Most of the Kansas trail maps were collected by A.J. Frey and Menno E. Schmidt of Newton, Kansas. The collection was the result of research by the two men during the Centennial of the Chisholm Trail in 1967.

The collection contains maps for the Chisholm Trail, Santa Fe Trail, Western Pony Express trail, Butterfield’s Overland Mail Route, and scenic byways and memorial routes. Recently added is a 2014 drawing by Brian Stucky showing pioneer trails in Harvey County.

Within the documents, additional topics include “Coronado country”; pioneer routes and major trails within Kansas; Harvey County road maps; trails from 1800s in Butler County; military forts and routes of United States troops in Kansas-Texas-Colorado-New Mexico and Indian Territory; and, railroads in Indian Territory.

Map 7-1 A: 30” x 40” hand drawn. Parallels content of “Coronado country” promotional maps. Features 12 cities in central Kansas. Maybe an artist’s original painting for “Coronado country” promo effort. Good condition – on heavy poster board.


Map 7-3 A: duplicate of above (Map 7-2 A).

Map 7-3 B: 17-1/2” x 22-1/2”. Historical map of Kansas. Shows counties and pioneer routes. Illustrations and texts of Kansas historical events in the areas in which they happened.

Map 7-4 A: 18-1/2” x 23”. Harvey County General Highway map. Dated 1964. Has hand drawn overlay of Indian, pioneer, and military trails as interpreted by A.J. Frey of Newton.

Map 7-4 B: 22” x 23”. Hand drawn map by O.R.D. This person is unknown to anyone at HCHM. Depicts rivers, creeks, cattle trail, and railroad; Sedgwick, Halstead, and Newton.


Map 7-5 B: Duplicate of above (Map 7-5 A).

Map 7-6 A: 11” x 17”. Map of major trails in Kansas. Lists nineteen (19) trails. Shows rivers, towns, and some historical events.

Map 7-6 B: 12-1/2” x 18”. Map of Western Pony Express trails from St. Joseph, Mo to San Francisco and Oregon, Washington, Idaho, and Nevada. Also, Butterfield’s Overland Mail route 1858-1861. Approved 1916 by Western Pony Express Trails Assn. Lists riders and stations.
Map 7-7 A: 11” x 17”. Map of state highways leading to Kansas recreation areas by Public Info office of State Highway Commission.

Map 7-8 A: 11” x 17”. Harvey County road map with hand drawn locations of Chisholm Trail markers in Harvey County.

Map 7-8 B: Explanation of the markers by Dana Shifflett of Newton, Kansas.

Map 7-9 A: 11” x 15”. Map of Butler County, Kansas. Shows ten (10) trails from the 1800s.

Map 7-10 A: 10-1/2” x 13-1/2”. Historical Kansas “Center of USA”. Depicts many pioneer routes and pictorial places and events.

Map 7-10 B: 10-1/2” x 13-1/2”. “Coronado country” map. Shows roads and features of this central Kansas area.

Map 7-11 A: 8-1/2” x 11”. Map of 19th century Kansas trails. Shows twenty-five (25) of them plus cities and historical features.

Map 7-11 B: 8-1/2” x 11”. State designated scenic byways and memorial routes in Kansas.

Map 7-12 A: 24” x 36”. Map of Harvey County with an ambiguous hand drawn pair of trails marked Immigrant Wagon route and Texas cattle trail. From A.J. Frey Collection.


Map 7-16 A: 32-1/2” x 34-1/2”. From the National Archives. Map of 1868-69. White line on gray background. Kansas-Texas-Colorado-New Mexico, and the Indian Territory with routes of all columns of the United States troops operating against hostile Indians in the Department of the Missouri during winter of 1868-69. Maj P.H. Sheridan, USA. This is a composite of four (4) individual plates.

Map 7-17 A: 35” x 47”. Map from 1867 of the States of Kansas and Texas, Indian Territories, Colorado, and New Mexico. White line on gray background.
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Shows cities, post offices, roads, trails, waterways, mountains, states, territories, military forts and stations.

**Map 7-18 A:** 15” x 29-1/4”. Map of Chisholm Cattle Trail and main branches, 1867 to 1876. Scale 2-1/2” = 100 miles. From South Texas Rio Grande and Gulf Coast to the Kansas north border. Shows rivers, cattle trails, towns, and states. (Nov. 1, 1938. Marked C.E.O.T. 19111)

**Map 7-19 A:** 9” x 24”. Kansas tourism pamphlet from Tourist Travel Division, Kansas Industrial Development Commission. Has a Kansas map, Kansas history, sights to see in Kansas. Includes pioneer trails.

**Map 7-20 A:** 8-1/2” x 11”. Three small section prints from larger U.S. War Dept maps from 1867 and 1875. Shows roads, trails, rivers, towns, etc.

**Map 7-21 A:** 28” x 31”. Rand McNally & Co. 1902 map of Oklahoma and Indian Territory. Lists ten (10) railroads in State of Oklahoma and twenty-four (24) in Oklahoma Indian Territory. Shows seven (7) Indian Nations, many towns and town location index, rivers, and a multitude of railroad lines.

**Map 7-21 B:** Back side of Map 14-2 A.
For the State of Oklahoma—Listing of counties, creeks, rivers, mountains, and towns.
For the Oklahoma Indian Territory—Listing of districts, creeks, rivers, and towns. Tribes are Cherokee, Chickasaw, Creek, Kansas, Osage, and Seminole.

**Map 7-22 A:** 14-1/2” x 20”. Cattle and Indian Trails by A.J. Frey. Written in pencil on two (2) corrugated cardboards.

**Map 7-22 B:** These are some of A.J. Frey's field notes written as he was chasing cattle trail markings from Newton to Wichita.

**Map 7-23 A:** 8-1/2” x 11”. Twenty-seven (27) page transcription of A.J. Frey's field notes from his quest of cattle trails in the central Kansas area.

**Map 7-24 A:** 16” x 24”. Map from 2014 of pioneer trails in Harvey County, Kansas. Drawn by Brian Stucky. He superimposed the trails on a 1980 Harvey County topographic map.