

JOHN PETER GAUSE LAW FIRM RECORDS
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SUMMARY

Size	6 folders; 0.24 cubic feet
Geographic Locations	Hidalgo and Cameron Counties in South Texas.
Inclusive Dates	1911-1917
Bulk Dates	1915-1917
Languages	English
Summary	The collection consists of records from the law firm of John Peter Gause and Kirkpatrick in Mercedes and Brownsville. The records include briefs and summons, letters, and case documents.
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Related Collections	
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Stack Location(s)	RGDOC 4, E:3

BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE

John Peter Gause was born July 1, 1865 and grew up in Ripley, Tennessee. He was married to Maggie L. and owned a law firm with a Mr. Kirkpatrick. He was also a board member of the American Rio Grande Land & Irrigation Co. Inc, a director of the Ebony Grove Cemetery in Mercedes, Texas, and a judge for Hidalgo County in 1916. Gause died June 11, 1929.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection consists of records from the law firm of John Peter Gause and Kirkpatrick in Mercedes and Brownsville. The records include briefs and summons, letters, and case documents that are centered in Cameron and Hidalgo Counties in the Rio Grade Valley. The majority of the contents include correspondence, bills, receipts, and court files among other law firm documents.

LIST OF SUB-GROUPS, SERIES, AND SUBSERIES

- I. Briefs and Summons, 1915-1917**
- II. Letters, 1915-1917**
- III. Cases**
 - a. Inventory of Lawn Hotel in Donna, Texas. 1916**
 - b. Carpenter and Hoyt Case. 1911-1919**
 - c. York vs. St. Louis, Brownsville, & Mexico Railway. 1914-1917**
 - d. David Chapa Bankruptcy. 1915-1917**

SERIES DESCRIPTIONS

- I. Briefs and Summons**

Contents include appeal documents pertaining to Frank Andrews, receiver of St. Louis, Brownsville & Mexico Railway Company vs. J.A. York.
- II. Letters**

Materials in this series include two checks and letters containing matters of trial progress, payments and billing issues, and other correspondence to and from John Peter Gause's law firm.
- III. Cases**

Specific cases found here are the Carpenter and Hoyt Case; York vs. St. Louis, Brownsville & Mexico Railway; and the David Chapa bankruptcy. Formats include court rulings, letters, bills, receipts, telegrams, lien notes, court notice, and a case transcript.

INDEX TERMS

Chapa, David.
Gause, John Peter, 1865-1929.

Brownsville (Tex.)
Donna (Tex.)
Mercedes (Tex.)

Lawn Hotel
St. Louis, Brownsville, & Mexico Railway

CONTAINER LIST

<u>Stack Location</u>	<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder(s)</u>	<u>Contents (with dates)</u>
E:3	RGDOC 4	1	Briefs and Summons, 1915-1917
		2	Letters, 1915-1917
		3	Cases: Inventory of Lawn Hotel in Donna, Texas, 1916
		4	Cases: Carpenter and Hoyt Case, 1911-1919
		5	Cases: York vs. St. Louis, Brownsville, & Mexico Railway, 1914-1917
		6	Cases: David Chapa bankruptcy, 1915-1917