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**HARRY V. HUFFMAN FEDERAL COURT
HISTORY PROJECT PAPERS,
1967–99, BULK 1994–99**

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Harry V. Huffman (March 8, 1942 - August 24, 1999) was born to Wallace Spencer and Ellen Pettit of Kokomo, Indiana. He earned his Juris Doctorate from Indiana University in 1968. Huffman's career included a law practice begun in 1969 with his wife, Mary Huff (also an attorney) in Linton, Indiana, and a presidency of the Indiana Bar Association. In 1973, he began to work for Citizens Gas full time and moved to Indianapolis; by 1995, he was the president of Citizens Gas & Coke Utility. Huffman's other accomplishments included chairman of the Library Committee of the Indiana Historical Society, president of the Indiana Society of Pioneers and board member of The Friends of the Indiana State Archives.

The Court History Committee of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Indiana was organized in late 1994 by Chief Judge Sarah Evans Barker, who invited interested parties to join. Harry Huffman was elected chairman of this Committee.

The Committee was organized into several subcommittees:

- Court History: Mission: "To engage in research (utilizing traditional and oral history methods) relating to the constitutional, legal, institutional, and biographical history of the Court; to contribute to the various programs which are sponsored by the Court History Committee; and to participate in the efforts overseen by the other subcommittees."
- Architecture and Art: "Promotes the appreciation and preservation of the architectural and artistic history and character of federal court facilities in the District of Indiana and the Southern District of Indiana."
- Special Events: "Responsible for the celebration of the bicentennial of the federal judicial presence in Indiana, the centennial of the Indianapolis Court House, and other significant anniversaries or events."
- Interpretive Programs: "Develop and implement programs, including public tours, displays, and exhibits, which interpret the history of the District Court and the District's court houses, the architecture and art of the district court houses and collections, the federal court system, and the contemporary operation of the District Court."
- Publications and Publicity: Mission- "To plan and coordinate publicity and the mechanics of publications of the Committee."
- Collections: "Encourage, monitor, and implement the collection and preservation of historically significant documents and objects related to the District Court."

- Fundraising: "Develop and implement plans to obtain donations, grants, and in-kind support for the projects of the Committee."
- Steering: "'Executive' committee [to coordinate] the activities of the subcommittees, planning and unifying the work of the Committee, and acting on necessary matters before Committee meetings."

Sources:

Materials in the collection

"Harry V. Huffman Obituary." Flanner and Buchanan Funeral Centers.

<http://flannerbuchanan.tributes.com/show/Harry-V.-Huffman-89233334>

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection mainly consists of correspondence about the Federal Court History project for the United States District Court for the Southern District of Indiana. Also included in are drafts/finished copies of the "Preliminary Inventory: Records of the United States Courts for the District of Indiana" (1967), "Historians and Access to the Files of Lawyers" (Organization of American Historians, 1994), "The Papers of Federal Judges: A Guide to their Preservation and A Directory to the Manuscript Collections of Federal Judges" (draft, 1994), "Initial Recommendations Regarding the Retention and Disposition of District Judges' Private Papers" (1995), and "Report to the Court" (Court History Committee, 1997).

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5. When you find the collection, go to the "Full Record" screen for a list of headings that can be searched for related materials.