

Guide to Manuscript Collections | World War II

2007.148 Ballard, Currie

The Currie Ballard Collection was created by Currie Ballard, a collector of African American historical items. The collection consists of letters, commission records, and ephemera with a date range of 1887 to 2006. The collection is composed primarily of original documents. Some of the early tax records and Freemason records are in poor condition.

The strength of the collection is found in the breadth of material. The collection consists of but is not limited to: Prince Hall F. & A. M. Guthrie Alpha 1 Lodge papers; Langston University papers; V-Mail from World War II; early Taft, Red Bird and Boley (African American towns in Oklahoma) papers; school records; tax records, obsequies; WPA Federal Music Projects; Tulsa Race Riot Report; reports from the Presidential Commission for the National Museum of the African American History Center; and a collection of original concert posters from various African American bands.

2013.341 Breeding, Marvin O.

Contains a fifty-four page manuscript written by Marvin O. Breeding (Captain in the Field Artillery, US Army Reserves) titled "Memoirs of World War II and Korea," and a drawing of Captain Breeding.

2015.210 Bright, Sally J.

Contains family notes on Jane Wilson Sheppard Garrison and short essays about family events.

2013.269 Campbell, Jewel

Contains Campbell and Mathis family genealogical information, ledgers for Ida and Jewel Campbell, family correspondence, and a copious amounts of graduation announcements, birth announcements, and postcards.

2016.255 Churchill, Martha

This collection contains items relating to the lives of Aaron E. and Minnie Belle (Ekers) Churchill from 1917–2009. It also includes correspondence from the Churchills while overseas during World War II.

1994.005 Cloud, Jim

This collection contains photographs, reports, manuals, and books concerning the Portland Cement Company, the FAA, and the construction and inspection of airfields in Oklahoma. Additionally, it includes military research specific to World War II including duty orders, information on POW camps, and information on military camps.

1995.024 Collums, Garner G.

This series contains service documents, correspondence, newspaper articles, textbooks, and information about the Pacific Theater in World War II.

2010.167 Conkling, R.A.

This collection includes two scrapbooks of color art published in magazines during the First and Second World Wars. Images are primarily of aircraft, servicemen and women, and notable figures of the time. Some text is also included in the clippings.

2012.256 Donehew, Fred S.

Contains World War II automobile ration cards and receipts for Fred Donehew, Norman, OKIHOM

2009.190 Donald R. Wright Memorial Book

This is a narrative of the exploits of Donald (Don) R. Wright in World War II. This book was originally prepared by Don Wright in 1944 at Comp Wolters, Texas, then renovated and updated in 2009.

2016.086 Fleetwood, Ira Lloyd

Contains the diary/journal of Ira Lloyd Fleetwood during his time on the USS *Pensacola* during World War II.

1996.056 Green Valley School Collection

Home front at Green Valley School in Cordell, Oklahoma, during World War II.

2012.183 Hagerstrand, Jack

Collection includes one scrapbook containing items from the Women's Auxiliary and Women at War group with newspaper articles about women's war efforts during World War II.

2007.087 Hall, John Oliver

Documents from the college, military, and professional careers of Nowata, Oklahoma, resident John Oliver Hall (1914–1998). Hall was a 1936 University of Oklahoma graduate who served as a US Army officer in Europe during World War II, and worked as city manager for Nowata and Muskogee, Oklahoma. Items include Nazi Germany documents, fifty black-and-white photographs, and one US Army sewing kit.

Historic Oklahoma

Historic Oklahoma is a vertical file of original materials. The collection is arranged alphabetically by topic and includes a biographical series.

2016.092 Huey, George O.

Contains information pertaining to Huey's military career, his time as a passport official, and his career with the United States Department of State. He was born in 1920 in Minneapolis, Minnesota, and died in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, in 1979.

1983.035 McIntire, Forrest

This collection contains a variety of materials. There are items and documents from WWII such as correspondence, articles and a US blood chit. As executive secretary to the governor, McIntire had many encounters with high-level members of state government. Included is correspondence, awards ceremonies, appointment to many high-ranking state positions, with newspaper articles, magazine articles, photos, and awards. There is also information on his brother, Carl McIntire, complete with letters, stories, articles, and personal accounts.

2013.029 Metzger, John Lester and Catherine

Letters written to Sgt. John Lester Metzger who served in the armed forces post World War II. This set of letters was found by the daughter of another serviceman who was in the Army with Sgt. Metzger.

1998.043 Moyer's, Oklahoma (At-6s Plane Crash during World War II)

A reading project of the sixth grade boys at Rattan Elementary School (1997–1998). The bound version of this project includes 164 pages. The students focused on two planes flown by student pilots, which crashed into Mount Kiamichi.

2013.380 Myers, Mrs. R. D.

Contains one World War II-era scrapbook with newspaper articles about the 90th Infantry Division. The majority of the articles are from 26 March to 2 July 1945.

2006.080 Nichols, Max

The Max Nichols collection contains research, correspondence, and articles relating to Nichols's career as a journalist. Included in the collection is research done by Nichols for a biography of John and Eleanor Kirkpatrick, which includes research on their lives during World War II.

2011.115 Oil Production in World War II

Two copies of Blockbusters from Oil comic book concerning World War II and the oil industry.

2000.044 Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce Collection

The collection covers 1919–1986. Record types preserved by each division are fairly uniform. Not all divisions saved every type of material in this list.

- Proceedings: Executive Committee of Board of Directors Minutes; Executive Committee of Division Minutes; Committee Minutes; Subcommittee Minutes; Agendas; Resolutions; Membership Lists; Attendance Records; Reports (typescript and published); Annual Reports of Divisions; and Committee Reports.
- Correspondence: Incoming/outgoing letters; postcards; memos; telegrams.
- Printed Material: circulars, invitations; chamber-produced brochures, booklets, and annual reports; Economic Development Reports (annual) and plans for coming year; promotional

publications; tickets; certificates; programs; news clippings; books and booklets produced by outside entities.

- Literary Productions: scripts, speeches, news releases
- Photographic Material: positive prints, b/w and color
- Legal Documents: contracts, deeds, agreements, articles of incorporation
- Financial Documents: statements, checks, invoices, receipts, ledger pages, audits

2004.001 Oklahoma War Memorial Collection

The Oklahoma War Memorial Collection houses individual files on Oklahoma men who served and lost their lives in World War II. Most of the files, which are arranged alphabetically by last name, contain newspaper clippings and biographical information sent by the men's families to the Oklahoma Historical Society. There is also a large collection of newspaper clippings, arranged alphabetically by county, relating to war bonds, headlines, and soldiers from Oklahoma who were killed or missing in action. The collection also contains press releases by the US government, books, and other published material relating to the war and soldiers.

2014.122 Opala, Justice Marion

The Justice Marion Opala Collection contains personal materials of Marion Opala, who was a prisoner of war in Germany and immigrated to the United States after World War II. Additionally, Opala's collection includes a letter written on Hitler's personal stationary.

2008.058 Ramsey, Arthur

The Arthur B. Ramsey Manuscripts collection consists of documents pertaining to his personal life, military, film, and petroleum careers. Materials included range from personal cards and notes exchanged between his wife, Lyle, and himself, to correspondence regarding the production of a new film, either for private industry or military training. The collection also consists of various oil and gas maps for individual counties where Ramsey's oil and gas firm, Ramsey Petroleum, had interests. Other items included are various blank operational forms and stationary.

1994.050 Ration Book (World War II)

Includes a ration book issued during WWII with an advertisement for Robert S. Kerr for governor

1999.037 Sadler, Carl

The Carl Sadler collection contains scrapbooks with newspaper clippings from World War II as well as cartoons from the period.

2006.078 Seger Family Collection

This collection contains information about Miss Seger's grandfather, John H. Seger, and her father Neatha H. Seger. There is personal and business information, correspondence, and scrapbooks. The collection also contains information regarding the Cheyenne and Arapaho Indians; census records, manuscripts, newspaper articles, booklets, and other miscellaneous information. Additionally, the collection includes a World War II scrapbook.

2010.115 Shirk, George

The George Shirk Collection contains correspondence, publications, research notes, and newspaper clippings regarding the many interests and business associates of Mr. Shirk. This collection does not include his official papers as mayor of Oklahoma City. Additionally, the collection includes maps, field manuals, and postcards relating to World War II.

1966.055 Sickles, Ruth W.

World War II ration book, with stamps, issued to Ruth W. Sickles, age 59, housekeeper

2016.283 Slovin, Deborah

The Deborah Slovin collection includes the military documents of Rex D. Davis who served in the Army Air Force during World War II.

1976.050 Spencer, Frank

The Frank Spencer collection includes certificates, articles, pamphlets, and research materials on various navy vessels from World War II.

2013.099 Stephens, Roger L.

This collection includes a ledger, membership cards, and photos of Roger Lewis Stephens. Contains ration cards, a verification record of Grace Stevens Harper Stephens, and a World War II German propaganda drawing.

2006.075 Stewart, Jimmy

The Jimmy Stewart Collection contains writings, correspondence, and memorabilia gathered throughout Stewart's career. Stewart was involved with the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) in Oklahoma City, and the collection includes meeting minutes and rosters from 1937–1945 as well as Stewart's speeches and writings as president. Stewart worked closely with Roscoe Dunjee at the *Black Dispatch* and wrote a weekly column titled, "Jimmy Says..." There are many copies of the column in the Stewart Collection. Honored by many organizations, Stewart received accolades and certificates of merit that can also be found here.

2008.084 Stone, Clarence Sr.

Two-page World War II record of combat duty for TSgt. Clarence Stone, US Army Air Force. Mr. Stone was born at Zeb, Oklahoma, on September 29, 1914, and died on August 29, 1995.

1997.073 Stovall, David A.

Correspondence and brochures concerning Oklahoma politics. Included in the collection are Orphan's Aid materials from 1939 to 1948.

2008.072 Tribble, Seymour

The Seymour Tribble collection contains military records for Troy Thurman Coppedge and Lt. Seymour.

2010.048 World War II Newspapers

The World War II Newspaper Collection contains front pages from the Oklahoma City Times between February 1944 and September 1945, and the European Theater version of Stars and Stripes. Also issues of Yank: The Army Weekly Continental Edition, August 1944–May 1945. The collection of publications was saved by El Reno resident Mariana Lohrenz Remple during the time her husband, Dr. Henry D. Remple, was commissioned as an intelligence officer in the United States Armed Forces.

2013.072 World War II Scrapbook Collection

Contains one scrapbook compiled by William Regier during World War II.