological section includes correspondence, files on individuals [T.S. Dines, Perry S. Rader, Wesley Isles, H.F. Lincoln, others], campaign literature, convention proceedings, minutes, memorandums, newspaper clippings, printed materials, ballots and election returns, and political ephemera. Correspondence precedes printed materials for each year.

f. 1480	1861-1868
f. 1481	n.d. [c. 1870s]
f. 1482-1489	1870
f. 1490-1494	1871
f. 1495-1517	1872-1873
f. 1518-1530	1874
f. 1531-1539	1875-1879
f. 1540-1548	1880-1885
f. 1549-1564	1886-1888
f. 1565-1605	1889-1891
f. 1606-1618	1892
f. 1619	1893

- f. 1620-1626 1894
- f. 1627-1629 1895.
- f. 1630-1644 1896
- f. 1645-1664 1897.
- f. 1665-1675 1898
- f. 1676-1679 1899
- f. 1680-1693 1900.
- f. 1694-1698 1901
- f. 1699-1707 1902
- f. 1708-1711 1903
- f. 1712-1719 1904
- f. 1720-1725 1905
- f. 1726-1735 1906.
- f. 1736-1739 1907
- f. 1740-1746 1908
- f. 1747-1751 1909
- f. 1752-1758 1910
- f. 1759-1761 1911
- f. 1762-1774 1912
- f. 1775-1776 1913
- f. 1777-1781 1914
- f. 1782-1783 1915
- f. 1784-1791 1916
- f. 1792-1794 1917-1918
- f. 1795-1796 1919
- f. 1797-1798 Republican Club Record Book, 1884-1892; papers, n.d., 1884-1912.
- f. 1799-1803 Miscellany, n.d. [c. 1870s-1914].
- f. 1804-1940 **Personal Papers, n.d., 1817-1919** Subseries
 - f. 1804-1827 Chronological, n.d., 1865-1919. Personal papers of Louis Benecke include correspondence, court and legal documents, a hunting license and gun permit, land records and tax assessment lists, automobile and weather records, files on individuals and topics, memorandum/address books, invitations and programs, newspaper clippings and printed materials, family records and a German account book.
 - f. 1828-1830 Certificates and commissions, 1865-1914. Louis Benecke's certificates and commissions, 1865-1914. Notary commissions, 1865-1909. Knights of Honor, 1884, 1886, 1890. German Order of Harugari, 1896-1897. Federal Soldier's Home Board of Trustees, 1897. Missouri Real Estate Dealer's Association certification for Benecke and Benecke, 1914. Benecke's 1915 assessment lists.
 - f. 1831-1844 Manuscripts and speeches, n.d., c. 1872-1919. Majority of manuscripts are written in German.
 - f. 1845-1869 Financial and insurance records, 1867-1919. Cover his business, law firm, and personal finances.
 - f. 1870-1940 Price-Benecke Partnership Estate Papers. The Price-Benecke partnership estate consisted of "Cut-Off" lands held jointly by Louis Benecke and Sterling

Price. Price attended to the “outside of office matters” such as looking after land improvements, renting out and entering into contract of sale or leasing of the lands. Austin Price assumed these responsibilities upon the death of Sterling [1892] and was granted letters of administration; Benecke became administrator as surviving partner with consent of Price in 1895. Papers in this section include correspondence, Sterling Price’s estate papers, partnership estate settlement papers, court and legal documents, bar land records, deeds, abstracts, maps and land plats, and related miscellany.

f. 1941-2115 **Subject Files Subseries**

- f. 1941-1992 Cut-Off Fishing and Hunting Club and Cut-Off lands. Include township meeting minutes; map; incorporation papers; club minutes; correspondence; financial records; account book; accounts and receipts; litigation papers; deeds and legal documents; guest cards; fishing permits; receipts; lake leases for Fish Club; Benecke’s notes; miscellany.
- f. 1993-2025 Missouri River lands, n.d., 1817, 1850-1911. Changes in the Missouri River shoreline over the years resulted in numerous litigations over land ownership. Papers in this section include correspondence, court and legal documents, maps, plats, and surveys. Maps trace shoreline changes of the river since 1817. Litigation papers are arranged alphabetically by client, then chronologically. There are maps, plats, and surveys with the litigation papers as well as in a separate map section arranged chronologically by the date they were created; maps used as exhibits in various litigations are so marked.
- f. 2026-2034 Germans.
- f. 2035-2043 Grand River Bridge, n.d., 1894-1909. Materials in this section include citizens’ petitions; minutes of bridge commissioner’s meeting, May 15, 1907; map and bridge specifications; newspaper clippings; Missouri Supreme Court, Carroll County Court, and Chariton County Circuit Court documents; correspondence with engineers, Kansas City bridge companies; U.S. Senators, W.J. Stone and William Warner; U.S. War Department; attorney Virgil Cockling; county officials and others; Carroll County financial statements, 1900, 1908-1909. Chariton County Assessor’s Book, 1901. Picture post cards; miscellany.
- f. 2044-2048 Missouri River navigation, 1908-1916.
- f. 2049-2078 Patent Papers, 1873-1911. An inventor, Benecke obtained patents on brackets, a chuck, calendars, and a water motor. As an attorney he handled patents for clients, often acquiring a financial interest and later assignment of their patents. Materials in this section include his novelty bracket patent and papers, orders, bills and memorandums; correspondence with patent attorneys, manufacturers of machinists’ tools, inventors and patent agencies; price lists; advertising; illustrated catalogs; photographs and drawings.
- f. 2079-2115 Temperance and prohibition, 1874-1912. Benecke, an avid anti-prohibitionist, introduced legislation against religious and temperance fanatics, wrote numerous articles and speeches, and authored the Chariton County local option bill, which served as a model for similar legislation throughout the state. Materials in this section include correspondence, local option campaign papers, manuscripts, newspaper clippings and pamphlets, petitions, a

scrapbook, miscellaneous printed items; and illustrate growth of the prohibition movement from 1874, opposition of German-Americans, and misconduct of prohibitionist preachers.

f. 2116-2135 **Newspaper Clippings File, n.d., 1864-1910s** Subseries

Military Papers Series

f. 2136-2242 **Civil War and Claims Papers** Subseries

- f. 2136-2142 Colored Volunteers; Enrolled Missouri Militia. Enlistment books and papers, colored volunteers, Brunswick, 1863-1864. 35th Enrolled Missouri Militia companies.
- f. 2143-2162 Company I, 49th Missouri Infantry Volunteers. Pay and clothing account, Captain Gentry's Co. H. Muster Out roll, 40th Missouri Infantry Volunteers. Morning report, 35th Enrolled Missouri Militia, Co. G.
- f. 2163-2168 49th Missouri Infantry Volunteers. Prisoner Charles Paul's papers. Benecke's arrest. Claims and receipts. Applications for bounty, 1865. Muster out roll. Bounty orders.
- f. 2169 Chariton County Rangers, Company B, descriptive list and roll book. Rank, physical description, place of birth, occupation, and place and date enrolled are given. Lieutenant Benecke and Captain Joseph Stanley enrolled the men.
- f. 2170 35th Enrolled Missouri Militia, Company B. Muster roll of Captain Joseph Stanley.
- f. 2171 35th Enrolled Missouri Militia, Company I. Muster rolls, Captain W.H. Reese. Clothing and supplementary rolls. Miscellany.
- f. 2172-2179 35th Enrolled Missouri Militia. Bosse's claim papers. Roster, companies A-K. Lists. Correspondence. Orders for pay collected (by companies). Pay claims, I Company. Captain William Reese's papers. Claims from companies I, B, and G including affidavits, receipts, letters; quarterly return of ordnance and ordnance stores (Co. G); commission.
- f. 2180 William Beaty's Company A, Carroll County Enrolled Missouri Militia. Payroll and muster rolls. Appraisal of property lost at Carrollton by the surrender on October 17, 1864. Deposition on the surrender.
- f. 2181-2184 Muster rolls and rosters. Company rolls of militia and claim information in notebooks kept by Louis Benecke.
- f. 2185-2189 Rosters, orders, quartermaster accounts and abstracts.
- f. 2190 35th Regiment, Enrolled Missouri Militia and others, 1862-1871. Miscellaneous accounts and receipts.
- f. 2191-2193 Louis Benecke's receipt books, receipts, 1866-1871; principally for claims. Teachers' salaries including black school. Livery stable bill. Benecke's room rent accounts.
- f. 2194 Jerry X. Mitchell's journal containing roll of Co. H, 9th Cavalry, Missouri State Militia, stationed at Columbia, Rolla, and Brunswick, 1862-1863. Descriptive entries for December 12, 1862-January 19, 1863.
- f. 2195-2196 A.H. Winn Papers. A.H. Winn's overland travel diary, letters and papers, 1862-1863. Published correspondence. Letters from Sacramento to his brother, General A.M. Winn. Detailed description of A.H. Winn's military

- career. Free masonry. Polk County, Iowa relief petition. Winn, a wounded soldier, received aid from the Ladies Patriotic Fund of the Pacific.
- f. 2197 Record of Hospital No. 3, Nashville, Tennessee, 1864-1865, given to Louis Benecke by John W. Howard. Soldier's name, rank, company, regiment, and miscellaneous remarks are given. Eighteen men were Missouri soldiers. Accounts for harvesting, beef, and a mule appear on two pages.
- f. 2198 Notebook kept by John Kuechler, Sergeant, Co. H, 18th Missouri Infantry, while a prisoner of war in Montgomery, Alabama. Majority of entries are written in German. Kuechler was from Brunswick.
- f. 2199 Notices of military assessments against disloyal citizens of Chariton County sent by Col. William E. Moberly; receipts, 1862-1863; assessment roll, 1863, Brunswick and Yellow Creek townships. Papers concerning suspected bushwhackers; reports on their movements. Order signed by Lt. Col. A.T. Denny, Glasgow, for roll to be made of all disloyalists and their families. List of rebel prisoners.
- f. 2200 Depositions and statements citing southern sympathizers, bushwhackers, and rebels. Abstract of statements against conscripts.
- f. 2201 Military papers. Orders of Captain Benecke's 49th Missouri Volunteers. Rolls of Co. G, R. Hooper's Company. Chariton County politics. Draft of Benecke's letter to Missouri's governor on action taken by Brunswick mayor for civil order during Chariton County election; Spencer rifles.
- f. 2202-2206 Chariton County politics, 1865-1868. Notice of contested election, Griffin v. Salisbury, 1866. Supporting evidence includes list of disqualified southern sympathizers. Subpoenas signed by Louis Benecke and J.P. Jones, Justices of the Peace. Transcript of trial. Depositions (p. 10-11 missing). Papers related to loyalty of claimants.
- f. 2207-2213 Louis Benecke correspondence, 1866-1870. Memorandums, 1863-1874, on provisions furnished Enrolled Missouri Militia. Bond of Ernest Hoelke, Notary Public, 1866. Militia claims, quartermaster stores, 1864-1868. Horse pay for Co. E, 9th Missouri State Militia Cavalry. Miscellany.
- f. 2214-2215 John Cox claim and personal papers.
- f. 2216-2223 Missouri State claim papers, 1875-1880, primarily for Carroll County service, include powers of attorney, accounts for pay, quartermaster claims, lists. Agents Benecke, John B. Gray, Hequembourg and McDowell.
- f. 2224-2225 Carroll County Enrolled Missouri Militia claims; powers of attorney for state militia claims.
- f. 2226-2230 Powers of attorney for State Militia claims, A-Z.
- f. 2231 Claims for horses and equipment, 65th Enrolled Missouri Militia.
- f. 2232-2235 Property lost at capture of Carrollton. Soldier lists. Horse claims. Correspondence. Miscellany.
- f. 2236-2242 Printed materials. Louis Benecke's manuscript, book, and article on the Civil War in Chariton and surrounding counties. Newspaper clippings. Pictures of Benecke in uniform.
- f. 2243-2262 **War Claims and Pensions** Subseries. Louis Benecke's subject files on pension policies of U.S. Commissioner Evans, 1893-1901; pension claims of minors, 1890s. Printed materials and newspaper clippings related to pensions,

Missouri war claims, Mexican War claims, 1849-1918. Letters received by Benecke in response to notice published July 12, 1919 placing Enrolled Missouri Militia on pensionable status; related documents and newspaper clippings.

f. 2263-2339 **Veterans and Veterans' Organizations** Subseries

- f. 2263-2264 Chariton County veterans lists.
- f. 2265-2268 Louis Benecke's correspondence with ex-prisoner of war organizations; related papers, 1887-1908. John S. Ferguson letters. Confederate soldier's letter, 1864, on a Brunswick woman spy and rebel activities in Chariton County.
- f. 2269 Sons of Veterans materials and correspondence, 1887-1896. Application for camp charter giving applicants' names, birthplace, residence, occupation, father's name and military history.
- f. 2270 Roll book of members, Union soldiers' reunions.
- f. 2271-2275 18th Missouri Volunteer Infantry. Constitution. History in *Unionville Republican* articles, 1893-1894.
- f. 2276 18th and 42nd Missouri Regiments. Reunion items.
- f. 2277-2321 Grand Army of the Republic, 1882-1917. Papers in this section include Benecke's quasi-official correspondence, letterbook, and speeches as Department Commander; G.A.R. circulars, general and special orders, reports, resolutions; Pinhart Post No. 268 papers; descriptive rolls of Salisbury Post and F.A. Jones Post, No. 23, Macon; Women's Relief Corp items; soldiers' rosters; newspaper clippings; state and national encampment items; photographs; miscellany.
- f. 2322-2339 Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, Commandry of the State of Missouri, 1893-1930. Printed circulars, 1894-1930 (incomplete), have military histories of candidates for membership, annual reports and financial statements. Registers, 1894-1896, 1901 give name, rank, current addresses, and list of officers. Biographical memorial circulars. Dues receipts. Ballots for officers. Letters of W.R. Hodges and others on the volunteer officers retired list bill, pension legislation. Constitution and by-laws, 1919. Newspaper clippings and miscellany including circulars of other states, publication circulars, G.A.R. circulars of Brunswick and Indian Grove posts.
- f. 2340-2423 **Federal Soldiers' Home, St. James Records, 1897-1913** Subseries. Complaints file, letterbook, correspondence, proceedings of the Board of Managers, annual and biennial reports; reports of the president, commissary sergeant, inspectors; committee reports to the G.A.R. Department Commander; miscellany. There is a gap in correspondence for 1907-1909.
- f. 2424-2454 *U.S. v. Benecke* Subseries. Charges against Louis Benecke, Emil Selig, and John Cox for withholding back pay and bounty claims and pension funds from black claimants; resultant court cases; Benecke's suspension as attorney. The U.S. Supreme Court reversed a lower court's decision (U.S. District Court, Western District of Missouri) against Benecke. Papers in this section include Benecke's claim and indictment memorandums, memorandums of evidence, accounts and account book, and correspondence; legal documents and court records; John Cox

papers; affidavits of black veterans and others; newspaper clippings; black claim files with individual indices [c.1868-1889].

- f. 2455-4026 **War Claims and Pension Files** Subseries. Correspondence, legal documents, and papers related to war claims and pensions. The majority of claims relate to the Civil War, and are from veterans and widows of Chariton, Carroll, and surrounding counties, and were submitted by Benecke to the U.S. Department of Interior, Bureau of Pensions. Claimants were mostly from irregular military organizations, which served in Missouri and included Enrolled Missouri Militia, Missouri State Militia, Benecke's 49th Missouri Infantry Volunteers, United States Colored Troops, and volunteer soldiers of Indiana, Illinois and other states. There are also nurses' claims; a few confederate claims; War of 1812, Mexican War, Spanish War, and Indian War claims; and World War I claims. Arrangement is alphabetical by name of soldier (or claimant if a civilian, or if a soldier's name cannot be determined), then chronologically. Black claims are filed together, also alphabetically. Material found in these files includes "Blue Letters" to Missouri State Militia claimants concerning bounty claims allowed and horse pay, signed by E.B. French, 2nd Auditor, U.S. Treasury Department, 1868-1873; Enrolled Missouri Militia claims, 1874-1875; discharge papers; powers of attorney; applications for bounty; horse claims; Department of the Interior, Bureau of Pension's notices; soldiers' and doctors' affidavits; pay claims; quartermaster claims; correspondence with claimants; marriage records; family genealogies; Civil War letters and documents. There are excellent descriptions of battles, military life, medical care, resultant health concerns, and comments on legislation of concern to veterans.
- f. 2455-2676 **War Claims and Pension Files. Black Claims. [DIGITIZED]**
- f. 2455 Broadside: Notice of bounty money for colored persons, St. Louis, n.d. Receipts for attorney's fees, 1868; U.S. Colored Infantry claims, n.d., 1867-1869.
- f. 2456 Claim forms prior to 1878 for compensation for enlisted slaves. Certificates of colored volunteer enlistment. Arranged alphabetically by name of slave owner.
- f. 2457-2675 Correspondence, legal documents, and papers related to black war claims and pensions. Descriptive slave affidavits. Slave bills of sale. Arranged alphabetically by name of soldier.
- f. 2457-2483 A-B
- f. 2484-2527 C-G
- f. 2528-2573 H-L
- f. 2574-2611 M-P
- f. 2612-2641 R-S
- f. 2642-2649 T-V
- f. 2650-2676 W-Z
- f. 2677-4026 **War Claims and Pension Files. War claims and pension files arranged alphabetically by name of soldier and/or claimant.**
- f. 2677-2710 A
- f. 2711-2855 B
- f. 2856-2955 C

f. 2956-3013 D
 f. 3014-3037 E
 f. 3038-3084 F
 f. 3085-3147 G
 f. 3148-3254 H
 f. 3255-3261 I
 f. 3262-3294 J
 f. 3295-3348 K
 f. 3349-3411 L
 f. 3412-3551 M
 f. 3552-3567 N
 f. 3568-3576 O
 f. 3677-3632 P
 f. 3633-3637 Q
 f. 3638-3714 R
 f. 3715-3873 S
 f. 3874-3920 T
 f. 3921-3923 U
 f. 3924-3937 V
 f. 3938-4013 W
 f. 4014-4023 Y
 f. 4024-4026 Z

Law Firm Records, c. 1846-1960s, n.d. Series

f. 4027-5552 **Case Files** Subseries. There are four separate sets of case files. Files consist of correspondence, court records, legal documents, memorandums, legal briefs, and miscellany. Arrangement is alphabetical within each section. Louis Benecke's packet file labels have been preserved to provide a chronological overview of the cases handled by him (f. 4851a). Court dockets are at the end of the circuit and probate court sections and fill in gaps in packet dates.

f.4027-4062 Louis Benecke, Attorney and Justice of the Peace Case Files, 1869-1915. Justice of the peace and circuit court civil cases in Chariton County before the city recorder, and the city council of Brunswick. Papers include correspondence; court and legal documents; accounts, notes, and receipts; case briefs and memorandums.

f. 4063-4851 Circuit court case files of Louis and Ruby W. Benecke. Arranged alphabetically by name of plaintiff.

f. 4063-4092 Adams-Austin.

f. 4093-4109 Bachtel-Benecke. Balch litigations over Cut-Off land ownership.

f. 4110-4124 Bynumville Land Papers and Plats

f. 4125-4134 Stockyard papers

f. 4135-4158 Louis Benecke, plaintiff and defendant in various suits.

f. 4159-4192 Bertsch-Bruce.

f. 4193-4199 Brunswick Brick and Tile Company.

f. 4200-4202 Bryant-Buck.

- f. 4203-4212 *Bucksath v. Manson* partition. *Bucksath v. Noll*.
- f. 4213-4218 Burris-Byrne.
- f. 4219-4221 Call-Carey.
- f. 4222-4234 Carson title suits.
- f. 4235-4241 Caton-Chariton County.
- f. 4242-4250 City of Brunswick.
- f. 4251 Clark-Cobbs.
- f. 4252-4271 Coffey-Cuppy.
- f. 4272-4278 Davis-Dehart.
- f. 4279-4284 *Deutsch Protestant Lutheran Church v. Walther et al*, n.d., 1877-1889.
- f. 4285-4295 Dietrich-Dye.
- f. 4296-4308 Edwards-Evans.
- f. 4309-4333 Feaker-Friese. Pease Cooper deeds (f. 4319).
- f. 4334-4339 Gaines-*German Lutheran Church*.
- f. 4340-4360 Geromini-Guyton and Harrington Mule Company.
- f. 4361-4383 Hagemeyer-Heisel. *Hartman v. City of Brunswick*.
- f. 4384-4387 John N. Henecke.
- f. 4388-4394 Heuston-Hunten.
- f. 4395 Huslage-Tschann partition.
- f. 4396-4398 Ingram-Irvin.
- f. 4399-4406 Jackson-Joseph.
- f. 4407-4411 Kahler-Kennedy.
- f. 4412-4482 A.G. Kennedy; Kennedy family
- f. 4483-4503 Kermickel-Kunstler. John A. Keyte's Civil War claims.
- f. 4504 Kussman naturalization papers.
- f. 4505-4523 Lacy-Long.
- f. 4524 Overholt genealogy.
- f. 4525-4526 Longsdorff-Luster.
- f. 4527 *Lynn v. Barnes*.
- f. 4528-4533 McAllister-McMarnan.
- f. 4534-4560 Manson-Meyer.
- f. 4561-4562 *Meyer v. Meyer*.
- f. 4563-4575 Meyer-Mizner.
- f. 4576-4581 [Caroline] *Mom* [Meyer] v. [William] *Strate et al*.
- f. 4582-4594 Monk-Moritz.
- f. 4595-4598 Mortenmeyer-Myers.
- f. 4599-4615 Nance-Null.
- f. 4616-4625 Ohio Cultivator Company-Owens.
- f. 4626-4651 Partenheimer-Purvis.
- f. 4652 *Quick v. Henderson*.
- f. 4653-4667 Ray-Rohlfer.
- f. 4668-4669 *Saloon v. County*.
- f. 4670-4711 Sanderbrink-Spillman.
- f. 4712-4731 State case files, B-P.
- f. 4732-4738 State case files, S.
- f. 4739-4747 State case files, S-Z.

- f. 4748-4757 Tax suit dockets and memorandums, 1885-1893; case files, 1888-1905.
- f. 4758-4769 Sterne-Suess.
- f. 4770-4792 Taylor-Turner.
- f. 4793-4796 Union Central Life-Vier.
- f. 4797-4799 *Wabash Railroad v. Sasse et al.*
- f. 4800-4813 Wahl-Warden.
- f. 4814-4825 Warren-White.
- f. 4826-4837 Wickes-Wyeth.
- f. 4838-4851 Yeager-Zinn.
- f. 4851a Louis Benecke's packet labels--Circuit Court, n.d., 1883-1916.
- f. 4852-4905 Circuit Court Case Files of Ruby W. Benecke, 1920-1964. Arranged alphabetically by name of plaintiff.
 - f. 4854 John D. Taylor estate.
 - f. 4856 *City of Brunswick v. Benecke et al.*
 - f. 4863 W.T. Heishman estate.
 - f. 4864 Collections for Governor Hyde.
 - f. 4871-4872 Allie Gros papers.
 - f. 4875-4880 George L. Switzler estate.
 - f. 4881-4905 Circuit Court Dockets.
- f. 4906-5552 Probate Court case files of Louis and Ruby W. Benecke. Papers span ten decades (1860s-1950s) of estate administrations and settlements in Chariton and surrounding central Missouri counties, as well as the Beneckes' law practice. There is overlapping of material from this section with material from the Collections subseries (f. 6038-6607). Arrangement is alphabetical by name of estate. Louis Benecke's packet file labels (f. 5551) provide a chronological overview of the cases handled by him.
 - f. 4906-4915 Adcox-Anderson.
 - f. 4916-4917 Bandy-Barnes.
 - f. 4918-4919 Joseph Beine estate.
 - f. 4920 Philip M. Bell estate.
 - f. 4921-4922 Augusta Joanna Benecke estate.
 - f. 4923 Lucy S. Benton estate.
 - f. 4924-4925 Berrenger-Berringer.
 - f. 4926 William E. Bitter estate.
 - f. 4927-4934 Bowersmith.
 - f. 4935-4936 Philip Bowling.
 - f. 4937-4946 Brandt. SEE ALSO: Reese (f. 5298-5303).
 - f. 4947-4959 Braun-Buddicker.
 - f. 4960-4961 Heinrich Dietrich Bunte.
 - f. 4962-4963 Phillip Buttiker.
 - f. 4964-4975 Capehart-Chilcott.
 - f. 4976 Joseph Christes.
 - f. 4977-4993 Clair-Cunningham.
 - f. 4994-5006 Davis-Difani.
 - f. 5007 Dill minors and Musgrove heirs.
 - f. 5008-5013 Garrett Dye and Dye and Garvin partnership estate.

- f. 5014 Elizabeth Elliott.
- f. 5015-5045 Faller-Fultz.
- f. 5046-5069 Glasscock-Gutzschebauch.
- f. 5070 Adolph Hagan. SEE ALSO: Verena Meyer estate (F.5227-5237).
- f. 5071 Hans Hameister. SEE ALSO: European Collections subseries (f. 5883-6037).

- f. 5072-5076 Hammond-Hazelwood.
- f. 5077-5093 Hechler-Hellman.
- f. 5094 Josiah Hodge.
- f. 5095-5098 John Hoepner (1825-1886).
- f. 5099-5106 Holden-Hubbard.
- f. 5107 Huslage/Tschann.
- f. 5108-5128 Jackson-Joseph.
- f. 5129-5135 John Kahler.
- f. 5136-5149 Kaiser-Kohleph.
- f. 5150 Krassig.
- f. 5151-5157 John L. Kreider.
- f. 5158 George Kuechler. SEE ALSO: Margarethe Straub estate (f. 5399-5435).
- f. 5159-5160 John Kuechler. SEE ALSO: Reese (f. 5298-5303).
- f. 5161-5165 William Kuhler.
- f. 5166-5172 Kuhlman-Kussmann.
- f. 5173 Elizabeth Moore Lawrence. Moore genealogy. Almanac, 1880-1881.
- f. 5174-5175 Lawrence-Lehnhoff.
- f. 5176-5181 James M. Lester minors.
- f. 5182 Harold Lewis.
- f. 5183-5186 Leslie Ernest Lewis guardianship.
- f. 5187-5191 Likens-Lowder.
- f. 5192 Henry Lutcher. SEE ALSO: European Collections subseries (f. 5883-6037)

- f. 5193-5194 Lynch.
- f. 5195-5199 McCullough-McStillwell.
- f. 5200 Magruder family wills.
- f. 5201-5206 W.D. Magruder.
- f. 5207-5209 Henry Mansen.
- f. 5210-5219 Manson-Mayhew.
- f. 5220-5226 Medlin-Merchant.
- f. 5227-5237 Meyer. SEE ALSO: Adolph Hagan estate (f. 5070).
- f. 5238-5240 Miller guardianships.
- f. 5241-5246 Mitchell-Musick.
- f. 5247 William Naegle.
- f. 5248 Neiholdt minors. SEE ALSO: European Collections subseries (f. 5883-6037).

- f. 5249-5252 Daniel Newcomer.
- f. 5253-5257 Newsom-Null.
- f. 5258-5266 Olvader-Owens.
- f. 5267-5269 William B. Palmer.

- f. 5270-5278 Perkinson-Peterson.
- f. 5279-5283 Washington Pettigrew minors.
- f. 5284 Sylvia Ann Philips. Pension papers of Reynoldo Whiting.
- f. 5285-5287 Pilatz-Pinnell.
- f. 5288-5291 James T. Plunkett.
- f. 5292-5293 Pointer-Prather.
- f. 5294-5296 Price.
- f. 5297 George Pryor.
- f. 5298-5303 Reese partition. SEE ALSO: European Collections subseries (f. 5883-6037).
- f. 5304 Christ Rehling.
- f. 5305-5317 Riley-Ross.
- f. 5318 Anton Rotermund will.
- f. 5319 John D. Ruddell.
- f. 5320-5330 Sasse.
- f. 5331-5332 Scheerer-Scherer. SEE ALSO: European Collections subseries (f. 5883-6037).
- f. 5333-5336 Charles W. Scheutzel estate.
- f. 5337 Maud Lillian Schmaltz.
- f. 5338-5346 Peter Schmidt.
- f. 5347-5349 Schrader-Schroeder.
- f. 5350-5358 George and Rudolph Schuchmann.
- f. 5359-5367 Schumacher-Shepherd.
- f. 5368-5371 B.H. Shipp. James A. Snyder land.
- f. 5372-5378 Showers-Sleyster.
- f. 5379-5386 Smith.
- f. 5387-5392 Smutz-Stein.
- f. 5393 Hugh Stephenson.
- f. 5394-5398 Stephenson, J.P.-Strate.
- f. 5399-5435 Straub Family.
- f. 5436-5437 Stroemer-Strother.
- f. 5438-5439 Strub.
- f. 5440-5459 Louis Sturm estate.
- f. 5460-5463 Susewind.
- f. 5464-5466 John Jacob Switzer.
- f. 5467-5474 Teeters-Tracy.
- f. 5475 J.E.M. Triplett. Otto Benecke v Triplett.
- f. 5476-5480 Tschan-Tyler.
- f. 5481-5483 Underwood-Vaughn.
- f. 5484-5494 George Wahl.
- f. 5495-5500 Walker-Wegner.
- f. 5501-5506 Wehmeier [Wehmeyer].
- f. 5507-5512 Weimer-Wheeler.
- f. 5513-5519 Williams.
- f. 5520 Phoebe Wilson [black].
- f. 5521 Jack Withers' minors.

- f. 5522-5525 Young.
- f. 5526-5527 Zimmerman.
- f. 5528-5531 Zuerl. Brunswick and St. Louis German merchants' accounts, 1870s; beer accounts; European collection papers with correspondence in German.
- f. 5532-5537 Probate court dockets of Carroll and Chariton counties, 1869-1919 (incomplete).
- f. 5538 Judgements and accounts allowed, 1877-1887.
- f. 5539-5543 Uncollected and overdue promissory notes, 1860s-1890, including notes due Louis Benecke.
- f. 5544-5550 Memorandums, 1874-1879. Memorandums on wills and contracts, 1885. Miscellany, 1860-1925.
- f. 5551 Louis Benecke's probate packet file labels, primarily chronological by settlement date.
- f. 5552 Record Book, 1901-1917. Louis Benecke's record book, 1901-1917, containing legal briefs, correspondence, related copies of documents filed with various county, circuit, and probate courts; affidavits for pension claims; bank deposit records; miscellany. The letter "O" appears on the spine of the volume and references to Letterbook "O" in the correspondence section can refer to this volume as well as to V. 49, Letterbook O.
- f. 5553-5882 **Client Files** Subseries. There are two separate client files sections. Papers are arranged alphabetically by name of client within each section.
 - f. 5553-5773 Client files of Louis and Ruby W. Benecke, 1860s-1919.
 - f. 5553-5558 Adams-Armstrong.
 - f. 5559 Arrow Rock Social Club.
 - f. 5560-5561 Ashby-Atteberry.
 - f. 5562-5564 Bante-Barton.
 - f. 5565-5566 Herman Beltz.
 - f. 5567-5568 Louis Benecke's papers as plaintiff before Justice of the Peace Charles E. Finch in cases involving debt and arrears of rent, 1911 and 1913. Otto Benecke correspondence with claim attorney for the Wabash Railroad, 1916, concerning fire which destroyed Otto's strawberry patch.
 - f. 5569-5577 Bentley-Bruce.
 - f. 5578 Brunswick citizens. Saloons.
 - f. 5579-5580 City of Brunswick. Charter repeal; coal mining.
 - f. 5581-5584 Brunswick Fair Association; Brunswick Lumber Company; Brunswick Nursery; Brunswick Water and Light Company.
 - f. 5585-5587 Bucksath-Buttiker.
 - f. 5588-5590 Carney-Champion.
 - f. 5591 Chariton County Exchange Bank.
 - f. 5592-5593 Cole-Crouch.
 - f. 5594-5600 Dealing-Dyer.
 - f. 5601-5602 Ellsberry-Far West Club.
 - f. 5603-5605 Feckler-Fisher.
 - f. 5606-5609 Fleetwood-Fletcher.
 - f. 5610-5614 Emory S. Foster.

- f. 5615-5616 Fretz-Fromeler.
- f. 5617-5631 Gaffney-Grotjan.
- f. 5632-5642 Haeflinger-Husk.
- f. 5643-5645 Jaeger-Jessup.
- f. 5646-5651 Johnson-Jones.
- f. 5652-5655 Keiser-Keyte.
- f. 5656-5660 Kinkhorst-Kreider.
- f. 5661-5664 Likens-Lutscher.
- f. 5665-5666 McCollough-MacFarland.
- f. 5667-5675 Maier-Mayhugh.
- f. 5676 Methodist African Church.
- f. 5677-5682 Meyer-Myers.
- f. 5683-5684 Newbold-Noel.
- f. 5685 Hugh Oppenheimer et al.
- f. 5686-5689 Painter-Payne.
- f. 5690-5700 Jasper M. Peery.
- f. 5701-5703 Peery-Pippin.
- f. 5704-5708 Rankin-Riley.
- f. 5709-5711 William Rosenstein.
- f. 5712-5715 Sachse-Schlapp.
- f. 5716-5719 Rudolph Schuchman.
- f. 5720-5728 Selsor-Skaggs.
- f. 5729-5747 Smith-Suess.
- f. 5748-5755 Thorp-Tyler.
- f. 5756-5758 Unsicker-Vaughn.
- f. 5759-5763 Wabash Railroad Company.
- f. 5764-5773 Weber-Woodward. Brockman will.
- f. 5774-5882 Client files of Ruby W. Benecke, 1919-1968.
 - f. 5774-5778 Allen-Atterbury. Includes black families.
 - f. 5779-5780 Backus-Barnett.
 - f. 5781-5782 Russell Bartow.
 - f. 5783-5797 Baxley-Byrd.
 - f. 5798-5800 Carson-Crawford.
 - f. 5801 Harold M. Dammann, 1951.
 - f. 5802-5804 Fritz Druppel, n.d., 1927-1968
 - f. 5805-5806 Fern B. Elliott and Earl I. Pollard.
 - f. 5807 Elliott family, 1927-1943.
 - f. 5808-5809 Fischer-Fisher.
 - f. 5810-5811 Garvin-Gross.
 - f. 5812-5819 Heisel-Hurt.
 - f. 5820-5821 Jenkins-Joseph.
 - f. 5822-5823 Kansas City Life Insurance Company-Kempf.
 - f. 5824 Lawrence.
 - f. 5825-5832 Magruder-Myers.
 - f. 5833-5834 Neidholdt-Noll.
 - f. 5835-5838 Patterson heirs, 1921-1941.

- f. 5839-5842 Rains-Richardson.
- f. 5843-5849 Sachse-Seals.
- f. 5850-5854 Smith.
- f. 5855 William G. Stout.
- f. 5856-5861 Straub family.
- f. 5862-5866 Sturm-Swan. Deed, 1860s. Title abstracts. Wills.
- f. 5867 Alma [Sasse] Troxell.
- f. 5868 Harvey Veatch.
- f. 5869-5875 Wabash Railroad, 1920s-1963.
- f. 5876-5881 White-Woodward.
- f. 5882 Yates.
- f. 5883-6037 **European Collections and Business, 1846-1915** Subseries. Louis Benecke's collections of claims and inheritances in Europe for clients from Missouri and other states. Estates are predominately German, English, and French. Claims and/or collections are alphabetical by name of estate against which claim is filed, or by claimant (client) when estate name is not given. Packet labels provide a chronological overview for 1880-1896.
SEE ALSO: Probate Court Case Files subseries (f. 4906-5552) and Louis Benecke Correspondence subseries (f. 712-1479).
- f. 5883 Packet labels, 1880-1896.
- f. 5884-5885 Albrecht.
- f. 5886-5891 Bargold-Brietenbach.
- f. 5892 Brown family.
- f. 5893 Bulck family.
- f. 5894-5895 Cook [Koche]-Cooper.
- f. 5896-5900 Diggs-Duncan.
- f. 5901-5903 Eberhart-Essig.
- f. 5904 Fausel.
- f. 5905-5938 Fisher [Fischer] families. Fisher [Fischer] estates including Adam, Barnard, Joseph, Louis, Ludwig, and others.
SEE ALSO: Louis Benecke Correspondence subseries (f. 712-1479) to fill in gaps for 1893-1898.
- f. 5939-5940 Friesz-Fritze.
- f. 5941-5944 Ginter-Gutschebauch.
- f. 5945-5948 Haaf-Herman.
- f. 5949-5951 Jacobs-Jansen.
- f. 5952-5955 Karchler-Küting.
- f. 5956-5959 Lange-Lütscher.
- f. 5960-5965 Malcolm [Crane]-Mushotzy.
- f. 5966-5976 Naatz-Nolting.
- f. 5977-5983 Paulsen-Priesmeyer.
- f. 5984 Quarles.
- f. 5985-5990 Reese-Rudolph.
- f. 5991-6002 Saal-Stoddard.
- f. 6003-6004 Tiechman-Toben.
- f. 6005-6008 Untermacher-Vornold.

- f. 6009-6015 Wanke-Wolkowitz.
- f. 6016 Ziegler.
- f. 6017-6024 General correspondence and miscellany, n.d., 1860s-1896.
- f. 6025-6029 Correspondence, 1900-1903, requesting Benecke's services in collecting inheritances and claims in Europe. Filed by name of client, Becraft-Weber.
- f. 6030-6037 General correspondence, printed materials and miscellany, n.d., c. 1901-1915. By-laws of the International Bar Association. Foreign consulates, attorneys.
- f. 6038-6607 **Collections, n.d., 1867-1962** Subseries. Correspondence, accounts, notes, and receipts related to collections for debt against residents and businesses of Brunswick and other Chariton County towns.
- f. 6038 Louis Benecke Collection Docket, 1877-1896. Index.
- f. 6039 Ruby W. Benecke and Louis Waldo Benecke Collection Docket, 1917-1942. Index.
- f. 6040-6128 Collections, n.d., 1868-1962.
 - f. 6040 Memorandums and accounts, n.d.
 - f. 6041-6042 Correspondence and accounts, 1868-1880.
 - f. 6043 Collections not made prior to 1885.
 - f. 6044-6049 Collections up to 1889.
 - f. 6050-6054 Correspondence and accounts, n.d., 1890-1906.
 - f. 6055-6058 Uncollected accounts, 1904-1907. Alphabetical by debtor.
 - f. 6059 Collections filed for suit, 1907-1908.
 - f. 6060-6067 Correspondence and accounts, 1907-1917.
 - f. 6068-6128 Commercial collection slips for 1917-1962.
- f. 6129-6169 Client File, n.d., 1867-1916.
 - f. 6129 O. Amerlan, 1882-1884.
 - f. 6130-6132 Blanton-Bruce.
 - f. 6133-6135 W.F. Bruner and Company, Triplett, 1904.
 - f. 6136 Brunswick Hotel, 1910.
 - f. 6137-6140 Caton-Crotts.
 - f. 6141-6143 Demand-Diemer.
 - f. 6144-6145 Elliott-Farris.
 - f. 6146-6147 Dr. Moritz Hermann.
 - f. 6148 Dr. C. Hoffman. Doctor bills, 1870s.
 - f. 6149-6150a Illinois Life Insurance. George J. King. Kinkhorst and Son. 1908-1915.
 - f. 6150B John Kuechler, 1867-1879. .
 - f. 6151-6152 T.J. Righter.
 - f. 6153-6154 T. Rosenstein and Company, 1913-1915.
 - f. 6155 Russell Opera House, 1910.
 - f. 6156-6157 Sasse family, 1866-1916.
 - f. 6158-6159 Schaumberg Brothers, St. Louis, 1876-1881.
 - f. 6160-6161 Scroggins-Schuckman
 - f. 6162 E. Selig and Company, 1869-1870.
 - f. 6163 J.W. Sharp and Son. Brunswick Elevator accounts, 1915.
 - f. 6164 Sam Small and Roscoe Jackson claims against the Wabash Railroad, 1913.
 - f. 6165 Smutz, 1907.
 - f. 6166-6167 Thompson-Trefz.

- f. 6168-6169 Wallace-Wanger.
- f. 6170-6390 Debtor File, 1880s-1919. Majority of these collections were filed in 1915 and 1916.
 - f. 6170-6171 Adkins-Atterbury.
 - f. 6172-6178 Boddy-Bushnell.
 - f. 6179-6189 Carlyle-Croff.
 - f. 6190-6193 Jerome Dearing.
 - f. 6194-6196 Dewitt Bargain Store.
 - f. 6197-6215 George Difani. City Drug Store, Brunswick.
 - f. 6216-6219 Dill-Dye.
 - f. 6220-6233 Elliott-Embree.
 - f. 6234-6238 Farmers's Elevator Company-Franklin.
 - f. 6239-6241 Gates-Gilbert.
 - f. 6242-6253 Halley-Henderson.
 - f. 6254-6266 Herring Pharmacy, Keytesville.
 - f. 6267 George Hobbs.
 - f. 6268-6289 Hopkins and Schrenk.
 - f. 6290-6301 Kahler-Kruger. A.E. Kennedy, 1880s-1890s.
 - f. 6302-6304 Lair-Lawson.
 - f. 6305-6310 McCoy-McPherson.
 - f. 6311-6320 Merrill-Musick and Sasse.
 - f. 6321 John A. Newsom.
 - f. 6322 O.S. Severance and Company, Cunningham, 1886.
 - f. 6323-6328 Owen Grain and Milling Company-W.H. Owens.
 - f. 6329-6334 J.M. Peery and Sons-R.P. Price.
 - f. 6335-6348 Randolph-Rucker.
 - f. 6349-6370 Safreed-Strickland.
 - f. 6371-6374 Taylor-Thrash.
 - f. 6375-6377 Utley-Vaughn.
 - f. 6378-6390 Ward-Yoder.
- f. 6391-6425 Client File, 1917-1960. Collections for individuals and merchants in Brunswick, Dewitt, Mendon, and Triplett. Accounts including lumber and hardware, rental accounts; contracts; promissory notes; mortgages; leases. Correspondence. Court documents and memorandums. Landlord and tenant collections. Real estate business in Chariton County. Majority of collections are in the 1920s; four collections for 1930; one for 1940; and one extending from 1959-1960.
- f. 6426-6535 Debtor File, 1917-1929.
 - f. 6426 H.C. Atterbury.
 - f. 6427-6452 Bales-Bushnell.
 - f. 6453-6458 Clarkson-Crawford.
 - f. 6459 Crismond Marble and Granite.
 - f. 6460-6463 Jerome Dearing.
 - f. 6464-6467 George Difani and the City Drug Store, Brunswick.
 - f. 6468-6469 Disney-Dye.
 - f. 6470-6474 Elliott-Esterbrook.

- f. 6475-6476 Farmer-Fetzer.
- f. 6477-6481 Haden-Herring.
- f. 6482-6483 Jenkins-Joseph.
- f. 6484-6489 Keeting-Knight.
- f. 6490-6491 T.E. Longwill.
- f. 6492-6495 McElvain-McPherson.
- f. 6496-6503 Mason-Moss.
- f. 6504-6510 O'Connell-Owens.
- f. 6511-6513 Penick-Phipps.
- f. 6514-6517 Robertson-Rucker.
- f. 6518-6527 Salter-Strothers.
- f. 6528-6532 T. Miller and Company-Triangle Motor and Supply Company.
- f. 6533-6535 Walker-Zimmerman.
- f. 6536-6607 Debtor File, 1930-1954. The majority of collections in this section were during the 1930s. Correspondence mirrors the effects of the Depression on the everyday working man and woman as well as farming communities and businesses. Several debtors also appear in earlier debtor files.
 - f. 6536 Arnold Elevator Company.
 - f. 6537-6543 Barton-Brooks.
 - f. 6544 Brunswick High School.
 - f. 6545-6547 Brunswick Plumbing and Heating Company.
 - f. 6548-6549 Campbell-Davis.
 - f. 6550-6554 George Difani. City Drug Store, Brunswick.
 - f. 6555-6560 Eli-Lewis [Standard Oil Company].
 - f. 6561-6564 McAdams family-Myers and Deardoff.
 - f. 6565-6566 Penick-Phelps.
 - f. 6567-6576 Ramsay-Rucker sisters.
 - f. 6577 Russell Theatre.
 - f. 6578-6585 Schmidt-Sunnydale Hatchery.
 - f. 6586-6591 Taylor-Tschann.
 - f. 6592-6598 Vitt and Son, Prairie Hill.
 - f. 6599-6607 W.A. Kraxberger and Son-Wiggins.
 - f. 6607 Youman.
- f. 6608-6670 **Land Records** Subseries.
 - f. 6608-6620 Abstracts of title to lots in Brunswick. Grantees include German Methodist and Methodist Episcopal churches. Price's Addition abstract.
 - f. 6621-6646 Abstracts of title to lands in Chariton County. Alphabetical arrangement.
 - f. 6647-6670 Deeds for lots in Brunswick, Cunningham, and Triplett; lands in Adair, Carroll, and Chariton counties. Related correspondence; promissory notes; tax receipts. Rent receipts. Leases. Homestead claims. Louis and Josephine Benecke's deeds. Alphabetical by name of grantee.
- f. 6671-6836 **Miscellaneous Records of Louis Benecke, n.d., 1865-1919** Subseries.
 - f. 6671 Wabash Railroad cases. Index to memorandum books. [Letters and numbers on books are keyed to index]
 - f. 6672-6676 Memorandum books, A-Y. Circuit and probate court cases, briefs, private dockets. Printed circuit and probate court dockets for Chariton County.

- f. 6677-6680 Justice of the Peace suits, 1876-1883.
- f. 6681 Circuit court dockets, 1881-1883.
- f. 6682-6690 General and personal memorandum books, 1876-1913 [incomplete].
- f. 6691-6692 Lawyer's diaries, 1878, 1882.
- f. 6693 Common Place and Brief Book. Index to cases.
- f. 6694-6697 Memorandums and briefs, 1876-1916, corresponding to entries in Common Place and Brief Book, and covering legal opinions and cases. Arranged by topic.
- f. 6698-6699 Newspaper clippings and notebooks, n.d., 1876-1908.
- f. 6700-6712 Legal briefs and memorandums, n.d., 1879-c.1919. *White v. Washington* and black schools. Township election law.
- f. 6713-6716 Mechanic's liens, 1877-1891. Suits v. railroads and corporations, 1879-1908. Petitions and papers on public and private roads, 1878-1905. Correspondence, receipts, court papers, and memorandums on John P. Randolph judgments, n.d., 1899-1918.
- f. 6717-6720 Receipt books and receipts, 1865-1916, for legal fees, collections, land contracts, rents, cemetery lots, labor and wood sawing accounts.
- f. 6721-6722 Undated items. "Lexington Office," 1869-1888. Legal memorandums. Notes on German military leaders and regiments in the Revolutionary War.
- f. 6723-6836 "Sundries", n.d., 1867-1919. Court and legal documents, case files, correspondence, land records, memorandums, and miscellany labeled "Sundries" by Louis Benecke. Arrangement is chronological by year and/or file date. Majority of papers prior to May 2, 1888 were labeled by Benecke as being from his Lexington office.
 - f. 6723 1867-1875.
 - f. 6724-6725 1876-1880.
 - f. 6726-6731 1881-1885.
 - f. 6732 1886.
 - f. 6733 1887.
 - f. 6734 1888-1889.
 - f. 6735 Correspondence concerning farm land sales and real estate, 1881-1891.
 - f. 6736 Legal cases and tax suits, n.d. 1888-1909.
 - f. 6737-6746 1890s.
 - f. 6747 1897-1900.
 - f. 6748 1897.
 - f. 6749 *Holliday v. Wabash Railroad*.
 - f. 6750-6751 1898.
 - f. 6752 Tax suit in which Benecke was a defendant, 1899.
 - f. 6753 Keytesville memos, 1894-1900. Suits before Justice of the Peace.
 - f. 6754-6760 School bond. Title and purchase contract for swampland. Land partition memos. Newspaper clippings. Files of cases before Justice of the Peace court. Senn marriage contract. Land sales and records. Prenuptial agreement. Bill of sale for a livery stable. Mail contracts. Estates. Claims against the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad.
- f. 6761-6762 N. Fentstemaker papers. Itemized sale inventories of printing press items, personal estate. Financial records.

- f. 6769 Social clubs and local option, 1891-1902. Newspaper clippings. Rules and regulations of various clubs throughout the state.
- f. 6772-6774 1903. Alphabetical by party concerned.
- f. 6775-6777 1904.
- f. 6778-6781 Drainage districts, Chariton and Carroll counties, 1904-1906, 1911-1917.
- f. 6782-6783 Lexington Office, n.d., 1894-1908.
- f. 6784-6786 1905 and sundries filed in 1906. Law cases. Land records. Cross and Finche families. Personal property inventory, 1899.
- f. 6787-6789 Patent papers and correspondence between Louis Benecke and David S. Gourick, Washington D.C. attorney, 1905-1908.
- f. 6790 1907.
- f. 6791 1908.
- f. 6792 1903-1909.
- f. 6793 1909. A-W.
- f. 6794-6798 Legal case files.
- f. 6799 Louis Benecke's rental accounts, 1907-1910.
- f. 6800-6836 1910-1919
- f. 6837-6897 **Correspondence and miscellaneous, n.d., 1912-1940s** Subseries. General correspondence concerning commercial law lists, directories, mercantile collection agencies, subscriptions, and related topics. Lists of agencies accepted, contracted, and receipted. Contracts. Receipts. Majority of letters are dated 1912-1919 and include copies of Louis Benecke's responses. Benecke discusses quality of claims and expresses his objections to bonding of attorneys.
 - f. 6837-6852 1912-1917.
 - f. 6853 1918.
 - f. 6854 1919-1920.
 - f. 6855 1921-1927.
 - f. 6856 1930s.
 - f. 6857 1940s.
 - f. 6858-6897 General and legal correspondence. Court records and legal documents primarily concerning real estate transactions; related notes and memorandums. Estate papers. Receipts. Miscellany. Included are Louis Benecke's papers through 1919. Arrangement is chronological.
 - f. 6858-6865 n.d., 1918-1929.
 - f. 6866-6868 1930-1935.
 - f. 6869-6872 1936-1939.
 - f. 6873-6883 1940s.
 - f. 6884-6894 1950s.
 - f. 6895-6897 1960-1965.

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- f. 6898-6915a **U.S. Commissioner Eastern District of Missouri, Northern Division, 1913-1946** Subseries. Papers in this subseries include correspondence; criminal case files with affidavits of complaint, recognizances for appearances, depositions. Cases include military disloyalty; violations of retail liquor laws, national

Prohibition Act, Migratory Bird Treaty Act, and game laws. U.S. District Court dockets. Record of Proceedings in Criminal Cases, 1914-1937.

- f. 6898-6900 1913-1919.
- f. 6901-6905 1921-1933.
- f. 6906 1934-1935.
- f. 6907-6913 1936-1939.
- f. 6914 1940-1946.
- f. 6915 Dockets, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Missouri, 1944-1947; miscellany.
- f. 6915a Record of proceedings in Criminal Cases, 1914-1937.
- f. 6916-6998 **U.S. Conciliation Commissioner, 1934-1944** Subseries. Correspondence, case files, and a record book, 1934-1938. Correspondence concerns Benecke's appointments, payment for his services, and cases concerning farm debtors under Section 75 of the Bankruptcy Act. Case files include minutes of proceedings; commissioner's reports; court and legal documents; itemized personal and real property inventories; accounts and receipts for farm operations, taxes; related correspondence. Arrangement is by case number, which follows a chronological order.
- f. 6916-6918 General correspondence, 1934-1943.
- f. 6919-6920 Case File #1881 Julius O. Meyer.
- f. 6921-6923 Case File #1945 M.R. Gromer.
- f. 6924-6928 Case File #1958 W.R. Guest.
- f. 6929 Case File #1973 Dora Bailey. Includes correspondence concerning the Guest and Bailey estates.
- f. 6930 Case File #1990 Cyrus D. Garvin.
- f. 6931 Case File #2024 Vadie McCollum.
- f. 6932 Case File #2053 E.R. Cox.
- f. 6933 Case File #2065 Elizabeth Hagedorn.
- f. 6934 Case File #2076 Elisha and Sarah Foster.
- f. 6935 Case File #2077 R.F. Garner.
- f. 6936-6939 Case File #2122 Martha J. Riddell.
- f. 6940 Case File #2148 Rufus Powell.
- f. 6941-6946 Case File #2167 William J. Culp.
- f. 6947 Case File #2209 Alla Houston.
- f. 6948 Case File #2220 Netti E. Elliott.
- f. 6949 Case File #2222 Tony Marek.
- f. 6950 Case File #2235 Lawrence Hockman.
- f. 6951-6977 Case File #2295 Ray and Louise Taylor.
- f. 6978-6979 Case File #2298 Martin Kruse.
- f. 6980-6984 Case File #2302 Elsi Turner.
- f. 6985-6987 Case File #2358 Tony Marek.
- f. 6988 Case File #2408 Cora Lee Leonard.
- f. 6989-6993 Case File #2433 Raymond and Mabel Shoop.
- f. 6994 Case File #2459 Charles Mason.
- f. 6995-6996 Case File #2475 Robert and Josephine Grotjan.
- f. 6997 Phil Doppler file concerning Association Motors in bankruptcy, 1934-1936.

- f. 6998 Record Book, 1934-1938, of notes on bankruptcy cases in the U.S. District Court Eastern District of Missouri, Northern Division. Minutes of proceedings for case #1881, Julius O. Meyer; #1990, Cyrus D. Garvin; #2111, Martha Riddell.
- f. 6999-7019 **Bar Associations, 1938-1951** Subseries.
 - f. 6999-7006 Correspondence, minutes, treasurer's reports, and financial records of the 12th Judicial Circuit Bar Association and Chariton County Bar Association, 1938-1945.
 - f. 7007-7009 Chariton County Circuit Court Bar Dockets and miscellany, 1940-1942.
 - f. 7010-7019 Missouri Bar Committees, 1947-1951.
- f. 7020-7099 **Constitutional Convention Papers, 1943-1945** Subseries.
 - f. 7020-7034 General Correspondence and miscellany, 1943-1944.
 - f. 7024 Applications for appointments.
 - f. 7035-7049 Congressional, State Senatorial and Representative Districts Committee. Subcommittee on Senatorial Redistricting.
 - f. 7039-7040 C.A. Green's files. Greene was president of Central Wesleyan College.
 - f. 7046-7047 Benecke's senatorial redistricting plan submitted December 3, 1943.
 - f. 7048 History of senatorial districts, 1875-1943.
 - f. 7050 Maps.
 - f. 7051-7054 Executive Department Committee.
 - f. 7055-7064 Judicial Department Committee.
 - f. 7065-7069 Subcommittee on Probate Courts. Includes letters of St. Louis Bar members replying to Benecke's questionnaire.
 - f. 7070-7077 Legislative Department Committee.
 - f. 7078-7083 Local Government Committee.
 - f. 7084-7099 Ballots and election returns, humorous political poetry, speeches, miscellany.
- f. 7100-7193 **Constitutional Convention Association, 1943-1963** Subseries. The Association was composed of employees of the convention and delegates who drafted the 1943-1944 Missouri constitution. There are gaps in the records with minutes only for the years 1946, 1948-1954, and 1958-1959. Records for 1961-1963 consist of a few letters for each year.
 - f. 7100-7130 1940s.
 - f. 7131-7185 1950s.
 - f. 7186-7188 1960s.
 - f. 7189 Lists of living and deceased members; dates of death.
 - f. 7190-7193 Audio tapes and records of annual meetings, 1953-1955, [1958].
- f. 7194-7365 **Personal Papers, n.d., 1889-1970** Subseries. Family and personal correspondence; legal documents; title abstracts; financial, insurance, and tax records; miscellany. Correspondence is chronological. There are no papers for 1903-1905, or 1917.
 - f. 7194-7301 Family and Personal Correspondence, n.d., 1889-1970
 - f. 7194 c. 1900s.
 - f. 7195 1899-1902.
 - f. 7196-7211 1906-1911.
 - f. 7212-7228 1911-1913.
 - f. 7229-7231 1913-1920. There are no papers for 1917 and papers for 1913-1919 are

- scant.
- f. 7232-7236 1920-1921.
 - f. 7237-7238 1922.
 - f. 7239-7240 1923-1928.
 - f. 7241-7242 1929.
 - f. 7243-7260 1930s.
 - f. 7261-7278 1940s
 - f. 7279-7281 n.d., 1948-1967. Ruby W. and Otto Benecke were meteorological reporters for the U.S. Department of Commerce, Weather Bureau. Material in this section includes correspondence on the flood warning and forecasting programs; Ruby's contract; notes and memorandums; and Weather Journals, 1953-1967.
 - f. 7282-7290 1950s.
 - f. 7291-7301 n.d., 1960-1971.
 - f. 7302-7353 Financial Records, 1906-1962.
 - f. 7302-7318 1906-1929.
 - f. 7319-7321 1930s.
 - f. 7322 Sales tax records, 1942.
 - f. 7323-7327 1940s.
 - f. 7325 Ledger book, 1945-1950.
 - f. 7328 Day book, 1950-1958.
 - f. 7329-7340 1950s.
 - f. 7341-7343 1960-1962.
 - f. 7344-7345 Cottage records, n.d., 1949-1957.
 - f. 7346-7352 Crop records, 1950-1959.
 - f. 7353 Real estate tax records, 1934-1961
 - f. 7354-7365 Insurance and Land Records; Miscellany.
 - f. 7366-7461 **Ruby W. Benecke, Political Papers, n.d., 1900s-1953, 1970** Subseries. Correspondence, poll books and voter lists, broadsides, campaign literature, election ballots and returns, printed materials, newspaper clippings, and political miscellany. Papers are arranged chronologically with printed and miscellaneous materials following correspondence for each year. There are gaps and no papers for 1915-1918, 1930, 1939, 1945, 1947, 1949, 1951, 1954-1959, or for the 1960s.
 - f. 7366 c. 1900s.
 - f. 7367 1910-1914.
 - f. 7368 1919.
 - f. 7369-7399 1920.
 - f. 7400-7408 1921.
 - f. 7409-7412 1922.
 - f. 7413-7423 1923-1929.
 - f. 7424-7429 1931-1935.
 - f. 7430-7433 1936.
 - f. 7434 1937.
 - f. 7435-7436 1938.
 - f. 7437-7460 1940-1953
 - f. 7461 1970.

Family Papers, 1858-1954, 1986, 1989, n.d. Series

- f. 7462-7462a Genealogical materials. Auction sale bill, 1989, for Louis Benecke's estate. Family letters, letter fragments, and miscellany written in German, n.d., 1858-1924, given to Mrs. Josephine Benecke Townsend. Marriage certificate, 1868.
- f. 7462b-7462j Josephine Amerlan Benecke correspondence, n.d., 1858-1909. Letters from her sisters Frieda and Auguste and other Amerlan and Schorss relatives in Germany. Joseph Pulitzer letter, May 19, 1907. Topics include Josephine's wedding, advice for a happy marriage, her children, and family life and events in Brunswick and Germany. German concert program.
- f. 7462k-7462l Lucia Benecke Zillman correspondence, n.d., 1907-1924. Letters to Lucia, Chicago, from her mother Josephine, Brunswick; Aunt Freida Amerlan, Germany. Lucia's letters to her Aunt. German newspaper clipping, 1921.
- f. 7463-7464 School items, 1878-1906. Report cards of Louis, Dora, Lucie, and Ruby W. Benecke, children of Louis and Josephine Benecke. Itemized accounts of Dora's school expenses. School programs. St. Louis Law School exams, 1906. Brunswick School broadside. Report on "Evangeline" by Alma B. Sasse, daughter of Dora, 1906. Prescription/remedies, n.d.
- f. 7465 1903-1904. Louis A. Benecke, St. Louis Young Men's Christian Association papers.
- f. 7466-7484 Louis Waldo Benecke (1913-), Papers, 1920-1954. Papers of Louis Waldo Benecke, son of Ruby Waldo and Eleanor Magruder Benecke.
- f. 7485-7486 Otto K. Benecke (1875-1957), Papers, 1900-1948. Papers of the second son of Louis W. and Josephine Benecke. Commission as game and fish warden, personal and political correspondence, deed and land abstract. SEE ALSO: U.S. Post Office, Brunswick, section (f. 690-711) of the Chariton County and City of Brunswick series for Otto's postmaster papers.
- f. 7487 Joanne Josephine Benecke Townsend (1919-), Papers. Fabric price list and homeowners' insurance policy, 1949-1950. Daughter of Ruby W. and Eleanor Benecke.
- f. 7488-7516 Miscellany, n.d., 1880s-1952. Humorous, inspirational, and political poetry. Printed horticultural materials, University of Missouri, 1943-1947, and Evans Orchard Supply Company, Kansas City, Missouri, 1951-1952. Advertising for automobiles and parts, boats, clothing, construction materials, food items, furniture, insurance, law books and law office supplies, liquor, magazines, machinery including farm and road machinery, medicines and remedies, telephones. Illustrated catalogs. Christmas posters. Labels and seals. Greeting cards. Folk Dance manuscript and sheet music. Musical programs. Tickets.

Maps and Plats, 1838-1915, n.d. Series

- f. 7517-7524 Maps and plats of Brunswick, n.d., 1836-1915; Chariton County, n.d., 1881, 1887, including Missouri River lands, road districts. Macon, Saline, and Randolph County township plats with advertising covers. Town plats and maps of Huntsville, Keytesville, St. Joseph, St. Louis, Salisbury, and Westville. Missouri River maps, 1869. Southwest Missouri lead region including Joplin and Lone Elm Mines. State maps including topographical and railway maps. Road maps. War maps with histories. War atlas, 1898. Map of Louisiana Purchase Exposition grounds.
- f. 7525-7592 Photographs, negatives, glass plate negatives, Artotype prints by Robert Benecke, German art prints, architectural drawings, pencil sketches, cartoon illustrations, post cards, and miscellany. Majority of photographs were taken prior to 1919.
 - f. 7525 Infants and children.
 - f. 7526 Blacks.
 - f. 7527-7529 Women. Portraits. Costumes. Mrs. Benecke Sasse and child [Alma]. Lucia Benecke. Brunswick plays.
 - f. 7530-7535 Portraits of men including famous authors, politicians. Artotype prints created by Robert Benecke, photographer, St. Louis.
 - f. 7532 Photograph album, c. 1860s. Photographs of men, possibly soldiers, taken in Arkansas and Kentucky.
 - f. 7536-7537 Men in groups. Captain Louis Benecke, Professor L. Bremer, and others, 1867. Musicians.
 - f. 7538-7540 Portraits of Captain Louis Benecke.
 - f. 7541-7561 Brunswick, Missouri, n.d., 1890s-1940s.
 - f. 7562-7571 Benecke Family and Miscellany, c. 1890s-1910s
 - f. 7562 Benecke family group portraits.
 - f. 7563 Louis Albert Benecke and interior views of his room in St. Louis, c. 1890s-1900s.
 - f. 7564-7566 Outdoor amusements, c. 1900s. Boating and camping. Groups of young men and women.
 - f. 7567 Ruby W. Benecke and fellow Washington University students on outings to the World's Fair, the countryside, and Cape Girardeau for a steamboat ride, c. 1900s. St. Louis Amateur Athletic Association's tennis court and club house, Forest Park, n.d.
 - f. 7567a Civic parade, Smith Academy, St. Louis, 1903. Portrait of George Kendall Cole.
 - f. 7567b Brick Buildings, St. Louis.
 - f. 7568 Ruby W. Benecke's Maxwell car with women passengers, c. 1910s.
 - f. 7569-7570 Rural scenes and miscellany, n.d.
 - f. 7571 Civil War soldiers, veterans. G.A.R. encampments.
 - f. 7572 Federal Soldiers' Home, St. James, c. 1911. Dining hall, hospital, and women's ward.
 - f. 7573 Scenes in [Germany], c. 1868.
 - f. 7574-7575 Ocean vessels and passengers, c. 1910s. Steamboats on the Missouri River.
 - f. 7576 Wedding portraits, c. 1890s.
 - f. 7577 Young Republicans Lincoln Day Banquet, n.d., 1921.
 - f. 7578 Costumed actors and actresses; miscellaneous, n.d., 1890s-1940s.

- f. 7579 Postcards.
- f. 7580-7581 Artotype prints by Robert Benecke. St. Louis buildings, churches, riverfront scene, World's Fair; still life, fossils, a political cartoon, elegant Victorian parlor, black men in a tobacco field, apple orchards, and miscellany.
- f. 7582 Hoelke and Benecke, photographers. St. Louis Presbyterian Church, children, miscellany.
- f. 7583 Architectural drawings, D.S. Hopkins, architect, Grand Rapids, Michigan, possibly for Ruby W. Benecke's house, c. 1900s.
- f. 7584 Cartoons, c. 1881, pencil sketches, n.d., bird's eye view of Washington, D.C.
- f. 7585-7588 Signed lithographs of Germany. Art prints and autographed pictures of famous men. Portrait of General Sterling Price.
- f. 7589 Chariton County Early Settlers' Reunion.
- f. 7590 *St. Louis Star, Bench and Bar Edition*, 1899.
- f. 7591 Map of Foster's land (surveyed by Sam Carter, November 10, 1876) on back of colorful Remington Sewing Machine advertising poster.
- f. 7592 Glass plate negatives--descriptive list.

Volumes are arranged by series, which correspond to the series arrangement of the folders. Loose items pertaining to entries and previously located within the volumes are in folders following each volume.

- V. 1-5 **Business Records, Brunswick Brick and Tile Company Records, 1891-1903** Subseries.
 - V. 1-2 Ledger, 1891-1898; separate index. Financial statements, 1893-1894, inside front cover. Pay roll list; expenses; accounts with individuals and businesses including coal and lumber companies, Brunswick Stove Factory, Franklin Electric, Frost Manufacturing; Chariton County Poor Farm; City of Brunswick; colored school; Brunswick School Board; churches; road district.
 - V. 3 Letterbook, 1892-1901.
 - V. 4 Record Book, August 1895-1903. Workmen's time tables, drain tile manufactured, expenses; undated accounts; list of items stolen from company; itemized notary fees for various individuals, 1901-1903.
 - V. 5 Record Book, 1891-1909. Contains minutes of stockholders and directors meetings, financial statements, poll books of elections held by stockholders, production reports, meeting notices.
SEE ALSO: f. 2-10.
- V. 6-13 **Business Records, Insurance Records, 1873-1948** Subseries. Insurance policy registers of Louis and Ruby W. Benecke, agents for various insurance companies.
 - V. 6 Concordia Fire Insurance Company, 1922-1925.
 - V. 7 Continental Insurance Company, 1882-1898.
 - V. 8 Fireman's Fund Insurance Company, 1940-1948.
 - V. 9-10 German Insurance Company, 1873-1884; 1884-1887.
 - V. 11 Phoenix Assurance Company, 1883-1900.
 - V. 12 Springfield Fire and Marine Insurance, 1882-1889.
 - V. 13 Travelers' Fire Insurance Company, 1940-1946.
SEE ALSO: f. 160-154.
- V. 14-22a **Louis Benecke Business and Personal Records, 1866-1917** Subseries.

- V. 14 Combination Ledger/Account Book: Ledger, January 1, 1867-April 1, 1873, p. 1-208; Account Book, February 1867-March 1870, p. 410-430; January 1866-May 1870, p. 1-90. Account entries include International Bank of St. Louis; German Savings Institution; various companies including Lexlow and Voight; Chipman Hosmer and Company; Alexander and Selig; Kansas City Fire and Marine Life. Individual accounts include Benecke family members; □colored employee' James Martin; John B. Gray; Chariton County Board of Immigration; Public Schools; farm expenses; real estate, Union military bonds.
- V. 15 Index.
- V. 16-16a Ledger, August 1874-December 1882. Debits and credits; accounts with C. William Brandt and others. Items dated 1881 are in a folder following the ledger.
- V. 17 Journal, January 1883-May 1887 with index to separate accounts. Entries for various estates including amounts paid out on account of Sterling Price and Benecke partnership estate.
- V. 18-18a Account Book, January 1887-October 1908. Partial index. Rent accounts, farm expenses, individual and estate accounts.
- V. 19 Ledger, 1894-1917, Office of Louis Benecke, Collection and Credit Department. Credit reports and inquiries on Chariton County firms and individuals.
- V. 20 Discount Board Minutes, 1899-1913. Minutes cover loan applications and include credit reports. Individual items pertaining to account entries.
- V. 21 Journal/Ledger, 1902-1913 [incomplete]. Index. Includes records of Benecke as executor of estates. Journal, p. 1-100; Ledger, p. 200-203.
- V. 22-22a Record Book of Calls by Mercantile Agencies for Reports, 1904. List of shareholders in St. Louis banks, 1910.
- V. 23-25 **Louis Benecke Letter Registers, 1870-1876** Subseries. Benecke entered his incoming correspondence in Letter Registers. The registers serve as finding aids for correspondence arranged chronologically and located in the correspondence section and/or topical sections of the collection. Entries state name of writer, date letter was received, date and place from which letter was written, place filed (Benecke originally filed correspondence in numbered packets), contents, and date answered. Letters were entered and numbered as received. Entries are alphabetical by sender; chronological under each letter of the alphabet.
- V. 23 1870 January-July 1
- V. 24 1870 January 7-1874 August 26
- V. 25 1874-1876
- V. 26-50 **Louis Benecke Letterbooks, 1866-1917** Subseries. Benecke handled his correspondence in accordance with typical 19th century record keeping practices. Letters and telegrams written by him were recorded in letterbooks. Some of these press copies are illegible, but readable duplicates are scattered throughout the correspondence section. Partial indices by name of recipient are in some volumes. There are no Letterbooks A or J, nor a letterbook for November 1869-February 3, 1871. There are two Letterbook F's. Letterbooks Q and T contain G.A.R. and Federal Soldiers' Home correspondence and are in those respective

sections of the collection (f. 2286, 2357).

- V. 26 Letterbook B. August 2, 1867-February 8, 1876
- V. 27 Letterbook C. August 9, 1867-February 1876
- V. 28 Letterbook D. October 19, 1867-June 30, 1870; September 1875-June 1877.
- V. 29 Letterbook E. February 27, 1868-April 22, 1875; March 1876.
- V. 30 Letterbook F. August 7, 1866-November 20, 1869.
- V. 31 Letterbook F. February 4, 24, 1871; August 1, 1873-June 26, 1878
- V. 32 Letterbook G. June 28, 1878-September 18, 1880
- V. 33 Letterbook H. September 21, 1880-June 30, 1884
- V. 34 Letterbook I. July 2, 1884-August 6, 1886.
- V. 35 Letterbook K. August 10, 1886-February 1, 1888.
- V. 36 Letterbook L. February 1, 1888-January 26, 1889
- V. 37 Letterbook M. January 28, 1889-November 29, 1889.
- V. 38 Letterbook N. November 18, 1889-December 31, 1892.
- V. 39 Letterbook O. January 3, 1893-March 7, 1894.
- V. 40 Letterbook P. March 8, 1894-March 1, 1895.
SEE ALSO: f. 2286 Letterbook Q. April 19, 1895-1901 [G.A.R. correspondence].
- V. 41 Letterbook R. March 1, 1895-August 26, 1896.
- V. 42 Letterbook S. August 26, 1896-August 16, 1897.
SEE ALSO: f. 2357 Letterbook T, 1897-1901 [Federal Soldiers' Home correspondence].
- V. 43 Letterbook U. August 16, 1897-March 27, 1900.
- V. 44 Letterbook V. March 19, 1900-August 9, 1901.
- V. 45 Letterbook W. August 9, 1901-June 28, 1902.
- V. 46 Letterbook X. July 3, 1902-January 16, 1904.
- V. 47 Letterbook Y. January 18, 1904-June 10, 1905.
- V. 48 Letterbook Z. June 2, 1905-December 30, 1907.
- V. 49 Volume I. August 11, 1908-November 30, 1911.
- V. 50 Volume II. December 6, 1911-September 7, 1917.
- V. 51 **Law Firm Record Book, 1868-1938** Subseries. Louis Benecke, Attorney, 1868-1885; Benecke and Benecke, Attorneys, 1906-1908, 1913-1916. Ruby W. Benecke, Attorney, 1929-1938. Record Book is chronological. Index is alphabetical by names of Louis Benecke's clients (p. 1-53), 1868-1884. Other entries are not indexed.
SEE ALSO: Law Firm Records series (f. 4027-6897).
- V. 52-53 **Senate Bills and Resolutions** Subseries. Bound volumes of senate bills and senate concurrent resolutions of the adjourned session, 26th General Assembly and 27th regular session. Indices compiled by Benecke give bill and/or resolution number, name of person who introduced the bill, and subject. Benecke introduced several senate bills and two senate resolutions according to his indices. Included is an act to prevent drunkenness.
- V. 54-57a **Louis Benecke Scrapbooks, n.d., 1855, c. 1860s-1914** Subseries. Scrapbooks of Louis Benecke contain newspaper clippings, 1870-1914; speeches; concert programs; poetry; pamphlets; G.A.R. and German items; miscellany. Topics include county, state, and national politics; preachers, religion, and temperance;

- railroads and railroad strikes; Civil War history; slavery and emancipation; Memorial Day observances; Germany and Germans. Indices.
- V. 54 n.d., c. 1860s-1890.
- V. 55 n.d., 1870-1878.
- V. 56 n.d., 1884-1891.
- V. 57-57a n.d., c. 1904-1914.
- V. 58-58s n.d., 1855; c. 1881-1893. Items (primarily newspaper clippings), originally from numbered pockets of a portfolio scrapbook, arranged alphabetically by topic to correspond with Benecke's index (f. 58). Pocket numbers 18, 19, 21-50 were empty.
- V. 59 1906-1915. Newspaper clippings including Chariton County probate administrator's and settlement notices; trustee's and sheriff's sales, 1906-1907; banks' financial statements, 1914-1915; circuit court orders of publication, 1906-1907, 1913; Brunswick elections, news, 1914.
- V. 60-62 **Ruby W. Benecke Scrapbooks, 1940s** Subseries.
- V. 60 n.d., c. 1940. Newspaper clippings on state and national Republican politics; Republican women's activities; a third term for Roosevelt; James A. Farley; and election issues are primarily from Washington, D.C. and other out of state papers and include "Washington on Review" and "The Capital on Parade" columns.
- V. 61-62 October 14, 1943-September 29, 1944. Newspaper clippings concerning the Constitutional Convention; congressional, state senatorial and representative districts; courts; local governments; related issues.

GLASS PLATE NEGATIVES

SERIES A

Plates are 4 x 5. Subjects are Benecke family members and friends, activities such as camping, boating, hunting and fishing; Washington University students and activities; Brunswick; floods, bridges, trains, steamboats; G.A.R. reunions and parades; scenes of the seashore, theater; ocean vessels; miscellany. Identifications made by Joanna Benecke Townsend are in quotations. Plates date, c. 1900s-1910s.

- #001-004 A baby fishing
- #005-006 A baby in outdoor setting
- #007-008 A baby petting a small dog
- #009 A barefoot toddler
- #010-013 Two babies in yard, decorative fence
- #014-018 A baby and small dog on a blanket in outdoor setting, c. 1905
- #019-021 A baby on a blanket in outdoor setting, c. 1905 (poor quality)
- #022-022a Seated woman and child (Zillmans)
- #022b-022c Woman seated on brass bed with infant
- #023 Little boy in yard-- "Donald Sasse, 1st cousin of Joanna?"
- #024 Little boy and girl seated in yard
- #025 Three children standing in front of a picket fence
- #026 Three children seated in front of a picket fence

- #027 Small boy wearing large straw hat
- #028 Young boy standing in front of Benecke house, 304 E. Broadway
- #029 Three young girls dressed as boys and holding cigarettes in their mouths
- #030 Two black boys with baseball bat and ball in front of a vine covered house
- #031 Two boys boxing
- #032-037 Four black boys eating watermelon by barn
- #038 Four black boys by barn
- #039 Three black boys by barn
- #040 Black boy in hat by barn
- #041 "Lucy Zillman's" two little boys with large dog in yard
- #042 Young boy (possibly Ruby) in front of a house
- #043-044 Young boy in front of a tree
- #045-048 Black fisherman [Dr. Louis Minor] with young white boy
- #049 Little girl, "Alma Sasse," on pony held by a woman, c. 1915
- #050 Little girl, "Alma Sasse," on pony held by a man, c. 1915
- #051 Little girl, "Alma Sasse," on pony in front of picket fence—"Brown house hotel behind Stewart's house across the street"
- #052 Little girl standing by pony in front of a picket fence
- #053 Little girl standing by pony in front of a picket fence; man watching
- #054-055 Little girl in sailor dress and hat on a pony; large dog
- #056-057 Two young girls in back of a decorated pony cart--"Alma Sasse's entry in the 4th of July parade"
- #058-059 Three young girls in Alma's decorated pony cart
- #060-063 Alma driving her pony cart
- #064 Young girl in plaid dress seated on a porch
- #065 Young girl in frilly dress seated on a porch
- #066 Two young girls seated on a porch
- #067 Young girl standing in a yard
- #068 Young girl and boy standing in a yard
- #069 Young girl, "Alma Sasse," seated on window sill with room interior visible
- #070 Two young girls in front of a picket fence
- #071 Three young girls, one black, in front of a tree; black girl is seated on a rug by a wicker rocking chair; baby buggy and doll in background
- #072 Young black girl standing in front of a vine covered wash house
SEE ALSO: #129,206,207
- #073 Young boy and girl standing in a field
- #074 Young man in a hammock [Louis Albert Benecke?]
- #075-076 Three young girls dressed as boys and holding cigarettes
- #077-078 Two young boys--straw hats and ties
- #079 Four young men and a young boy in front of a train station--straw hats
- #080 "Captain Louis Benecke and Josephine Benecke fishing on the Cut-Off," c. 1900s
- #081 "Captain Louis Benecke and Josephine Benecke at Grand River near Brunswick," c. 1900s
- #082-083 Benecke family fishing at the Cut-Off, c. 1900s
- #084 "Lucy Benecke" with fish at the Cut-Off
- #085 Captain Louis Benecke seated on a window sill with interior of room visible--

- possibly at his son Louis's in St. Louis
- #086 Bearded man in hammock, c. 1900s
- #087-088 Benecke family outing--in boat on a river bank, c. 1900s
- #089 Two fashionably dressed women, "Magruder sisters--Eleanor?," in rural setting
- #090 Two fashionably dressed women, seated, c. 1900--"Eleanor Magruder"
- #091 Four men in a Maxwell car
- #092 Woman in a Maxwell car, c. 1900s
- #093-096 Four men in a Maxwell car, "Ruby W. Benecke" driving, c. 1900
- #097-098 Man and woman with bicycles, c. 1900s
- #099-101 "Louis Albert Benecke" on porch of house with room interior visible through window
- #102-103 "Louis Albert Benecke" in his picture and photograph lined room in St. Louis, c. 1900s
- #104 "Louis Albert Benecke" seated at his desk in his room in St. Louis
- #105 Picture and photograph lined wall of Louis Albert Benecke's room in St. Louis--decorative pillows
- #106 Louis Albert Benecke's room--furniture, and picture and photograph lined wall
- #107 Louis Albert Benecke's room--fireplace with trinket lined mantel; sports equipment and furniture, c. 1900s
- #108-111 "Louis A. Benecke" on horseback, n.d.
- #112-114 "Louis A. Benecke" on horseback, c. 1902
- #115 "Louis A. Benecke" and horse, c. 1902
- #116-117 "Louis A. Benecke and young Alma Sasse" with horse and pony, c. 1902
- #118-119 "Louis A. Benecke and young Alma Sasse" with horse, pony and large dog, c. 1902
- #120-121 Young girl [Alma Sasse] and pony, c. 1902
- #122-124 Horse in a barn
- #125 Louis Albert Benecke and horse in front of a brick building
- #126 "Theodore Benecke house"--Christmas tree
- #127-128 Horse, sleigh and two riders in front of the Benecke house; dog
- #129-131 "Man standing in wash house door on Benecke property"--possibly Benecke brothers SEE ALSO: #129,206,207
- #132 Two young men and a woman in a rural setting--possibly Ruby W. and Otto
- #133 Dog and cat stand off at wash house door
- #134-135 Mother dog and four pups
- #136 Puppy and dish in a rural setting
- #137-139 Dolls
- #140-141 Man (possibly a Benecke) rowing on [Grand River], c. 1902
- #142-142a Woman in a row boat fishing, c. 1900s
- #143 Camp scene--man, woman, and fish, c. 1900
- #144 Camp scene--women and tents, c. 1900
- #145 Campers--possibly Ruby W. Benecke
- #146 Campers, c. 1900s
- #147 Picnic, c. 1900s
- #148 Young couple in outdoor setting, c. 1900s--possibly Ruby W. Benecke
- #149 Three women and a man in a yard, c. 1900s

- #150-152 Bearded, grizzled haired man
- #153 Man (possibly Ruby) watering horses at river, c. 1902
- #154 Young man (possibly Ruby) , c. 1900s
- #155 Young woman in plaid dress
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