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**Frederick L. & Leadell Hall correspondence, speeches, and papers,  
1938-1964**

Ms. Collection no. 38

**PRELIMINARY COLLECTION REGISTER**

**Record Series Number:** 00/01/Ms. Coll. 38

**Volume:** 1.00 Linear Feet

**Arrangement:** Organized by type and subject of material.

**Description:** Correspondence & other papers, speeches, biographical material, notes & memos, statements & press releases, and television spot announcements of Frederick Lee Hall. The collection also includes speeches and papers of his wife, Leadell Hall. Subjects include Kansas politics and the Eisenhower Presidential Library Commission. Correspondents include the Commission and Karl A. Menninger.

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Folder 9: Television spot announcements, 1954-1956

**Acquired:** 00/00/1972. No accruals are anticipated.

**Subjects:**

Advertising, Political - Kansas  
California  
Campaign literature - Kansas  
Eisenhower Presidential Library Commission  
Governors - Kansas  
Hall, Frederick Lee, 1916-1970  
Hall, Leadell  
Kansas  
Kansas - Politics and government - 20th century  
Lawyers - Kansas  
Men - Kansas  
Menninger, Karl A. (Karl Augustus), 1893-1990  
Political campaigns - Kansas  
Politicians - Kansas  
Speeches, addresses, etc., American - Kansas  
Television advertising - Kansas  
United States  
United States - Armed Forces - Management  
Washington (D.C.)  
World War, 1939-1945 - United States

**Genres:**

Memorandums  
Notes  
Press releases

**Creator(s):**

**Hall, Frederick Lee (1916-1970)**  
Eisenhower Presidential Library Commission  
Hall, Leadell  
Menninger, Karl A. (1893-1990)

**Biographical/  
Historical Note:**

World War II military administrator, attorney, controversial Kansas political figure & governor. Of California; Washington, D.C.; Kansas.

**DETAILS:**

Frederick Lee Hall was born to Fred L. and Etta (Brewer) Hall in Dodge City, Kansas on July 24, 1916. He attended Dodge City High School, where he distinguished himself on the school's debate team. That, combined with his exemplary academic performance earned him a four year National High School Achievement Scholarship. He applied this scholarship at the University of Southern California. While at U.S.C. he majored in political science. In addition, he served there on the school's debate team, which traveled through the United States, Great Britain and Europe. Hall

graduated from U.S.C. in 1938 with a B.A. degree. He stayed there to earn a law degree at U.S.C.'s law school, earning an LL.B. degree in 1941.

Not long after graduation, he married Leadell Schneider, and with her, had one son, Frederick Lee Hall III.

With the outbreak of WWII, Hall tried to enter the military, but could not pass the physical examination. Instead, he worked as the assistant director of the Combined Production and Resource Board for the Combined Chiefs of Staff in Washington, D.C. from 1942 to 1944. Afterwards, he returned to Kansas to work for the law firm of Lillard, Eidson, Lewis and Porter in Topeka, remaining there for a two year period. In 1946, Hall returned to his home town of Dodge City where he served as County Attorney of Ford County. Beginning in 1949, he engaged in a general law practice in Dodge City.

Since his college days, Hall was active in Republican Party activities. While at U.S.C. he was the president of the Collegiate Young Republican Club, and while in Ford County he served as the chairman of the Ford County Young Republican Club.

Hall entered politics in 1950 when he sought the Party's nomination for Lieutenant Governor. There were eight other republicans seeking the nomination; Hall was the only one from western Kansas. Hall, pugnacious, strong, aggressive, ambitious and fiercely independent, won the nomination, as well as the general election. Once in office, Hall gained a reputation as a trouble maker, even within his own party, and was constantly at odds with Gov. Edward Arn. In spite of his overbearing reputation, Hall was re-elected to the office of Lt. Governor (president of the senate) in 1952.

In 1954, Hall ran for the office of Governor, and won, defeating the Democratic candidate, George Docking. During the campaign, Hall's platform was one of reform. "Let's clean up Topeka as President Eisenhower has cleaned up Washington," was his campaign slogan.

Once in office, Hall turned out to be one of Kansas' most controversial governors. When he failed to win his bid for re-election in 1956, a rare thing for a republican governor in Kansas, Hall took advantage of the retirement of one of Kansas' Supreme Court justices by resigning from the governor's office, so that Lt. Gov. John McCuish could become governor, and appoint Hall to the Supreme Court, in place of the retiring justice. This entire exchange took only a few minutes. Though this action was within

legal limits, many thought it was unethical.

In the spring of 1958, Hall resigned the bench to make another bid for governor. He was defeated in the primary by Clyde M. Reed. This finished off Hall's career in public service in Kansas. Afterwards, he moved to California where he became the director of Management Control of the Aerojet General Corporation, located in Sacramento. After two years, he picked up roots once again and re-located to Los Angeles to work for the the firm of Richards, Watson and Hemmerling.

After suffering s stroke in 1966, Hall returned to Dodge City to establish his own law practice. Not content to sit still, he moved to Wichita in October of 1968 and to Shawnee a year later.

Fred Hall died in Shawnee on March 18, 1970, and was buried in Dodge City.

**Records are in:** English

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Leadell Hall Weaver

**Acquisition Method**

Gift

**Related Materials:**

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